



# **Horizon Europe**

## **European Research Council (ERC)**

### **Frontier Research Grants**

Application Forms  
Starting Grant Call (HE ERC StG)



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1.0	25.02.2021	▪ Application Forms to the ERC Starting Grant 2021 call
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Example, not to complete

**ERC Starting Grant 2022**  
**Research proposal [Part B1]<sup>1</sup>**  
*(Part B1 is evaluated both in Step 1 and Step 2,*  
*Part B2 is evaluated in Step 2 only)*

Proposal Full Title

PROPOSAL ACRONYM

**Cover Page:**

- Name of the Principal Investigator (PI)
- Name of the PI's host institution for the project
- Proposal duration in months

Text highlighted in grey should be deleted.

Proposal summary (identical to the abstract from the online proposal submission forms, section 1).

The abstract (summary) should, at a glance, provide the reader with a clear understanding of the objectives of the research proposal and how they will be achieved. The abstract will be used as the short description of your research proposal in the evaluation process and in communications to contact in particular the potential remote referees and/or inform the Commission and/or the programme management committees and/or relevant national funding agencies (provided you give permission to do so where requested in the online proposal submission forms, section 1). It must therefore be short and precise and should not contain confidential information.

Please use plain typed text, avoiding formulae and other special characters. The abstract must be written in English. There is a limit of 2000 characters (spaces and line breaks included).

Explain and justify the cross-panel or cross domain nature of your proposal, if a secondary panel is indicated in the online proposal submission forms. There is a limit of 1000 characters, spaces and line breaks included.

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<sup>1</sup> Instructions for completing Part B1 can be found in the 'Information for Applicants to the Starting and Consolidator Grant 2022 Calls'.

**Section a: Extended Synopsis of the scientific proposal (max. 5 pages, references do not count towards the page limits)**

*[The Extended Synopsis should give a concise presentation of the scientific proposal, with particular attention to the ground-breaking nature of the research project, which will allow evaluation panels to assess, in Step 1 of the evaluation, the feasibility of the outlined scientific approach. Describe the proposed work in the context of the state of the art of the field. References to literature should also be included. Please use a reference style that is commonly used in your discipline such as American Chemical Society (ACS) style, American Medical Association (AMA) style, Modern Language Association (MLA) style, etc. and that allows the evaluators to easily retrieve each reference.]*

***Please respect the following formatting constraints: Times New Roman, Arial or similar, at least font size 11, margins (2.0cm side and 1.5cm top and bottom), single line spacing.***

Example, not to complete

**Section b: Curriculum vitae (max. 2 pages)**

*[Please follow the template below as much as possible (it may however be amended if necessary).]*

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Family name, First name:

Researcher unique identifier(s) (such as ORCID, Research ID, etc. ...):

Date of birth:

Nationality:

URL for web site:

**• EDUCATION**

200?            PhD  
                  Name of Faculty/ Department, Name of University/ Institution, Country  
                  Name of PhD Supervisor  
199?            Master  
                  Name of Faculty/ Department, Name of University/ Institution, Country

**• CURRENT POSITION(S)**

201? –            Current Position  
                  Name of Faculty/ Department, Name of University/ Institution/ Country  
200? –            Current Position  
                  Name of Faculty/ Department, Name of University/ Institution/ Country

**• PREVIOUS POSITIONS**

200? – 200?    Position held  
                  Name of Faculty/ Department, Name of University/ Institution/ Country  
200? – 200?    Position held  
                  Name of Faculty/ Department, Name of University/ Institution/ Country

**• FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

200? – 200?    Scholarship, Name of Faculty/ Department/Centre, Name of University/ Institution/  
                  Country  
200?            Award, Name of Institution/Country  
199? – 199?    Scholarship, Name of Faculty/ Department/Centre, Name of University/ Institution/  
                  Country

**• SUPERVISION OF GRADUATE STUDENTS AND POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS (if applicable)**

200? – 200?    Number of Postdocs/ PhD/ Master Students  
                  Name of Faculty/ Department/ Centre, Name of University/ Institution/ Country

**• TEACHING ACTIVITIES (if applicable)**

200? –            Teaching position – Topic, Name of University/ Institution/ Country  
200? – 200?    Teaching position – Topic, Name of University/ Institution/ Country

**• ORGANISATION OF SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS (if applicable)**

201?            Please specify your role and the name of event / Country  
200?            Please specify type of event / number of participants / Country

• **INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES (if applicable)**

- 201? – Faculty member, Name of University/ Institution/ Country  
 201? – 201? Graduate Student Advisor, Name of University/ Institution/ Country  
 200? – 200? Member of the Faculty Committee, Name of University/ Institution/ Country  
 200? – 200? Organizer of the Internal Seminar, Name of University/ Institution/ Country  
 200? – 200? Member of a Committee; role, Name of University/ Institution/ Country

• **REVIEWING ACTIVITIES (if applicable)**

- 201? – Scientific Advisory Board, Name of University/ Institution/ Country  
 201? – Review Board, Name of University/ Institution/ Country  
 201? – Review panel member, Name of University/ Institution/ Country  
 201? – Editorial Board, Name of University/ Institution/ Country  
 200? – Scientific Advisory Board, Name of University/ Institution/ Country  
 200? – Reviewer, Name of University/ Institution/ Country  
 200? – Scientific Evaluation, Name of University/ Institution/ Country  
 200? – Evaluator, Name of University/ Institution/ Country

• **MEMBERSHIPS OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES (if applicable)**

- 201? – Member, Research Network “*Name of Research Network*”  
 200? – Associated Member, Name of Faculty/ Department/Centre, Name of University/  
 Institution/ Country  
 200? – Founding Member, Name of Faculty/ Department/Centre, Name of University/ Institution/  
 Country

• **MAJOR COLLABORATIONS (if applicable)**

Name of collaborators, Topic, Name of Faculty/ Department/Centre, Name of University/  
 Institution/ Country

• **CAREER BREAKS (if applicable)**

Exact dates Please indicate the reason and the duration in months.

• **COVID-19 IMPACT TO SCIENTIFIC PRODUCTIVITY (if applicable)**

Please specify which of the following situations apply to you:

- ☐ Increased caring responsibility for dependent person, including home schooling of children;  
☐ No access to laboratory facilities, archives, or other necessary facilities;  
☐ No access to field work;  
☐ Adaptation to online teaching;  
☐ Physical and/or mental health issues;  
☐ Other(s) \_\_\_\_\_

*(optional)*

Explain with objective facts how your productivity was affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. There is a limit of 300 characters, spaces and line breaks included.

**Appendix: All current grants and on-going and submitted grant applications of the PI  
(Funding ID)**

Mandatory information (does not count towards page limits)

**Current grants (Please indicate "No funding" when applicable):**

<i>Project Title</i>	<i>Funding source</i>	<i>Amount (Euros)</i>	<i>Period</i>	<i>Role of the PI</i>	<i>Relation to current ERC proposal<sup>2</sup></i>

**On-going and submitted grant applications (Please indicate "None" when applicable):**

<i>Project Title</i>	<i>Funding source</i>	<i>Amount (Euros)</i>	<i>Period</i>	<i>Role of the PI</i>	<i>Relation to current ERC proposal<sup>2</sup></i>

<sup>2</sup> Describe clearly any scientific overlap between your ERC application and the current research grant or on-going grant application.

**Section c: Early achievements track-record (max. 2 pages)<sup>3</sup>**

[Provide a list of achievements reflecting the Principal Investigator's track record. You may include a short narrative describing the scientific importance of the research outputs and the role that the Principal Investigator played in their production.]

(see 'Information for Applicants to the Starting and Consolidator Grant 2022 Calls' for completing this section)

*Do NOT split the sections and/or references in Part B1 and do NOT upload them as separate documents. The peer reviewers will only receive one single document for evaluation at Step 1. Hence, Part B1 should contain all elements as explained in this template and if some parts of Part B1 are uploaded as separate attachments, the peer reviewers will not have access to them.*

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<sup>3</sup> Please list the order of authors as indicated in the original publication.



## ERC Starting Grant 2022 Part B2<sup>1</sup>

*(not evaluated in Step 1)*

Sections (a) and (b) of Part B2 should not exceed 14 pages. References do not count towards the page limits.

*Text highlighted in grey should be deleted.*

*Please respect the following formatting constraints: Times New Roman, Arial or similar, at least font size 11, margins (2.0 cm side and 1.5 cm top and bottom), single line spacing.*

### Section a. State-of-the-art and objectives

### Section b. Methodology

*Do NOT include any description of resources or budget table here (Part B2). The Resources section and the detailed budget table are part of the online submission form (Part A, Section 3 - Budget). This section 3 will be extracted and provided to the peer reviewers.*

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<sup>1</sup> Instructions for completing Part B2 can be found in the 'Information for Applicants to the Starting and Consolidator Grant 2022 Calls'.

**Print on paper bearing the official letterhead of the host institution**

## **Commitment of the host institution for ERC Calls 2022<sup>1, 2, 3</sup>**

The <<please fill in here the name of the legal entity that is associated to the proposal and may host the principal investigator and the project (action) in case the application is successful>>, which is the applicant legal entity,

confirms its intention to sign a supplementary agreement with

<<please fill in here the name of the principal investigator>>

in which the obligations listed below will be addressed should their proposal be retained.

**Performance obligations of the *applicant legal entity* (Host Institution) that will become the coordinator of the HE ERC Grant Agreement (hereafter referred to as the Agreement), should the proposal be retained and the preparation of the Agreement be successfully concluded:**

The applicant legal entity (Host Institution) commits itself to ensure that the action tasks described in Annex 1 of the Agreement are performed under the guidance of the principal investigator who is expected to devote:

- in the case of a Starting Grant at least 50% of her/his working time to the ERC-funded project (action) and spend at least 50% of her/his working time in an EU Member State or Associated Country;
- in the case of a Consolidator Grant at least 40% of her/his working time to the ERC-funded project (action) and spend at least 50% of her/his working time in an EU Member State or Associated Country;
- in the case of an Advanced Grant at least 30% of her/his working time to the ERC-funded project (action) and spend at least 50% of her/his working time in an EU Member State or Associated Country.

The applicant legal entity (Host Institution) commits itself to respect the following conditions for the principal investigator and their team:

- a) host and engage the principal investigator for the whole duration of the action;
- b) take all measures to implement the principles set out in the Commission recommendation on the European Charter for Researchers and the Code of Conduct

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<sup>1</sup> A scanned copy of the signed statement should be uploaded electronically via the [Funding & Tenders Portal](#) Submission Service in PDF format.

<sup>2</sup> The statement of commitment of the host institution refers to most obligations of the host institution, which are stated in the Model Grant Agreement used for ERC actions (MGA). The [MGA](#) is available on the Funding & Tenders Portal. The reference to the time commitment of the Principal Investigator is stated in the ERC Work Programme 2022.

<sup>3</sup> This statement (on letterhead paper) shall be signed (blue ink or digital) by the institution's legal representative indicating their name, function, email address and, in case of blue ink signature along with the stamp of the institution.

for the Recruitment of Researchers<sup>4</sup> — in particular regarding working conditions, transparent recruitment processes based on merit and career development — and ensure that the principal investigator, researchers and third parties involved in the action are aware of them;

- c) enter — before grant signature— into a Supplementary Agreement with the principal investigator, that specifies the obligation of the applicant legal entity to meet its obligations under the Agreement;
- d) provide the principal investigator with a copy of the signed Agreement;
- e) guarantee the principal investigator scientific independence, in particular for the:
  - i) use of the budget to achieve the scientific objectives;
  - ii) authority to publish as senior author and invite as co-authors those who have contributed substantially to the work;
  - iii) preparation of scientific reports for the action;
  - iv) selection and supervision of the other team members, in line with the profiles needed to conduct the research and in accordance with the beneficiary's usual management practices;
  - v) possibility to apply independently for funding;
  - vi) access to appropriate space and facilities for conducting the research;
- f) provide — during the implementation of the action — research support to the principal investigator and the team members (regarding infrastructure, equipment, access rights, products and other services necessary for conducting the research);
- g) support the principal investigator and provide administrative assistance, in particular for the:
  - i) general management of the work and their team;
  - ii) scientific reporting, especially ensuring that the team members send their scientific results to the principal investigator;
  - iii) financial reporting, especially providing timely and clear financial information;
  - iv) application of the beneficiary's usual management practices;
  - v) general logistics of the action;
  - vi) access to the electronic exchange system;
- h) inform the principal investigator immediately (in writing) of any events or circumstances likely to affect the Agreement;
- i) ensure that the principal investigator enjoys adequate:
  - i) conditions for annual, sickness and parental leave;
  - ii) occupational health and safety standards;
  - iii) insurance under the general social security scheme, such as pension rights;
- j) allow the transfer of the Agreement to a new beneficiary, if requested by the principal investigator and provided that the objectives of the action remain achievable (portability; see Article 41 of the Agreement);
- k) respect the fundamental principle of research integrity and ensure that persons carrying out research tasks under the action follow the good research practices and refrain from the research integrity violations described in the European Code of

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<sup>4</sup> [Commission Recommendation 2005/251/EC of 11 March 2005](#) on the European Charter for Researchers and on a Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers (OJ L 75, 22.3.2005, p. 67).

Conduct for Research Integrity<sup>5</sup>. If any such violations or allegations occur, verify and pursue them and bring them to the attention of the Agency.

**For the applicant legal entity (Host Institution):**

Date

Name and Function

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Email and Signature (blue ink or digital) of legal representative

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Stamp of the applicant legal entity (Host Institution)<sup>6</sup>

**IMPORTANT NOTE: In order to be complete, all the above mentioned items are mandatory and shall be included in the commitment of the host institution.**

<sup>5</sup> [The European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity](#) of ALLEA (All European Academies) and ESF (European Science Foundation) of March 2011.

<sup>6</sup> No need to stamp this letter of support when it is digitally signed.