



erc OVERVIEW

FUNDING PRINCIPLES

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ERC is part of Horizon Europe

Pillar I: Excellent Science

Reinforcing and extending the excellence of the Union's science base

European Research Council



Frontier research by the best researchers and their teams

€16 billion



17% of entire budget

Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions

Equipping researchers with new knowledge and skills through mobility and training

€6.6 billion

Research Infrastructures

Integrated and inter-connected world-class research infrastructures

€2.4 billion

The ERC's mission



European Research Council
Established by the European Commission

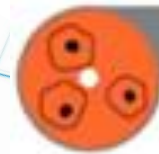
TO HIGH-RISK

IN ANY FIELD OF FRONTIER RESEARCH

INDIVIDUAL RESEARCHERS
FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD

LONG TERM
GRANTS

PIONEERING PROJECTS



Life Sciences

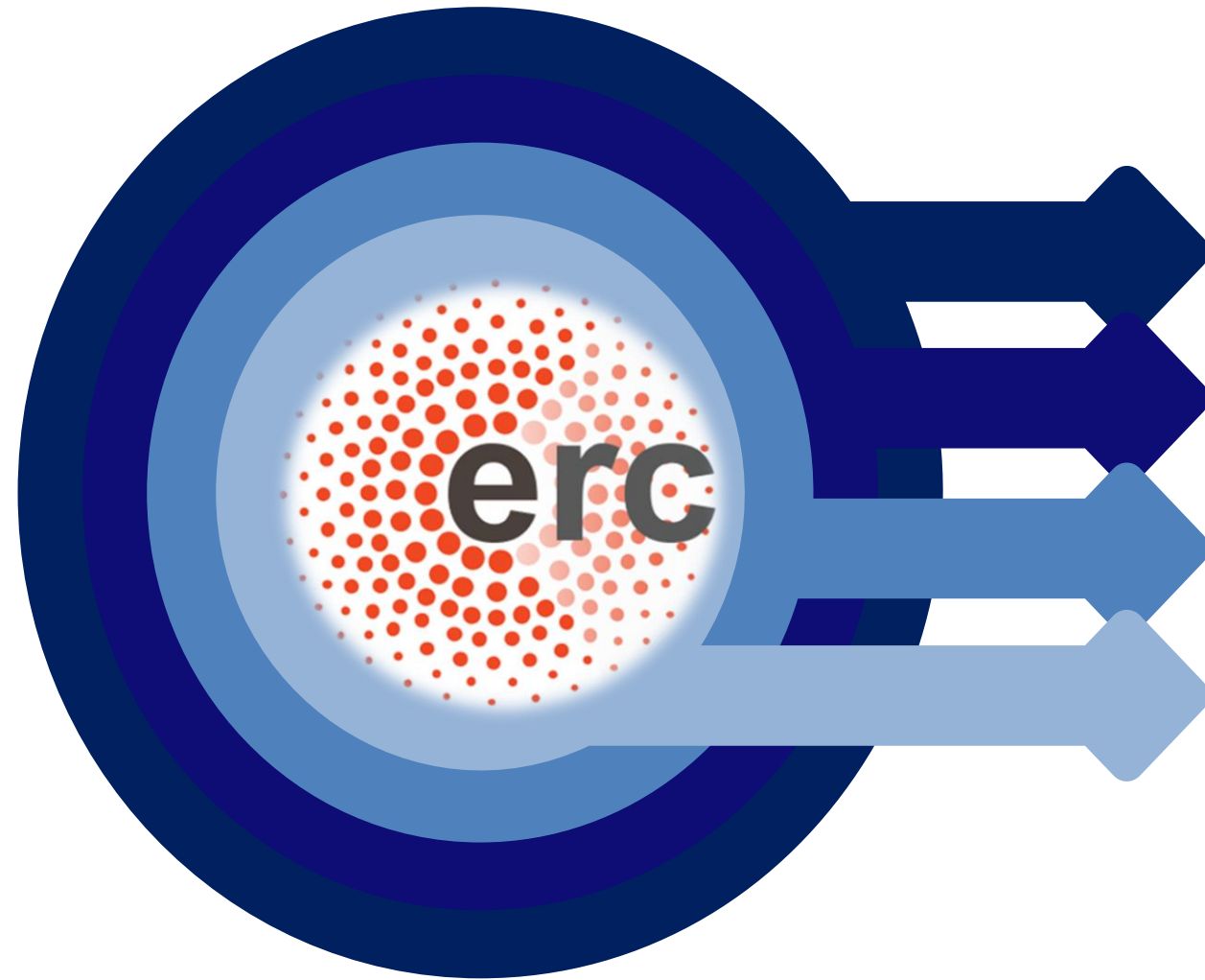


Physical Sciences and Engineering



Social Sciences and Humanities

Why ERC?



- Driver for **scientific creativity**
- Gives opportunities to explore **new directions of research**
- Rewards long-term success, gives great freedom to experiment
- Researchers gain **significant international recognition and visibility**

ERC offers Independence, Recognition & Visibility to:

Why to apply for ERC grant?



To make your scientific dream a....REALITY!!!



Work on a research topic of own choice in **ANY FIELD** of frontier research

Gain financial autonomy for long term: **5 or 6** years in ERC grants

Negotiate the **best conditions** of work with the Host Institution

Attract **excellent team members** and **collaborators** from anywhere in the world

Move with the grant to **any place in Europe** if desired (“Portability of grants”)

Who can apply?



Principal Investigator

- Any nationality
- Any age
- Any current place of work



Host Institution

An EU / Associated Country
Host Institution

At least 50% of the time in EU or Associated Countries

Principal Investigator Eligibility

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No restrictions based on age, nationality, current location or current employment/contract status



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Must have a Host Institution (HI) based in an EU Member State or Associated Country willing to host them



Host Institution Eligibility

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- Can be any type of legal entity, private or public
- Must be based in one of the EU Member States / Associated Countries

!!! The HI is not an evaluation criteria....but it has to sign HI commitment letter

The HI must:

- Host and engage the PI for the whole duration of the action
- Guarantee the PI scientific independence
- Provide research support and administrative assistance

!!! Must have a Gender Equality Plan (GEP) at the time of signing GA

Sign:

- Grant Agreement
- Supplementary Agreement with the PI

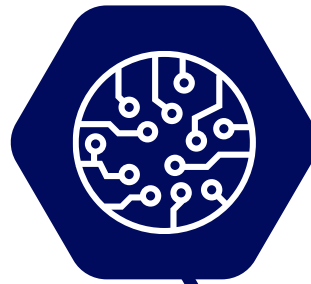


Type of research the ERC funds

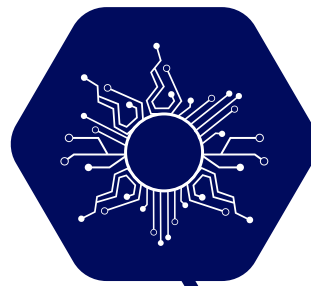
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Ambitious in risk and in scope



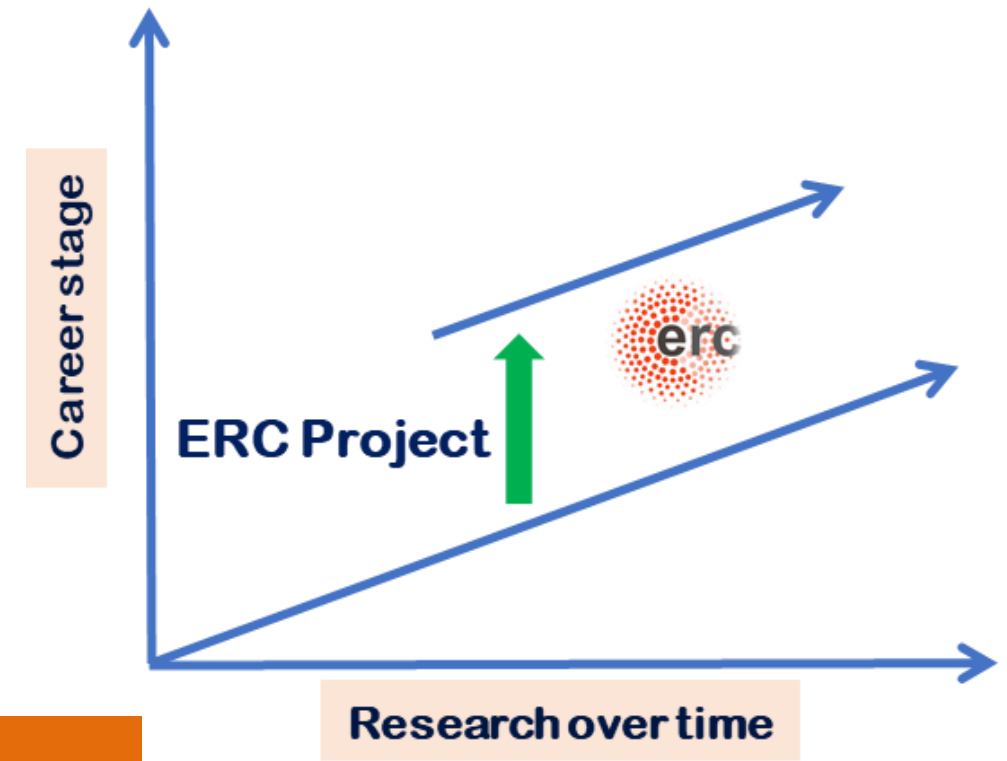
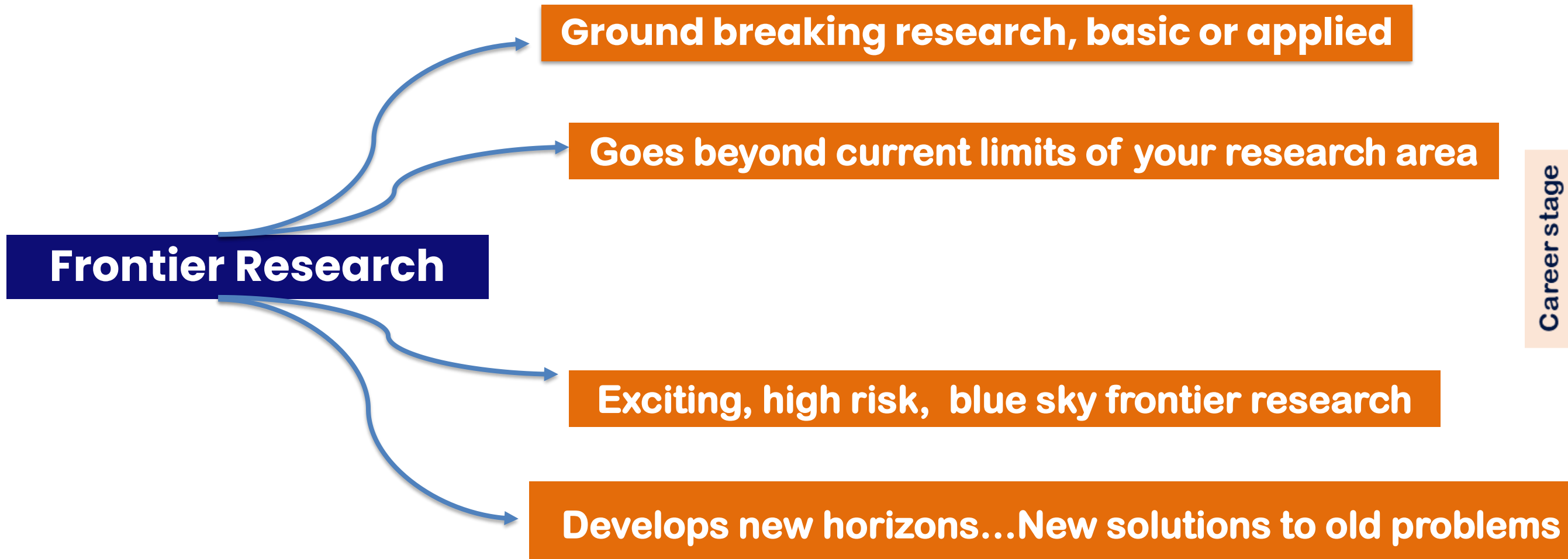
ANY field of research – bottom-up



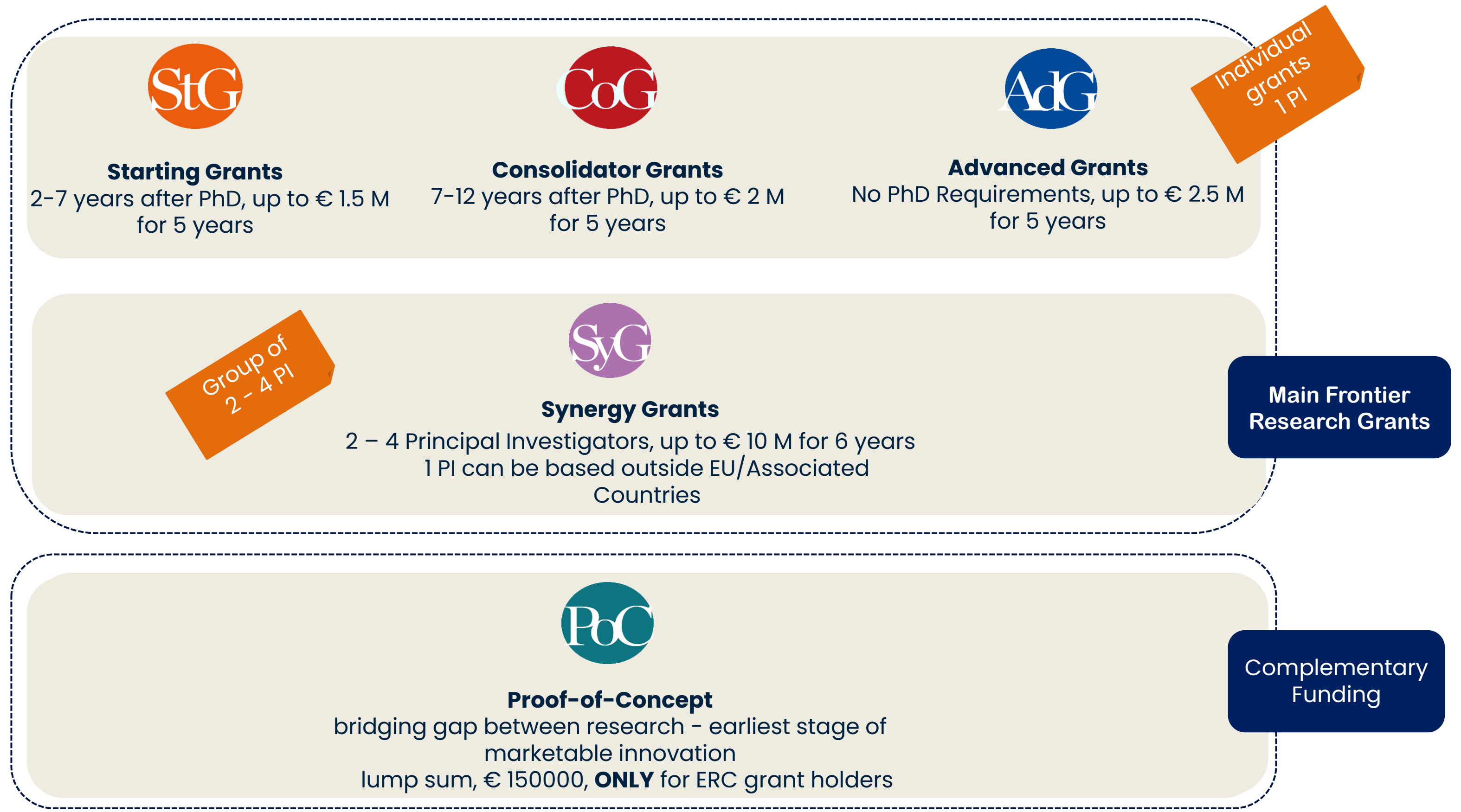
Must be “**frontier research**” and should have potential for more than **incremental advances**

What do we mean by Frontier Research?

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Types of ERC projects



Starting Grants

2-7 years after PhD, up to € 1.5 M for 5 years



Consolidator Grants

7-12 years after PhD, up to € 2 M for 5 years



Advanced Grants

No PhD Requirements, up to € 2.5 M for 5 years

Individual grants
1 PI

Group of
2 - 4 PI



Synergy Grants

2 - 4 Principal Investigators, up to € 10 M for 6 years
1 PI can be based outside EU/Associated Countries

Main Frontier
Research Grants



Proof-of-Concept

bridging gap between research - earliest stage of marketable innovation
lump sum, € 150000, **ONLY** for ERC grant holders

Complementary
Funding

Funding

Grant type	Grant Amount (up to)	Additional Funding (up to)
STG	€ 1.5 M	€ 1.0 M
COG	€ 2.0 M	€ 1.0 M
ADG	€ 2.5 M	€ 1.0 M
SYG	€ 10 M	€ 4.0 M
POC	€ 150000	N/A

ERC's Additional Funding:

- "start-up" costs for PIs moving to the EU or an AC from elsewhere as a consequence of receiving the ERC grant AND/OR
- the purchase of major equipment AND/OR
- access to large facilities
- other major experimental and field work costs, excluding personnel costs

Eligible costs for ERC projects



 A. <hr/> Personnel costs	 B. <hr/> Subcontracting costs	 C. <hr/> Purchasing costs	 D. <hr/> Other cost categories	 E. <hr/> Indirect costs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principal Investigator • Senior staff • Post docs • Students, • Other personnel costs 	<p>NO Indirect costs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C.1. Travel and Subsistence • C.2. Equipment • C.3. Other goods, works and services 	<p>NO Indirect costs</p>	<p>25% * (A + C1 + C2 + C3)</p>

Eligible project costs will be reimbursed at a funding rate of 100% for direct costs plus a flat-rate of 25% for indirect costs, excluding the direct eligible costs for subcontracting and internally invoiced goods and services

ERC – Main Frontier Research Grants (1)

Individual grants



ERC Starting Grants

Objective: Support for excellent Principal Investigators at the career stage at which they are starting their own independent research team or programme

Grant size: Up to € 1.5 M (possibility of additional up to € 1 M) over 5 years

- PI Profile:**
- 2–7 years past after first PhD
 - Potential for research independence
 - At least one publication as main author or without PhD supervisor
 - 50% of PI's time in the project 50% in the EU or AC



ERC – Main Frontier Research Grants (2)

Individual grants



ERC Consolidator Grants

Objective: Support for excellent Principal Investigators at the career stage at which they may still be consolidating their own independent research team or programme

Grant size: Up to € 2.0 M (possibility of additional up to € 1 M) over 5 years

- PI Profile:**
- 7–12 years past after first PhD
 - Evidence of research independence
 - Several publications as main author or without PhD supervisor
 - 40 of PI's time in the project 50 in the EU or AC



ERC – Main Frontier Research Grants (3)

Individual grants



ERC Advanced Grants

Objective: Support for excellent Principal Investigators at the career stage at which they are already established research leaders with a recognised track record of research achievements

Grant size: Lump sum, up to € 2.5 M (possibility of additional up to € 1 M) over 5 years

PI Profile:

- Significant track record, supervision of early career stage researchers
- 30% of PI's time in the project + 50% in the EU or AC



ERC – Main Frontier Research Grants (4)



ERC Synergy Grants

- Objective:** Support for a small group of 2 – 4 PIs to jointly address ambitious research problems that could not be addressed by the individual PIs and their teams working alone
- Grant size:** Up to € 10.0 M (possibility of additional up to € 4 M) over 6 years
- PIs Profile:** • Any career stage (STG, COG, ADG) with competitive track records as appropriate to their career stage



Useful documents



-  [Guide for Applicants](#)
-  [Proposal templates](#)
-  [ERC Work Programme](#)
-  [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
-  [Model Grant Agreement](#)
-  [Annotated Grant Agreement](#)



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