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Office for Research, Engagement and  
Innovation Services (REIS)

## Extended support when applying for grants at the European Research Council

Stockholm University has identified the European Research Council (ERC) as a very important funding source. ERC Consolidator grantees at Stockholm University may apply for promotion, and ERC Starting grantees may be given similar opportunities.

Stockholm University offers an extended support service for applicants with a well-prepared draft at an early phase, about three months ahead of the deadline. The Areas, respectively, will then appoint a senior researcher that will read and provide feedback to the applicant. The applicant needs to send a notification of interest (“intresseanmälan”) to the Office for Research, Engagement and Innovation Services (REIS) by the internal deadline at latest (time table below). A proposal can be submitted to the ERC without this extended support, but contact with REIS for an early guidance is very valuable for the applicant.

### Extended support by notification of interest

- **A notification of interest** (“intresseanmälan”) should be sent to Lars Emrén ([lars.emren@su.se](mailto:lars.emren@su.se)) **no later than the deadline presented in the time table below.** The notification of interest **needs to include:**
  - 1) A draft of Part B1 (“Extended synopsis”, CV and “Early achievements track-record”); compare links below regarding proposal template as well as “Information for applicants”).
  - 2) Support from the Head of Department (by e-mail)The second part of the proposal (Part B2, “Scientific proposal”) can preferably be written before Part B1.
- The Areas, respectively, will appoint a senior researcher who will read and provide feedback to the applicant.
- A consultant will give feedback, if time allows.
- A Research Officer will get in touch with the applicant, give feedback on the draft and provide guidance.

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## Ordinary support

- A summary of the support is found on [this web page](#)<sup>1</sup>. The Research Officers at REIS will give feedback on drafts.
- REIS is responsible for issuing the “Commitment of Host Institution” (support letter), which is a mandatory document. We provide the document if the applicants adds lars.emren@su.se as contact in the proposal. The Head of Department/equivalent will sign the document.
- REIS can assist the applicant with the administrative part of the application (Part A). The office also gives feedback on the budget, if the draft of budget is sent according to the time table below.
- The applicant is advised to discuss research ethical issues with REIS in order to fill in the “Ethics Self-Assessment” in an appropriate way.
- The applicant is responsible for submitting the final proposal to the ERC.
- REIS offers individual interview training for applicants that have been invited to interview.

## Time table for ERC 2023 calls: internal deadlines

The internal deadlines for notification of interest are about three months ahead of the ERC deadline. If you send the notification of interest earlier, then we can provide feedback earlier. The internal deadline for support letter and feedback on budget means that we promise to provide the service if you inform us this day, but we will still do our best later on.

ERC call	<i>Internal deadline for notification of interest</i>	<i>Internal deadline for support letter and feedback on budget</i>	Deadline at the ERC
<b>Starting Grant</b>	14 August 2022	Ten working days before deadline	25 Oct 2022
<b>Consolidator Grant</b>	6 November 2022	Ten working days before deadline	2 Feb 2023
<b>Advanced Grant</b>	On request	Ten working days before deadline	23 May 2023
<b>Synergy Grant</b>	On request	Ten working days before deadline	8 Nov 2022
<b>Proof of Concept Grant</b>	<i>Please contact</i>	<i><a href="#">Martin Arvidsson</a></i>	

Deadlines for the ERC 2023 calls are published here: <https://erc.europa.eu/news/erc-plans-2023>

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.su.se/erc>



## General information about the ERC

ERC wants to encourage high quality research in Europe through competitive funding. ERC provides the following funding schemes:

- Starting Grant (StG) is intended to encourage young talented research leaders to gain independence in Europe and to build their own careers. The scheme targets promising researchers of any nationality with 2-7 years of experience since completion of the PhD.
- Consolidator Grant (CoG) is designed to support researchers who want to establish their research teams and continue developing a successful career in Europe. The scheme is intended for researchers of any nationality with 7-12 years of experience since completion of the PhD.
- Advanced Grants (AdG) is for established leading principal investigators of any nationality and age. Applicants must be leaders in their respective field(s) of research and must demonstrate significant achievements in the last 10 years.
- Synergy Grant (SyG) is intended for a small group of principal investigators (two to four) that address ambitious research questions that can only be answered by the coordinated work, in synergy.
- Proof of Concept Grant (PoC) is for ERC grant holders interested in exploring the innovation potential of their work.

### Contact persons at REIS:

- Lars Emrén ([lars.emren@su.se](mailto:lars.emren@su.se)); Starting, Consolidator, Advanced and Synergy Grants
- Martin Arvidsson ([martin.arvidsson@su.se](mailto:martin.arvidsson@su.se)); Proof of Concept Grant

### Annual seminar at Stockholm University

”ERC Starting and Consolidator Grants - How to write a competitive proposal”

### The most recent evaluation criteria

Read pages 41-42 of the ERC Work Programme 2023:

[https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/wp-call/2023/wp\\_horizon-erc-2023\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/wp-call/2023/wp_horizon-erc-2023_en.pdf)

### The latest proposal templates for applicants

- Starting and Consolidator Grants: [https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/guidance/information-for-applicants\\_he-erc-stg-cog\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/guidance/information-for-applicants_he-erc-stg-cog_en.pdf)
- Advanced Grant: [https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/guidance/information-for-applicants\\_he-erc-adg\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/guidance/information-for-applicants_he-erc-adg_en.pdf)
- Synergy Grant: [https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/guidance/information-for-applicants\\_he-erc-syg\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/guidance/information-for-applicants_he-erc-syg_en.pdf)



- Proof of Concept Grant: [https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/guidance/information-for-applicants\\_he-erc-poc\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/guidance/information-for-applicants_he-erc-poc_en.pdf)

Note that the instructions in the “Extended synopsis” do not fully reflect the questions in the evaluation form.

### **Funded ERC projects:**

Search at the ERC web site: <https://erc.europa.eu/projects-figures/erc-funded-projects>

### **Updated panel structure at the ERC**

<https://erc.europa.eu/news/new-erc-panel-structure-2021-and-2022>

### **Most recent “Information for applicants”:**

- Starting and Consolidator Grants: [https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/guidance/information-for-applicants\\_he-erc-stg-cog\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/guidance/information-for-applicants_he-erc-stg-cog_en.pdf)
- Advanced Grant: [https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/guidance/information-for-applicants\\_he-erc-adg\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/guidance/information-for-applicants_he-erc-adg_en.pdf)
- Synergy Grant: [https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/guidance/information-for-applicants\\_he-erc-syg\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/guidance/information-for-applicants_he-erc-syg_en.pdf)
- Proof of Concept Grant: [https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/guidance/information-for-applicants\\_he-erc-poc\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/guidance/information-for-applicants_he-erc-poc_en.pdf)