ERC Starting Grant (StG) 2025 – When you apply with SU as host

Detailed information about call 2025 is expected to be published 10 July 2024. Some documents referred to below concern <u>call 2024</u>, as indicated in red/underlined.

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Attached files:

- Files are attached to this web page
- Final template for ERC StG 2024 part B1
- Final template for <u>ERC StG 2024</u> part B2
- Template for requesting an extension of the eligibility period (<u>call 2024</u>)
- Example of full Parts A and B (call 2024); not to fill in
- Excel sheet for budget; a few cells need to be copied into the submission system
- Advice note (<u>call 2024</u>)
- How to add Main Host Institution Contact in your proposal (mandatory)

1. <u>Internal deadline</u>: preliminary 1 October (ERC deadline preliminary 15 October)

- **Support letter from SU** (mandatory; the internal deadline means that we guarantee the document. We will do our best after this date)
 - O Support letter is provided by our office when you have fulfilled two tasks:
 - Your Head of Department needs to support your proposal. Please confirm that you have discussed this with your Head by e-mail to lars.emren@su.se.
 - You need to add Main Host Institution Contact (Lars Emrén) in your proposal.
 The file attached provides instructions of how to do this.
- Feedback regarding your budget + section C "Resources" (It's not mandatory to ask for feedback. The internal deadline means that we guarantee feedback. We will do our best also after this date)
 - Send your drafts to <u>lars.emren@su.se</u>. Data will be forwarded to a Financial Officer who
 provides feedback according to the Horizon Europe regulations. Excel template is
 attached.

2. Support by our Office (when you apply with SU as host):

- Read about our support at: https://www.su.se/erc
- The **PIC number** of "Stockholms universitet" is **999885022** (needed when you start a proposal in the submission system).
- SU has a Gender Equality Plan (GEP); choose YES on p. 7 of Part A (call 2024).
- Think of your budget early It is important to calculate your costs early so that you know what fits into the maximal ERC budget. An Excel sheet is attached. Our office can give feedback from the EU regulation perspective, but first ask your local administrator about salaries and local costs at your department.

3. Important ERC documents and links related to ERC StG 2025 (and call 2024)

General information about the ERC StG call: https://erc.europa.eu/apply-grant/starting-grant

The **Information for applicants** provides detailed information regarding the StG <u>call 2024</u>: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/guidance/information-for-applicants_he-erc-stg-cog_en.pdf

- p 8 "Grant profiles" of StG and CoG What is expected from you?
- p 10 Requirements in terms of PhD successful defense date
- p 14 The **evaluation criteria**. Do read them a several times. Some of them are applied to step 2 only (part B2).
- p 21-25 The expected content of different parts of the proposals is presented. Note that the
 instructions here constitute a very important complement to what is written in the proposal
 templates.
- p 33-44 **Predefined key words** for the panels. **You need to choose 1-4** of them in the Administrative part (part A). These probably defines **your evaluators in step 1**.
- p 51-54 and 58 Eligibility extension requests (maternity/paternity leave, etc)
- A few details may change until call 2025.

The **ERC Work Programme 2025** provides general rules for all ERC calls in 2025, but it will be published in July. Minor changes are expected compared to ERC Work Programme of <u>call 2024</u>: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/wp-call/2024/wp_horizon-erc-2024_en.pdf

The panel chairs in call 2025 have not been published yet, but are expected to be before deadline.

Panel members in call 2025 will not be published before the deadline, but the **panel members in 2023** are published and some of them are expected to return ERC StG 2025: https://erc.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2023-10/Panel Members ERC Starting Grant 2023.pdf

The **proposal templates** of B1 and B2 in <u>call 2024</u> are attached (accessible when you start a proposal). An **example of both Parts A and B** is also attached (call 2024).

The **Template for requesting an extension of the eligibility period** (regarding maternity/paternity/sick leave, etc) is attached. To be uploaded as Annex 1 in the submission system together with supporting document(s) uploaded as other annex(es).

A **Guide for peer reviewers** has been published:

https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/experts/guide-for-peer-reviewers_he-erc-stg-cog_en.pdf

Timeframe of evaluation has been published for <u>call 2024</u>: https://erc.europa.eu/apply-grant/timeframe-starting-grant-2024-evaluation

The ERC panel structure was updated in call 2024 and will not be changed in call 2025: https://erc.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2023-03/Panel structure rationale 2024.pdf

4. Advice note

Attached you find an Advice note with general advice regarding ERC Starting Grant (call 2024).

5. ERC classes on YouTube

The ERC has published a number of very useful videos in a YouTube channel. Do view them: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xbFbzkVWgCU&list=PLtv6FnsXqnXAYRk6HCErwMxwML0ZKoMcy