

EU funding for research mobility

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# European Research Council ERC



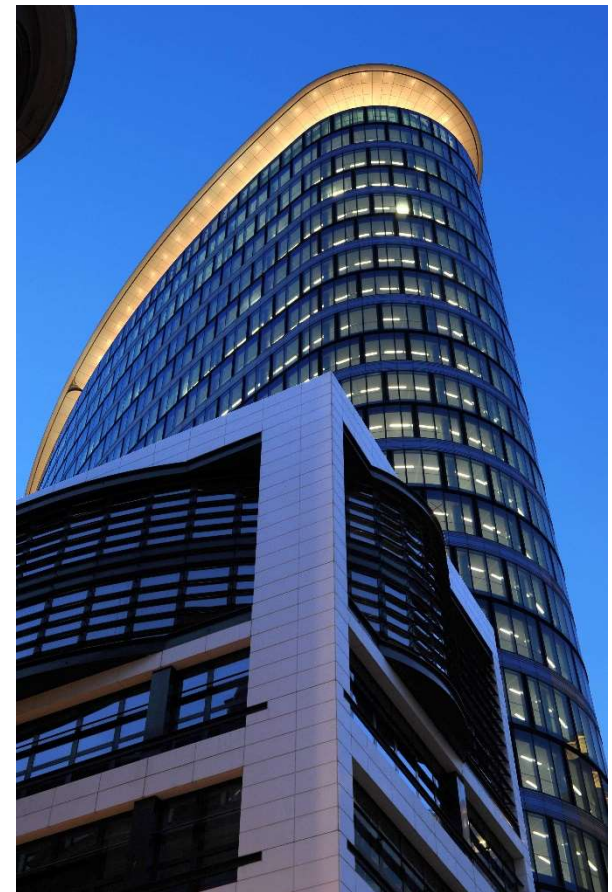
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# What is the ERC?

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- An autonomous funding body set up by the EU in 2007 and **led by scientists**
- Funding **excellent researchers of any nationality**
- To carry out frontier research in **all fields** of science and humanities
- **1 researcher, 1 Host Institution, 1 project, 1 selection criterion**
- International, top level **peer-review**



# What does ERC offer?

## Creative Freedom of the Individual Grantee

ERC offers generous grants, independence & visibility

- Work on a topic of **own choice**, with a team of **own choice**
- Gain true **financial autonomy** for 5 years
- Negotiate **best work conditions** with the host institution
- Attract **top team members** (EU and non-EU)
- Move with the grant to any place in Europe (**portability of grants**)
- **Attract additional funding and gain recognition:**  
ERC is a quality label



# Who can apply?



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## Excellent Researchers

- any nationality
- any age
- any current working place in the world
- any topic (bottom-up)
- Only requirement - letter of support from a Host Institution (HI) based in **EU or associated countries**



# Extensions of eligibility window



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## Extensions of eligibility window possible for StG and CoG for documented cases of:

- Maternity – 18 months per child (before or after PhD)
- Paternity – actual time taken off
- Military service
- Medical speciality training
- Caring for seriously ill family members

**No limit to the total extension**

# What does ERC offer?

## ERC Grant Schemes

### Starting Grants

starters  
(2-7 years after PhD)  
up to € 1.5 Mio  
for 5 years

### Consolidator Grants

consolidators  
(7-12 years after PhD)  
up to € 2.0 Mio  
for 5 years

### Advanced Grants

track-record of  
significant research  
achievements in the  
last 10 years  
up to € 2.5 Mio  
for 5 years

### Synergy Grants

2 – 4 Principal Investigators  
up to € 10 Mio for 6 years  
to lead to breakthroughs that cannot be  
achieved by a PI working alone

### Proof-of-Concept

bridging gap between research - earliest  
stage of marketable innovation  
up to €150,000 for ERC grant holders

# Additional ERC opportunities

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- Positions in teams funded by ERC (PhD, post-doc, researchers)

⇒ see vacancies on EURAXESS Jobs Website



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# Attracting researchers from outside Europe

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## Flexibility

- Additional "start-up" funding for scientists moving to Europe (EUR 500 000 for StG, EUR 750 000 for CoG and EUR 1 Million for AdG)
- Grantees can keep affiliation with home institute outside Europe ("significant part" of the work time in Europe, at least 50%)
- Team members can be based outside Europe
- Grantee can move within Europe with the grant



# Attracting Bright Minds from around the World

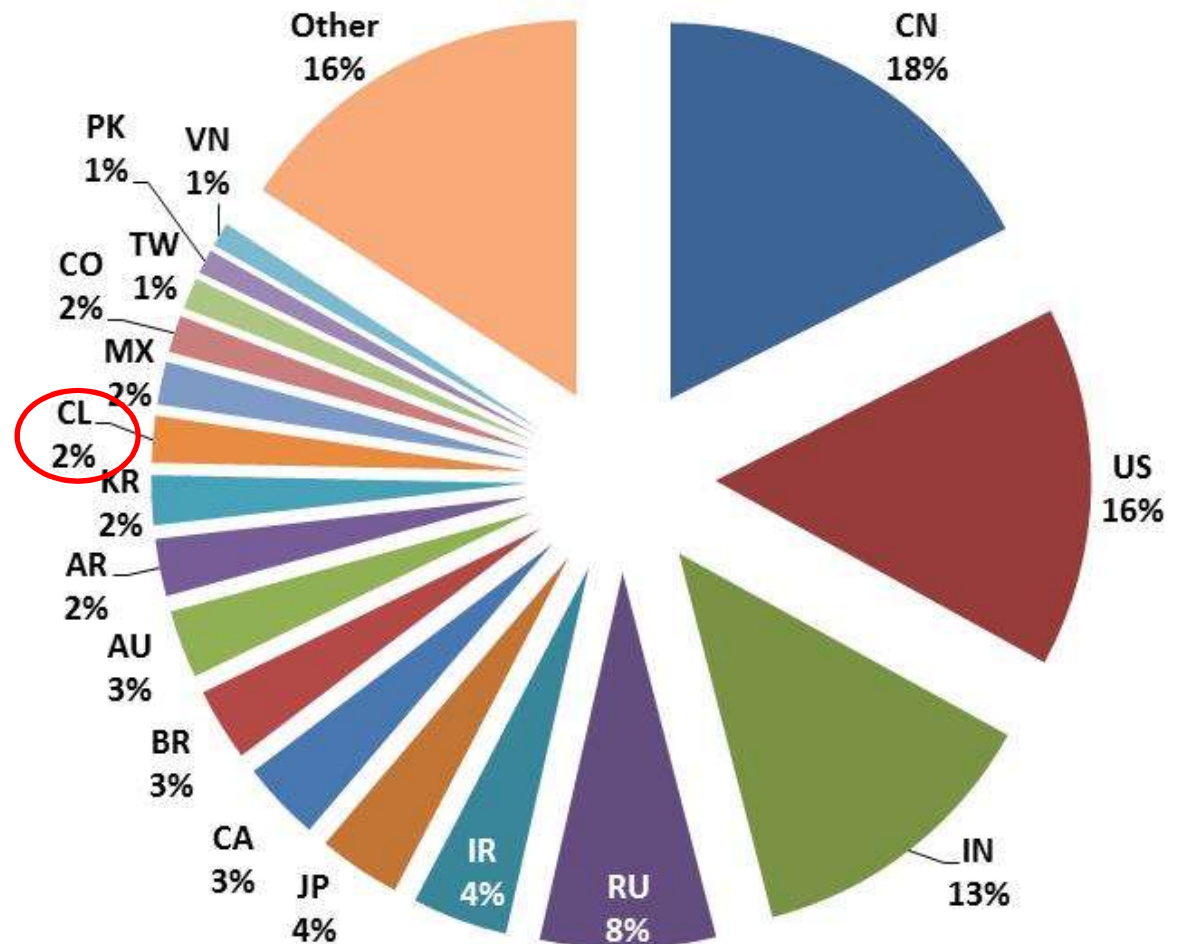
Nationality of ERC project team members  
(PIs not included)



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In all ERC grants  
+ 10,000 non-ERA  
team members

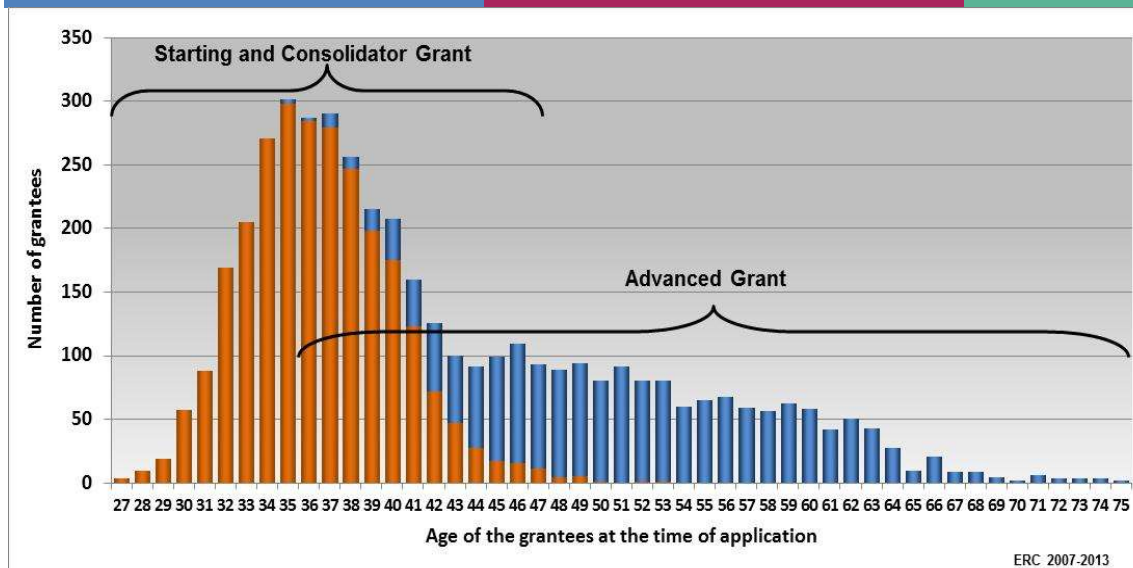
There are an estimated **200**  
team members of Chilean  
nationality currently or  
previously engaged in ERC  
projects.



# Priority to Young Scientists



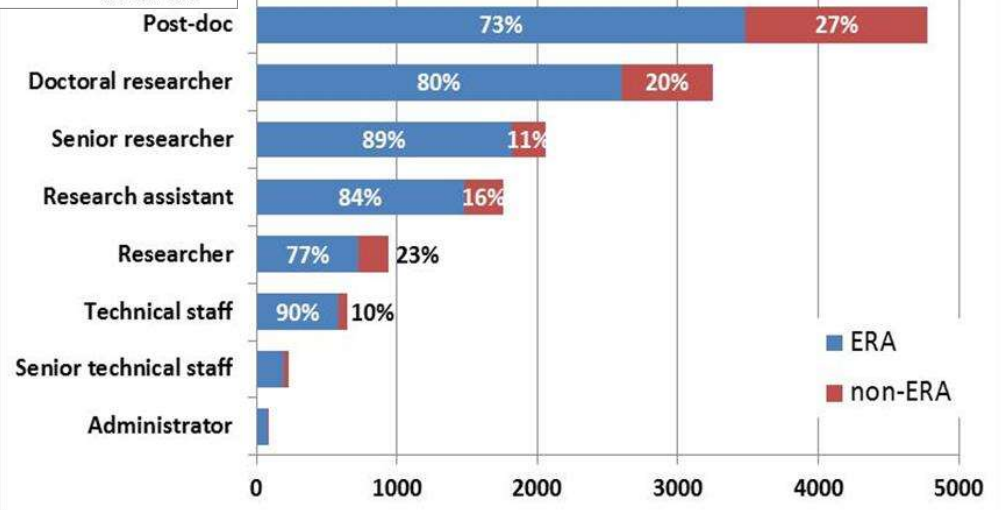
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+ 40 000 PhD and post-doc researchers working in ERC teams.

Two-thirds of ERC grants to early-career Principal Investigators.

Reported team members (2015)  
head count (1901 projects; almost 14,000 team members)



# Indicative summary main calls 2019 provisional budget



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ERC Calls	Call date	Submission Deadline	Budget € M (est. grants)
<b>Starting Grants</b> ERC-2019-StG	10 September 2018	17 October 2018	580 (390)
<b>Consolidator Grants</b> ERC-2019-CoG	24 October 2018	7 February 2019	602 (314)
<b>Advanced Grants</b> ERC-2019-AdG	21 May 2019	29 August 2019	390 (166)
<b>Synergy Grants</b> ERC-2019-SyG	10 September 2018	8 November 2018	400 (48)

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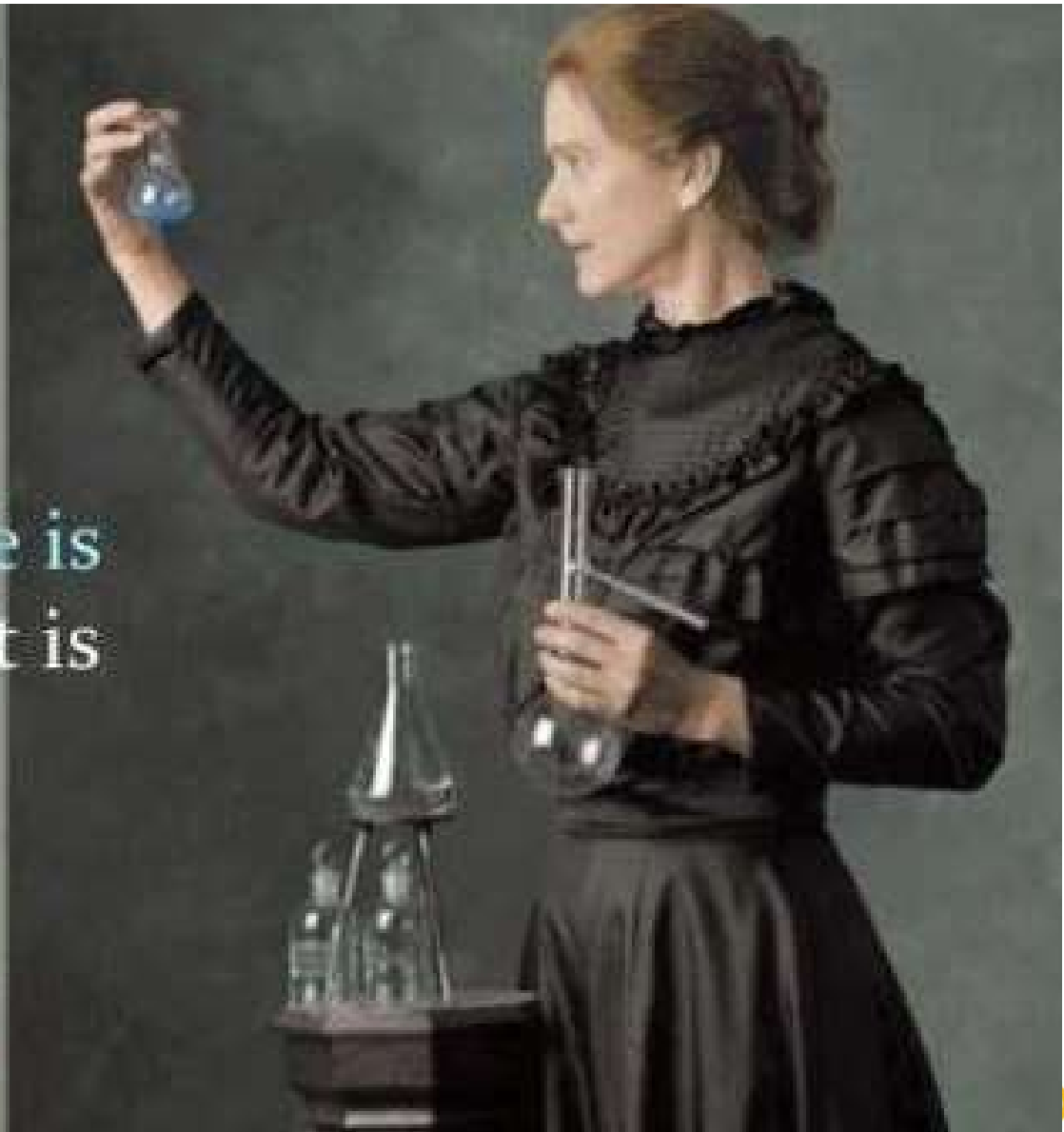
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Nothing in life is  
to be feared, it is  
only to be  
understood.

– Marie Curie



# In short, the European Commission funds

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## 01. PhD

Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions (MSCA) ITN & COFUND,  
PhD positions in ERC team

## 02. Post-doc

MSCA IF and many other on EURAXESS Jobs,  
Postdoc positions in ERC teams,  
short-term mobility with ERC teams

## 03. Frontier research

ERC grants (individual ou groups of PIs)

## 04. Collaboration projects


MSCA RISE, MSCA ITN, Horizon 2020

**in Europe  
(28 European member  
states and 16 countries  
associated to H2020)**

### 3. National contact points all over the world (Horizon 2020, MSCA, ERC, thematics)

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