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Research Council - Grant Opportunities

Dear all,

Please find below the new funding opportunities published on the EpiCARE website. If needed, other calls are available in the [Research Council webpage](#).

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ERC STARTING GRANTS -- ERC-2025-StG

Are you a talented early-career scientist who has already produced excellent supervised work, is ready to work independently and shows potential to be a research leader? The ERC Starting Grant could be for you.

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Budget: up to € 1.5 million for a period of 5 years. (pro rata for projects of shorter duration). However, an additional € 1 million can be made available to cover eligible “start-up” costs for researchers moving from a third country to the EU or an associated country and/or the purchase of major equipment and/or access to large facilities and/or other major experimental and field work costs.

Deadline date: 15 October 2024.

Who can apply? Researchers of any nationality with 2-7 years of experience since completion of PhD, a scientific track record showing great promise and an excellent research proposal can apply.

Criteria: Applications can be made in any field of research.

The ERC's grants operate on a 'bottom-up' basis without predetermined priorities.

Location: Research must be conducted in a public or private research organisation.

Team: ERC grants support projects carried out by an individual researcher who can employ researchers of any nationality as team members. It is also possible to have one or more team members located in a non-European country.

ERC Synergy Grant

Are you a researcher that wants to address a research problem so ambitious, that can not be dealt with you and your team alone? The Synergy Grants could be for you!

Budget: up to a maximum of **€ 10 million for a period of 6 years** (pro rata for projects of shorter duration).

Deadline: 6th November 2024.

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However, **an additional € 4 million can be requested** in the proposal in total to cover eligible 'start-up' costs for Principal Investigators moving to the EU or an Associated Country from elsewhere as a consequence of receiving an ERC grant and/or the purchase of major equipment and/or access to large facilities.

Who can apply? A group of two to maximum four Principal Investigators (PIs) working together and bringing different skills and resources to tackle ambitious research problems. No specific eligibility criteria regarding the academic training are foreseen for ERC Synergy Grants.

PIs must present an early achievement track-record or a ten-year track-record, whichever is most appropriate.

Proposals are evaluated on the **sole criterion of scientific excellence** which takes on the additional meaning of **outstanding intrinsic synergetic effect**.

Criteria Applications can be made in **any field of research**.

The ERC's grants operate on a 'bottom-up' basis without predetermined priorities. In the case of the ERC Synergy Grants, applications must demonstrate that the proposed research **cannot be carried out by a single PI working alone**.

Team: ERC Synergy grants support projects carried out **by a group of two to four individual researchers who can employ researchers of any nationality as team members**.

ERC Consolidator Grant

Are you a scientist who wants to consolidate your independence by establishing a research team and continuing to develop a success career in Europe? The ERC Consolidator Grant could be for you. You can also apply if you have recently created an independent, excellent research team and want to strengthen it.

Budget: up to **€ 2 million** for a period of **5 years**. (pro rata for projects of shorter duration).

However, an additional € 1 million can be made available to cover eligible "start-up" costs for researchers moving from a third country to the EU or an associated country and/or the purchase of major equipment and/or access to large facilities and/or other major experimental and field work costs.

Deadline: 14 January 2025.

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Who can apply? Researchers of any nationality with **7-12 years of experience since completion of PhD**, a scientific track record showing great promise and an excellent research proposal can apply.

Criteria: Applications can be made in **any field of research**.

HelloBio - travel awards

Budget: \$500

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The application process is very straightforward and quick. There are no complicated rules or terms and conditions – you just need to be a post-graduate attending a relevant conference, and be able to tell us why you think you deserve it. However, to make it fair to all, there are just a few requirements:

- you need to be a current post-graduate
- you must provide a detailed breakdown of what the money will be used for, and what funding (if any) you have already obtained. Things we are looking for are direct travel costs, or registration fees - not your beer supply for the week!
- and finally - after you have submitted your application, we will need a short statement from your supervisor / PI to confirm your application.

Boehringer Ingelheim Fonds (BIF) awards travel grant

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The Boehringer Ingelheim Fonds (BIF) awards travel grants of up to three months duration to MD and PhD students, as well as postdoctoral researchers from all over the world. The BIF supports them if they conduct experimental projects in basic biomedical research and want to pursue short-term research stays or attend practical courses relevant to their projects in Europe or overseas.

The programme also enables graduate students and their potential supervisors to evaluate the scientific and personal fit before starting a PhD project abroad.

They support junior scientists who want to learn clearly-defined methods useful for their ongoing research and their current laboratory by

- Visiting another laboratory
- Attending research-orientated courses with the practical part making up at least 50 % of the course.

They can also be used by PhD candidates and their potential supervisors to evaluate the scientific and personal fit before the start of a PhD project in another country by funding a research stay of one to three months in the supervisor's laboratory.

Implementation research for management of multiple long-term conditions in the context of non-communicable diseases (Global Alliance for Chronic Diseases - GACD) - HORIZON-HLTH-2024-DISEASE-13-01

Budget: 3000000 to 4000000€

Deadline: 26 November 2024

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This topic aims at supporting activities that are enabling or contributing to one or several expected impacts of destination 3 “Tackling diseases and reducing disease burden”. To that end, proposals under this topic should aim for delivering results that are directed, tailored towards and contributing to some of the following expected outcomes:

- Health care practitioners and providers in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) and/or those in high-income countries (HICs) serving disadvantaged populations have access to and use specific guidelines to implement health

interventions that improve the availability of effective, equitable, efficient, integrated, patient-centred, safe, and timely care and the overall quality of life for people living with multiple long-term conditions including non-communicable diseases (NCDs).

- Public health managers and authorities, including from other relevant sector (e. g., social, culture) have access to improved insights and evidence on how to decrease the fragmentation of care for patients living with multiple chronic conditions, and ensure continuity of care across all stages of disease progression. They use this knowledge to design policies to reduce health inequities.
- Adopting an implementation science approach to studying interventions for management of multiple long-term conditions in the context of NCDs, researchers, clinicians and authorities have an improved understanding how the proposed interventions could be adopted in LMICs and/or disadvantaged populations of HICs setting, taking into account specific social, political, economic and cultural contexts.
- Communities and local stakeholders and authorities are fully engaged in implementing and taking up interventions for management of multiple long-term conditions in the context of NCDs and thus contribute to deliver better health.

Applicants must explore the implementation of proposed intervention(s) for a selected study population(s) taking into account the unique social, political, economic, and cultural context(s) in which the study will take place. Applicants should justify why any adaptation will not compromise the known effectiveness of the selected intervention(s).

Proposals should address all of the following activities[4]:

- Provide a research plan using validated implementation research frameworks or hybrid design research;
- Have an appropriate strategy for measuring implementation research outcomes and real-world effectiveness outcomes and indicators;
- Specifically address health equity and the principles of Universal Health Coverage[5];
- Engage an appropriately expert and skilled research team which can ensure a suitable multidisciplinary approach and that demonstrates equitable partnership and shared leadership between HIC-LMIC, and/or non-Indigenous–Indigenous members of the project team and external stakeholders through a clear governance strategy;
- Provide a stakeholder engagement strategy with evidence of support/engagement from key stakeholders for delivering patient-centred care and a pathway to sustain the proposed intervention after the funding ends;
- Provide opportunities for implementation research capacity building for early career researchers and team members from lower resourced environments, such as LMICs or disadvantaged communities.
- Ensure meaningful involvement of early career team members, including at least one early career member as a co-investigator.

Applicants are also encouraged to follow a life course approach, adapting the intervention to one or more key life stage(s) critical for reducing the onset or progression of MLTC NCD, and to explore how to best implement digital technology interventions.

The following are potential interventions or strategies that applicants may consider in their implementation plan (please note that this is not an exhaustive list):

- Strategies for improving MLTC NCD identification, stratification/staging, management, and/or monitoring such as investigating strategies for adapting and implementing the protocol(s) described in the WHO Package of Essential NCD Interventions (WHO PEN)[6] that address MLTC NCD management. For example, projects may focus on integrating NCD care into clinics that typically focus on the management of infectious diseases, such as HIV or tuberculosis clinics, or the integration of NCD care into maternal and child health clinics;
- Strategies to streamline and improve quality of care among individuals with MLTC NCD to reduce fragmentation of services, including task-sharing and/or the use of clinical decision-making tools (e.g., digital tools);
- Strategies and/or tools (e.g., digital tools) that optimise appropriate medication and (non-pharmacological) therapeutic prescribing, adherence, and/or reduced drug interactions/ adverse effects;
- Interventions that improve transitions through the health system, from community to primary to tertiary care and beyond, such as to home care or hospice;
- Health behavioural change interventions that target different risk factor clusters (e.g., exercise, nutrition, tobacco, alcohol and substance abuse).

MSCA Researchers at Risk 2024 - HORIZON- MSCA-2024-RR-01-01

Deadline date: 14 January 2025 17:00:00 Brussels time

Budget : €1 500 000

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Project results are expected to contribute to the following outcomes:

- A more consistent and sustained level of coordination and preparedness for supporting researchers at risk at European, national and institutional level;
- Improved support to researchers at risk through the provision of policy recommendations, as well as advice and assistance on their implementation;
- A more sustainable and professionalised support network/structure/system for researchers at risk across Europe, facilitating access to funding and networking opportunities, creating level playing field for applicants to European and national R&I programmes, and raising the quality of submitted proposals;
- More synergies between initiatives supporting researchers at risk funded by EU programmes (such as Horizon Europe and Erasmus+) and national or institutional actors;
- Increased exposure of researchers at risk to the industry and to the non-academic sector;
- Greater awareness in Europe and beyond on why researchers are at risk and ways to support them.

Scope:

To build on the available results of past and on-going Researchers at Risk initiatives[1] further support is envisaged towards national and international organisations working with researchers at risk and aiming to enhance and professionalise their activities. It should further facilitate and strengthen cooperation and linkages between European, national and institutional initiatives and programmes, increasing awareness on why researchers are at risk, as well as identifying and delivering the best possible solutions to the challenges these researchers are confronted with.

The support action should be aligned with the general objectives of the MSCA, in particular scientific excellence, skills and career development, inter-sectoral mobility, equal opportunities and inclusiveness, attractive working conditions, work/life balance, while fostering open science, innovation and entrepreneurship. It should not duplicate other actions foreseen under Horizon Europe or other EU-funded programmes such as Erasmus+, but rather build synergies between these programmes. The activities carried out under this support action should complement actions in Member States and third countries associated to Horizon Europe.

The expected duration of the action is 36 months.

Scientific Exchange Grants

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EMBO Scientific Exchange Grants fund research exchanges of up to three months between laboratories in eligible countries. The grants facilitate collaborations with research groups with expertise, techniques, or infrastructure that is unavailable in the applicant's laboratory. They cover travel and subsistence costs of the fellow.

Duration of support

The grants are intended for visits of one week (seven days) up to three months (90 days). Awarded applicants can stay on their research visit for an additional three months

(maximum), however, EMBO will not provide funding for this extended period. It is possible to apply directly for more than three months (up to six), but the EMBO grant must be used for the first three months of the visit.

Fritz Thyssen Foundation

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Deadlines: Project applications can be submitted until

- **1 February** for the summer meeting of the foundation committees in June
- **1 September** for the winter meeting of the foundation committees in February
- of each year.

In accordance with one of the desires of the donors, special attention is devoted by the foundation institutions to medical research. At present the foundation is focusing its support on the field of “Molecular causes in the development of illnesses”. This programme supports molecular biological studies of illnesses whose development is based on genetic defects or with which gene variants contribute to the development of complex illnesses.

In the area of “Molecular causes in the development of illnesses”, molecular biological studies of illnesses are supported whose development is primarily based on genetic defects or whose gene variants contribute to the development of complex illnesses. Studies may be performed on cell culture and/or animal models, but should at least in part be performed on human tissue specimens and/or cells bearing relevance to illnesses. This only applies for applications submitted for support of projects.

- Project proposals are only accepted from researchers that have a Ph.D. and relevant experience in the priority field of research. They should generally have two to four years’ experience in post-doctoral research and want to set up or expand a small working group of their own with the support of the Foundation. The position of the applicant should be funded by the host research Institute.
- **It is generally not possible to obtain funding for one’s own position.**
- **Firmly established researchers and scientists (holders of chairs, directors of clinics) are not eligible for support of projects.**

The following projects are assigned preference:

- The functional analysis of genes, gene products and their signal transduction pathways for monogenic and complex genetic illnesses in vitro and in vivo, whereby the work plan should also contain studies on human tissue specimens and/or cells.
- The characterisation of cell and animal models that have already been established for the study of genetic illnesses (with molecular biology methods)
- The analysis of predisposing genes or therapies which modify illnesses. (‘personalised medicine’) if this holds out the promise of additional findings being generated on the mechanistic causes of disease formation.

Support is not provided for:

- Purely methodological studies
- Descriptive genetic studies of populations as well as linkage and association studies
- Purely drug screening projects
- Research projects without any direct connection to an illness
- Research projects involving the development of an animal model that is to be studied in the grant period applied for
- Research projects that do not involve any studies on human tissue specimens and/or cells bearing relevance to illnesses
- Research projects relating to infectious diseases
- Diagnostic and primarily therapy-oriented projects

TYPES OF COSTS

PERSONNEL COSTS

Complete personnel costs can be applied for in the case of research staff with doctoral degrees under TVL-E13. In the case of research staff who do not have doctoral degrees, their pay is generally based on 65% of a TVL-E13-position. In countries other than Germany, the personnel costs are to be stated according to the salary costs arrangements applicable there, i.e. total wage costs including the employer's share as a total sum.

In the case of applying for personnel costs for clinician scientists, the foundation assumes that the planned staff will be put on leave at least 80 per cent of their working time at the clinic. Confirmation of this from the clinic is to be submitted with the application.

Non-academic personnel are paid at the appropriate TVL level.

Student helpers or research assistants should be paid according to the rates prevailing at the institution involved; the foundation is to be notified hereof through the budget plan accompanying the application.

TRAVEL COSTS

Funds to defray travel costs that are directly connected with the project can be applied for. In addition to reasonable travel and overnight accommodation costs, up to € 28 a day can be granted to defray the costs of meals when traveling within Germany (rail travel 2nd class or air travel economy class).

In the case of travel abroad, the daily or monthly rates for the respective country of travel can be applied for to defray overnight accommodation and meal costs.

WHAT CANNOT BE APPLIED FOR

- › Staff resources for the own post
- › Financial resources for construction work
- › Financial resources to procure office furnishings and equipment that are usually part of the basic furnishings at universities and institutes
- › Generally, no financial resources are granted to defray overhead costs

Foundation Fyssen

Budget: €100,000

Deadline: October, 14, 2024 12 am French time (MIDDAY) (Gmt +1) (December 2024 : results sent by email)

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The research grant is intended to cover the following expenses:

- Purchase of equipment and small materials useful for research work;
- Consumables required for conducting research work;
- Salaries (except for the principal investigator);
- Specialized services necessary for the research work;
- Travel expenses: for conducting the research project or for attending scientific conferences and symposiums;
- Publication costs.

The management fees of the supervising organization will not be covered by the Fyssen Foundation research grant.

Objectives of the grants

Fyssen Foundation research grants aim to facilitate the execution of research projects that enhance understanding of the mechanisms of behaviour and cognition in living beings, as well as their ontogenetic and phylogenetic development. These projects may originate from the disciplines of neuroscience, ethology, psychology, anthropology, ethnology, palaeontology, and archaeology.

The specific goals of the grants include:

1. Enabling young researchers to establish and lead a research group within an academic institution in France.
2. Developing autonomous and innovative research themes.
3. Promoting mobility and attracting high-level early career group leaders to foster a dynamic and progressive research environment.

Eligibility Criteria

The Fyssen research grant is intended for young researchers of any nationality who have completed their doctoral thesis more than 3 years and less than 10 years ago (exceptions may be granted for maternity/paternity/long-term illness leave) *. Already employed, they will form a research team around them to carry out a collective scientific project within a host structure in France whose activity aligns with the objectives of the Foundation. Researchers may develop their project in a laboratory different from the one where they obtained their thesis or from the one where they currently work.

Duration of the Grant

The Fyssen research grant is awarded for a period of one year (12 months) and is non-renewable.

More calls are currently available



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