

ERC Starting Grant 2026
Part B1¹
(*Part B1 is evaluated in Step 1 and Step 2,*
Part B2 is evaluated in Step 2 only)

Proposal Full Title
PROPOSAL ACRONYM

Cover Page:

- Name of the Principal Investigator (PI): *Applicant Name*
- Name of the PI's Host Institution for the project: *Institution Name*
- Proposal duration in months: *XX months*

Text highlighted in grey should be deleted.

Proposal summary (identical to the abstract from the online proposal submission forms, section 1).

The abstract (summary) should, at a glance, provide the reader with a clear understanding of the objectives of the research proposal and how they will be achieved. The abstract will be used as the short description of your research proposal in the evaluation process and in communications to contact in particular potential independent external experts and/or to inform the Commission and/or the programme management committees and/or relevant national funding agencies. It must therefore be short and precise and should not contain confidential information.

Please use plain typed text, avoiding formulae and other special characters. The abstract must be written in English. There is a limit of 2000 characters (spaces and line breaks included).

If a secondary panel is indicated in the online proposal submission forms, please explain and justify the cross-panel or cross-domain nature of your proposal here. There is a limit of 1000 characters (spaces and line breaks included).

¹Instructions for completing Part B1 can be found in the "Information for Applicants to the Starting and Consolidator Grant 2026 Calls".

1 **Part I of the Scientific Proposal (max. 5 pages, references do not count towards the page limit)**

2 Please note the changes as from 2026 calls regarding Part I and Part II of the Scientific Proposal and
3 read carefully the “ERC Work Programme 2026” and the “Information for Applicants to the Starting and
4 Consolidator Grant 2026 Calls”.

5 [Part I of the Scientific Proposal should present the envisaged research and it should:

- 6 • lay out the current state of knowledge,
- 7 • explain the scientific question and the objectives of the project, and
- 8 • present the overall approach or research strategy to reach the goals of the project.

9 Part I should convince the evaluation Panel that it presents an original and creative idea addressing an important
10 question in the respective research field(s). Furthermore, it should substantiate how the project will advance
11 the frontier of knowledge, and what contribution it will make to the research field(s) i.e. what may be changed,
12 opened, challenged or how the results of the work will alter the current understanding of the field.

13 **At Step 1, only Part I and the Curriculum Vitae (CV) and Track Record (see below) is assessed by the**
14 **evaluation Panel.** It forms the basis for the Panel's decision whether it chooses to evaluate the proposal in the
15 next step. Therefore, all essential information must be covered in this section.

16 References to literature should also be included. Please use a reference style that is commonly used in your
17 discipline such as American Chemical Society (ACS) style, American Medical Association (AMA) style, Modern
18 Language Association (MLA) style, etc. and that allows the evaluators to easily retrieve each reference.

19 **Please respect the following formatting constraints: Times New Roman, Arial or similar, at least font**
20 **size 11, margin sizes (2.0 cm side and 1.5 cm top and bottom), single line spacing.]**

21 **Curriculum Vitae and Track Record (max. 4 pages)**

22 [You may modify the below template if necessary.]

23 **PERSONAL DETAILS**24 [Provide your personal details, your education and key qualifications, current position(s) and relevant previous
25 positions you have held.]

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27 Family name, First name:

28 Researcher unique identifier(s) (such as ORCID, Research ID, etc.):

29 URL for web site:

30 **Education and key qualifications**31 DD/MM/YYYY **Ph.D.**32 Name of Faculty / Department, Name of University / Institution, Country,
Name of PhD supervisor.33 DD/MM/YYYY **Master's Degree**

34 Name of Faculty / Department, Name of University / Institution, Country.

35 **Current position(s)**36 YYYY – YYYY **Current position**

37 Name of Faculty / Department, Name of University / Institution, Country.

38 YYYY – YYYY **Current position**

39 Name of Faculty / Department, Name of University / Institution, Country.

40 **Previous position(s)**41 YYYY – YYYY **Position held**

42 Name of Faculty / Department, Name of University / Institution, Country.

43 YYYY – YYYY **Position held**

44 Name of Faculty / Department, Name of University / Institution, Country.

45 **RESEARCH ACHIEVEMENTS AND PEER RECOGNITION**46 **Research Achievements**47 [Provide a list of up to ten research outputs that demonstrate how you have advanced knowledge in your field
48 with an emphasis on more recent achievements, such as publications, articles deposited in a publicly available
49 preprint server, books, book chapters, conference proceedings, data sets, software, patents, licenses, standards,
50 start-up businesses or any other research outputs you deem relevant in relation to your research field and your
51 project.]52 You may include a short, factual explanation of the significance of the selected outputs, your role in producing
53 each of them, and how they demonstrate your capacity to successfully carry out your proposed project.]54 **Peer Recognition**55 [Provide a list of selected examples of significant recognition by your peers if applicable, such as prizes, awards,
56 fellowships, elected academy memberships, invited presentations to major conferences or any other examples of
57 significant recognition you deem relevant in relation to your research field and project.]

58 You may include a short explanation of the significance of the listed examples.]

59 **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

60 [You may provide relevant additional information on your research career to provide context to the evaluation
61 panels when assessing your research achievements and peer recognition as described above.]

62 **Career breaks, diverse career paths, and major life events**

63 [You may include a short factual explanation of career breaks or diverse career paths such as secondments,
64 volunteering, part-time work, time spent in different sectors or the effects of major life events such as long term
65 illness as well as the effects of pandemic restrictions on research productivity.]

66 **Other contributions to the research community**

67 [You may include a list of particularly noteworthy contributions to the research community you have made other
68 than research achievements and peer recognition and a short explanation of these contributions. The purpose of
69 this section is to allow the panels to take a more rounded view of your career and achievements and to ensure that
70 any additional responsibilities, commitments and leadership roles that you have taken on beyond your individual
71 research activities are recognised and taken into account.]

72 [(for more information see “Information for Applicants to the Starting and Consolidator Grant 2026
73 Calls”)]

74 **Do NOT split the sections and/or references in Part B1 and do NOT upload them as separate documents.**
75 **The peer reviewers will only receive one single document for evaluation at Step 1. Hence, Part B1 should**
76 **contain all elements as explained in this template. If some parts of Part B1 are uploaded in the submission**
77 **system as separate attachments, the peer reviewers will not have access to them.**