



Applications to the EU European Research Council (ERC) Grants to be hosted at ESO

ESO welcomes applications from qualified researchers wishing to conduct their research at ESO with the support of one of the prestigious European Research Council (ERC) Grants.

Under the EU funding programme Horizon 2020, the European Research Council (ERC) offers funding schemes to top researchers who wish to carry out their frontier research. Depending on the experience of the researcher, the following grants are offered:

1. ERC Starting Grants (2-7 years experience since completion of PhD and scientific track record showing great promise);
2. ERC Consolidator Grants (7-12 years of experience since completion of PhD and scientific track record showing great promise);
3. ERC Advanced Grants (Applicants must be scientifically independent and have a recent research track-record and profile which identifies them as leaders in their respective field(s) of research);

Eligibility conditions:

The EU ERC eligibility criteria shall apply, which is available on the respective ERC website: <http://erc.europa.eu/>

Application procedure:

There are two steps in the application process:

1. ESO application, and subsequently the
2. ERC application.

The ESO application serves as a preliminary step to grant the researcher with the host approval that is required by the ERC.

In order to obtain the acceptance of ESO, the applicants must submit their request to ESO the **latest 1 month prior to the ERC deadline** to Eric Emsellem, Head of the ESO Office for Science on eric.emsellem@eso.org **ESO will not be able to accept applications beyond that date.** The application to ESO will have to include the following documentation:

1. CV of the applicant, including a publications list;
2. Short description of the research proposal, as well as the FTE, hardware and software needs, in accordance with the ERC rules;

Upon successful ESO approval, the researcher will have to submit the application to the ERC via the ERC electronic portal. The step-by-step application procedure is described on the following website: <http://erc.europa.eu/apply-funding>