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Young Researchers - FUNDING OF ERC STARTING GRANTEES INFO SHEET

Purpose and financial allocation

The Ministry of University and Research (MUR) funds the first edition of the 247 call with **220 million euros**, of which **100 million euros** are aimed to support **100 young researchers awarded with an ERC Starting Grant. "Young researcher" being defined as** *a researcher of any nationality benefiting from European grants of excellence, such as ERC Starting Grant and Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual and Postdoctoral Fellowships, as well as a researcher of any nationality who has obtained a "Seal of Excellence" following the participation in MSCA-IF and MSCA-PF calls, as part of the Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe Framework Programs.*

Who can apply?

PI's who have won a **European Research Council Starting Grant under the Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe framework programs, and**

- ✓ Who have chosen a foreign Host Institution for the ERC grant
- ✓ **Whose grant is still active at the call deadline (October 25, 2022)**
- ✓ Who are willing to use the grant portability in favour of the selected Italian Host Institution
- ✓ Who will submit a complementary or consequential proposal with respect to the ERC activities.

Application process

PI's must submit an application dossier, complete with all requested documents, via the MUR GEA portal (**https://www.gea.mur.gov.it**) **–** user enablement is mandatory, please verify the requisites**. The ultimate deadline for submission is October 25, 2022 at 12:00 pm (Italian time)**. Each candidate must **choose 3 open positions at different Host Institutions** (in order of preference, at least one must be in Southern Italy). The selected options are irrevocable.

Selection process

- ➤ The Host Institutions are invited to communicate their vacant and available positions to the MUR (which will publish them on the call website) and to appoint one or more **Evaluation Committees** that carry out the evaluation of submitted projects.
- ➤ The assessment is made against the **Scientific adequacy, Impact and Implementation criteria**, worth 5 points each. Eligible proposals must score at least **9 out of 15** (and higher than 1 out of 5 in all criteria)**.**
- ➤ The Ministry draws up and publishes online the list of available positions and the individual candidates that are matched to them, ranked in descending order of score.

Applicants' timeline

→ Applications must be submitted in English, exclusively online via the **MUR portal: https://www.gea.mur.gov.it**

→ **The deadline for submission is October 25, 2022 at 12:00 pm (Italian time).**

Duration and financial allowance

- The activities of the project must be carried out over a **maximum period of 36 months** from the date of signature of the contract and in any case **by May 31, 2026**.
- The grant requested for each project proposal may correspond to a maximum of **1 million euros**.
- The amount will be provided as a "lump sum", when lower than 200,000 euros, or on the basis of a mandatory economic-financial plan when greater than or equal to 200,000 euros.

Budget – Eligible costs

- Costs of personnel dedicated to the project, including costs relating to the **recruitment of at least one fixed-term researcher**, which should not be higher than **20% of the budget's eligible costs.**
- Costs of **tools and equipment**, which should not be lower than 20% of the budget's eligible costs.
- General expenses: eligible at a flat rate of **7% of direct costs, excluding subcontracts.**

Employment conditions

The Host Institutions will allocate the **available positions as Associate Professor appointments by direct call.** The contract must be subscribed **by May 31, 2023**.

In case of rejection or non-acceptance of the contract, applicants will not be placed on other vacant and available positions and may not participate in subsequent editions of the call.

Useful links on MUR's website

FAQ's (updated regularly): link

Applicant's documents and attachments: link

Contacts and links at the University of Padua

International Research Office: individual.grants@unipd.it

UniPD as Host Institution, application instructions: link