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Research Support Office

## Routine for extended support when applying for European Research Council Grants

Stockholm University provides extended support for researchers writing a proposal to the European Research Council (ERC). A senior researcher will be appointed by the Human Science Academic Area or the Science Academic Area to give feedback on the draft proposal. To obtain this support, the applicant should send a notification of interest ("intresseanmälan") to the Research Support Office by the internal deadline at latest. A proposal can be submitted to the ERC without this extended support, but an early contact with the Research Support Office is valuable for the applicant. Note that the preliminary deadlines in the table below will be updated when the deadlines have been published by the ERC.

**Routine regarding proposals to the ERC**

- The applicant should contact the Research Support Office as early as possible.

- In order to get extended support the applicant needs to send a **notification of interest** ("intresseanmälan") to the Research Support Office **at least two months ahead of the ERC deadline.** This e-mail needs to include a draft of the "Extended synopsis" (max five pages; part B1), the CV as well as the support from the Head of Department (by e-mail). The internal deadlines and contact persons to send e-mail to are found below. The second part of the proposal (part B2, "scientific proposal") can preferably be written before getting feedback on the part B1.

- Note that the instructions in the proposal form do not fully reflect the questions in the evaluation form. At the bottom of this document you find links to the latest versions of self-evaluation forms and proposal templates.

- The Human Science Academic Area or the Science Academic Area will appoint a senior researcher for reviewing. The feedback will be given directly to the applicant.

- The Research Support Office can assist the applicant with the administrative part of the application (part A). The office can also review the budget, if the draft budget is sent according to the timetable below.

- The Research Support Office is responsible for issuing the "Commitment of Host Institution", which is a mandatory document. It needs to be signed by both the Head of Department and the Head of Research Support Office.

- The applicant is advised to discuss research ethical issues with the Research Support Office in order to fill in the "Ethics Self-Assessment" in an appropriate way.

- The applicant is responsible for submitting the final proposal to the ERC.

**Timetable for ERC calls: internal and ERC deadlines 2017-2018**

We recommend that the notification of interest be sent earlier than the dates in the table.

| ERC call | Internal deadline for notification of interest | Internal deadline for review of the budget | Deadline at the ERC |
|---|---|---|---|
| ERC Starting Grant | August 17, 2017 | October 3, 2017 | October 17, 2017[*] |
| ERC Consolidator Grant | End of November, 2017[*] | Beginning of January, 2018[*] | February 15, 2018[*] |
| ERC Advanced Grant | June 12, 2017 | August 15, 2017 | August 31, 2017 |

[*] These dates are only preliminary. Internal deadlines for ERC Consolidator Grant will be set when the corresponding ERC deadlines have been published (expected in July 2017).

**General information about the European Research Council**

ERC wants to encourage high quality research in Europe through competitive funding.

ERC provides the following funding schemes:

- Starting Grants (StG) are intended to encourage young talented research leaders to gain independence in Europe and to build their own careers. The scheme targets promising researchers of any nationality with 2-7 years of experience since completion of the PhD.

- Consolidator Grants (CoG) are designed to support researchers who want to establish their research teams and continue developing a successful career in Europe. The scheme is intended for researchers of any nationality with 7-12 years of experience since completion of the PhD.

- Advanced Grants (AdG) are for established leading principal investigators of any nationality and age. Applicants must be leaders in their respective field(s) of research and must demonstrate significant achievements in the last 10 years.

- Proof of Concept Grants (PoC) are for ERC grant holders interested in exploring the innovation potential of their work.

- Synergy Grants (SyG) are intended for a small group of principal investigators (two to four) from different disciplines that via cross-fertilization of their disciplines will carry out ground-breaking research that would not be accomplished otherwise.

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**Annual seminars at Stockholm University:**
- "Information seminar on ERC Starting and Consolidator Grant"
- "Are you ready for ERC Advanced Grant?"

**The latest self-evaluation forms:**
- Starting and Consolidator Grants
http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/call_ptef/ef/h2020-call-ef-erc-stg-cog_en.pdf
- Advanced Grant
http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/call_ptef/ef/h2020-call-ef-erc-adg-2015_en.pdf

**The latest proposal forms for applicants** (B1 begins on page 18 or 19):
- Starting Grant
http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/call_ptef/pt/h2020-call-pt-erc-stg-2017_en.pdf
- Consolidator Grant
http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/call_ptef/pt/h2020-call-pt-erc-cog-2017_en.pdf
- Advanced Grant
http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/call_ptef/pt/h2020-call-pt-erc-adg-2017_en.pdf