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Dear Prof. Shevgaonkar,

I am pleased to inform you that in collaboration with Dr. Annette Doll-Sellen, Director, International Affairs & National Contact Point for European Research Council (ERC), DFG Bonn, the DFG India Office is hosting an information events on ERC grants in New Delhi on November 27, 2013.

There are three types of funding schemes offered by ERC:

- Starting Grant
- Consolidator Grant
- Advanced Grant

The attached concept note will give you an over view of the ERC schemes. The details of the ERC grants are also enclosed herewith.

We would be grateful if you could kindly pass this information on to your colleagues and researchers in your department/institute/university.

We also invite you and your colleagues to participate at this event. The interested researchers may please submit the required documents for any one of the above mentioned categories, based on the indicated eligibility criteria.

Closer to the event we would send you a formal letter of invitation indicating the venue and other details.

Looking forward to your positive response,

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With kind regards,
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European funding opportunities for Indian scientists provided by the European Research Council



Introduction

As a pan-European funding organisation, the European Research Council (ERC) aims to stimulate scientific excellence in Europe by encouraging competition between outstanding researchers of any nationality and age. Since its establishment in 2007 through the European Commission, the ERC has funded more than 3.000 projects with a total budget of about € 7.5 billion. Notably, there are 5 Nobel Laureates and 3 Fields Medallists among these ERC-funded researchers, and more than 5.000 articles in international peer-reviewed high impact journals were so far published by ERC funded projects. Under the upcoming EU Framework Programme “HORIZON 2020” (2014-2020), the ERC’s budget is expected to reach around € 12 billion.

Funding principles

- Researchers of every nationality and from anywhere in the world can apply for ERC grants provided the ERC-funded research project will be carried out in Europe (EU Member States or Associated Countries, e.g. Switzerland, Norway, Israel). Researchers moving to Europe may receive some extra funds to be added to their ERC grant.
- Research projects funded by the ERC can cover frontier (basic) research in any scientific domain, including social sciences, humanities and interdisciplinary studies.
- The selection of proposals is done by highly recognised international peer review panels. Scientific excellence of the proposal and the applicant is the sole evaluation criterion
- Applications must be submitted in conjunction with a host institution (e.g. universities, research institutes, research-oriented companies). ERC grants are “portable” and may be transferred to another host institution (in Europe) in case of justified reasons.
- Applications can be submitted online only in response to open ERC calls for proposals.
- Time Commitment: For Starting and Consolidator Grants, the Principal Investigator should devote at least 50% of her/his total working time to the ERC-funded project, while spending at least 50% of her/his total working time at a host institution in Europe. For Advanced Grants, the Principal Investigator should devote at least 30% of her/his working time to the ERC project and spend at least 50% of her/his total working time at a host institution in Europe.
- ERC will be awarded for up to five years and can cover personnel costs (salaries of the team leader and team members) as well as equipment, travel and publication costs.

Starting Grant

ERC Starting Grants aim to support promising research leaders who are about to establish their own research team and to start conducting independent research. The ERC Starting Grant scheme is open to researchers with 2-7 years of professional experience since completion of their PhD. Up to 1.5 Million EUR (~ 120 Million INR) can be granted for a five-year project. Additional funds of 0.5 Million EUR may be granted for the purchase of major scientific equipment or start-up costs of the setup of a research group in Europe.

Consolidator Grant

ERC Consolidator Grants are designed to support researchers at the stage at which they are consolidating their own independent research team or programme. The ERC Consolidator Grant scheme is open to researchers with 7-12 years of professional experience since completion of their PhD. Up to 2.0 Million EUR (~ 160 Million INR) can be granted for a five-year project. Additional funds of 0.75 Million EUR may be granted for the purchase of major scientific equipment or start-up costs of the setup of a research group in Europe.

Advanced Grant

ERC Advanced Grants allow exceptional established research leaders of any age to pursue ground-breaking, high-risk projects that open new directions in their respective research fields or other domains. The ERC Advanced Grant scheme is open to researchers who are scientifically independent and have a recent research track-record and profile which identifies them as leaders in their respective field(s) of research. Up to 2.5 Million EUR (~ 200 Million INR) can be granted for a five-year project. Additional funds of 1.0 Million EUR may be granted for the purchase of major scientific equipment or start-up costs of the setup of a research group in Europe.

National Contact Point (NCP ERC)

The National Contact Point is run jointly by the German Research Foundation and the EU Office of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research. It informs and advises on ERC funding programmes and supports applicants in the preparation of grant applications, particularly foreign researchers applying for an ERC grant for a project at a German host institution.

European Liaison Office of the German Research Organisations (KoWi)

The European Liaison Office of the German Research Organisations is a joint service platform financed by the German Research Foundation. Based in Bonn and Brussels, KoWi is offering information and advice to researchers and universities on EU research funding opportunities including the ERC funding schemes.

Further information

More information on ERC funding opportunities for Indian scientists can be found on these websites:

- <http://erc.europa.eu>
- <http://www.eubuero.de/erc.htm>
- http://www.dfg.de/en/dfg_profile/international_cooperation/europe_strategy/erc/index.html
- <http://www.kowi.de/en/erc>

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European Research Council (ERC) Information and Counselling Sessions

ERC ADVANCED GRANT

The European Research Council (ERC) offers a funding scheme aimed at outstanding established scientists. ERC Advanced Grants offer funding for ground-breaking, high risk projects that will lead to new insights in their respective field of research. The next Call for Proposals will be open in the fourth quarter of 2014.

ERC Advanced Grants provide funding for projects with duration of up to 5 years for **established scientists of any nationality**. An exceptional **research performance in the last 10 years** prior to the application will be taken into account. The project **must be carried out at a host institution in Europe**. Double affiliations with the current Indian host institution are also possible. ERC Advanced Grants have a value of up to **EUR 3.0 million**.

The DFG India office is hosting an information event on ERC funding schemes on Wednesday, 27th November 2013, in New Delhi with question and answer sessions and an opportunity for individual counselling for interested applicants. Please note that the slots for individual counselling are limited. Scientists not selected for an individual appointment however can attend the information event. Further clarifications and guidance on the application procedure for ERC grant schemes can be provided after the information event on request via telephone or email.

In order to take part in this information event we request you to submit a short proposal of your project (2 page max.) and your CV (including a list of your publications). Please send these documents to the DFG India office by email (monika.sharma@dfg.de) on or before **October 18, 2013**. A formal invitation to take part in the event will be sent to you once the proposals have been screened.

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ERC STARTING/CONSOLIDATOR GRANT

The European Research Council (ERC) offers two funding schemes for supporting young scientists. **The ERC Starting Grant** supports young scientists in developing an independent research career while the **ERC Consolidator Grant** is devoted to consolidate their position in research. The next Call for Proposals will be open in the first half of 2014.

ERC Grants provide funding for projects with a duration of up to 5 years for **excellent young scientists of any nationality**. Scientists are eligible to apply for a "Starting Grant" between **2 – 7 years after obtaining their PhD**. Similarly, scientists may apply for a "Consolidator Grant" between **7 - 12 years after obtaining their PhD**.

ERC-funded projects **must be carried out at a host institution in Europe**. ERC "Starting Grants" have a value of up to **EUR 2.0 million**, while ERC "Consolidator Grants" can be up to **EUR 2.75 million**.

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