What do ERC Grant Budgets Cover?

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The following are intended to give a broad idea of what can be afforded on each of the main ERC Grants – but detailed discussions will be needed with your Research Facilitator once Faculty / Institute support for your application has been secured.

ERC Starting Grant – ERC-2028-STG
5 years duration and maximum budget €1.5m.
Example start-date: 1 Oct 2028

- Full-time Principal Investigator (minimum is 50% of total working time)
- Two 3-year full-time postdoctoral researchers
- Other expenses (eg travel, Open Access costs, digital storage, etc): £50,000
- Project Support Coordinator – 40% (this is a requirement for all ERC projects)

ERC Consolidator Grant - ERC-2028-CoG
5 years duration and maximum budget €2m
Example start-date: 1 April 2029

- Principal Investigator 60% time-commitment (minimum is 40% of total working time)
- Three 3-year full-time postdoctoral researchers; and one 2-year full-time postdoctoral researcher.
- Other expenses (eg travel, Open Access costs, digital storage, etc): £100,000
- Project Support Coordinator – 40% (this is a requirement for all ERC projects)

ERC Advanced Grant – ERC-2027-AdG
5 years duration and maximum budget €2.5m.
Example start-date: 1 Jan 2029

- PI - Principal Investigator 60% time-commitment (minimum is 30% of total working time)
- Five 3-year full-time postdoctoral researchers
- Other expenses (eg travel, Open Access costs, digital storage, etc): £140,000
- Project Support Coordinator – 40% (this is a requirement for all ERC projects)

Total: €2,492,000

ERC Plus – ERC-2027-PLUS
4-7 years durations and maximum budget of €7m

ERC Synergy – ERC-2028-SyG
6 years duration and maximum budget €10m (between 2-4 Principal Investigators)

Please contact your Faculty Research Facilitator for estimates of what these awards can cover.

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