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History of changes

Version	Date	Changes
2	23.07.2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Scientific approach: clarification on first criteria (<i>page 1</i>)▪ Commitment: 40% for Consolidator (<i>page 2</i>)▪ Outcome of evaluation: additional sentence in the First paragraph (<i>page 3</i>)▪ Restrictions on submitting proposals indicate the 2015 Work Programme (<i>page 3</i>)

ERC Starting and Consolidator Grant 2015

Evaluation form and scoring

1. Research Project

Ground-breaking nature, ambition and feasibility

Ground-breaking nature and potential impact of the research project

To what extent does the proposed research address important challenges?

To what extent are the objectives ambitious and beyond the state of the art (e.g. novel concepts and approaches or development across disciplines)?

To what extent is the proposed research high risk/high gain?

Scientific Approach

To what extent is the outlined scientific approach feasible bearing in mind the extent that the proposed research is high risk/high gain (based on the Extended Synopsis)?

*To what extent is the proposed research methodology appropriate to achieve the goals of the project (based on the full Scientific Proposal)? **Only in step 2***

*To what extent does the proposal involve the development of novel methodology (based on the full Scientific Proposal)? **Only in step 2***

*To what extent are the proposed timescales and resources necessary and properly justified (based on the full Scientific Proposal)? **Only in step 2***

2. Principal Investigator

Intellectual capacity, creativity and commitment

Intellectual capacity and creativity

To what extent has the PI demonstrated the ability to propose and conduct ground-breaking research?

To what extent does the PI provide evidence of creative independent thinking?

To what extent have the achievements of the PI typically gone beyond the state of the art?

Commitment

*To what extent does the PI demonstrate the level of commitment to the project necessary for its execution and the willingness to devote a significant amount of time to the project (min 50% for Starting and 40% for Consolidator of the total working time on it and min 50% in an EU Member State or Associated Country) (based on the full Scientific Proposal)? **Only in step 2***

Outcome of evaluation

At each evaluation step, each proposal will be evaluated and marked for each of the two main elements of the proposal: the ground-breaking nature, ambition and feasibility of the research project; and the intellectual capacity, creativity and commitment of the Principal Investigator.

At the end of each evaluation step, the proposals will be ranked by the panels on the basis of the marks they have received and the panels' overall appreciation of their strengths and weaknesses.

At the end of **step 1** of the evaluation applicants will be informed that their proposal:

- A. is of sufficient quality to pass to step 2 of the evaluation;
- B. is of high quality but not sufficient to pass to step 2 of the evaluation;
- C. is not of sufficient quality to pass to step 2 of the evaluation.

At the end of **step 2** of the evaluation applicants will be informed that their proposal:

- A. fully meets the ERC's excellence criterion and is recommended for funding **if sufficient funds are available**;
- B. meets some but not all elements of the ERC's excellence criterion and will not be funded.

In addition, once the evaluation of their proposal has been completed, applicants will receive an evaluation report which will include the ranking range of their proposal out of the proposals evaluated by the panel.

Projects recommended for funding will be funded by the ERC if sufficient funds are available. Proposals will be funded in priority order based on their rank.

Applicants may also be subject to restrictions on submitting proposals to future ERC calls based on the outcome of the evaluation. Applicants will need to check the restrictions in place for each call (for 2015 calls see restrictions on submission of proposals under "Eligibility criteria" in the ERC 2015 Work Programme).