



## 1. ERC Starting & Consolidator Grants call 2013

This workshop concentrates on making your ERC proposal the best competitive proposal. Competition for ERC grants is fierce! Based on our experiences in the past five ERC calls this workshop provides you with valuable input for writing a competitive ERC Starting / Consolidator Grant proposal.

The 2013 call for submission of proposals for the ERC Starting / Consolidator Grant covers all research fields. *The deadlines are:*

- **All Starters (2-7 years after PhD): 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2012;**
- **All Consolidators (7-12 years after PhD): ...February 2013;**

The success rate per call depends on the budget and the number of submitted proposals for a specific call. Currently, the ERC increases the budget each year. The success rate was 9,6% in call 2009 (244 awarded proposals), 14,8% in call 2010 (427 awarded proposals) and 12,2% in call 2011 (486 awarded proposals). The 2012 call outcomes are still unknown. In call 2013 the ERC is planning to fund 260 Starting and 260 Consolidator Grants.

In the current call of 2013 starters and consolidators have two separate deadlines. The PhD window for the starters group is (2-7 years after PhD) and for a consolidator group (more than 7-12 years after PhD). These PhD windows can be extended by eligible career breaks up to 4.5 year.

The two evaluation criteria for funding are being an outstanding principal investigator (PI) and proposing an outstanding research project. Outstanding implies that the PI and proposal should be better than excellent. A good understanding of the requirements described in the Guide for Applicants is essential for writing a successful competitive ERC-proposal. During the workshop we discuss the complicated proposal format and approaches for writing addressing all requirements based on successful examples. We also discuss how to evaluate yourself as a promising researcher, the idea of frontier research / how to evaluate your proposal as ground breaking and how to incorporate "feasible" high gain and high risk elements in your proposal.

## 2. Training objectives

To provide researchers with a good understanding of:

- the requirements of the Guide for Applicants regarding the structure and the contents of the proposal;
- the evaluation criteria and how these can be matched upon the requirements of the Guide for Applicants;
- Approaches to draft an outstanding proposal.

## 3. Who should attend?

The target group of the workshop are applicants for an ERC Starting or Consolidator Grant only.

## 4. Methodology

The seminar is in English, with no translation. The trainer provide practical information and examines the requested information, the evaluation criteria and the best strategy for drafting the proposal with the participants. The workshop is highly interactive and includes discussions to promote exchange of views.

## 5. Trainers

**Lotte Jaspers, senior partner at Yellow Research**, has extensive experience in running ERC workshops (> 90) and in pre-submission review (more than 400 projects) of ERC starting and advanced grants. Yellow Research has successfully trained candidates for writing ERC proposals since the second call. The knowledge and experience of Yellow Research in pre-submission review of ERC proposals is an important aspect of their success in this training.

## 6. Programme Morning session (open)

<b>9.00</b>	<b>Opening</b>
<b>Part I</b> <b>9.05-10.00</b>	<b>Principal Investigator</b> <b>Part B1 (b, c) of the proposal</b> Assessment as a competitive ERC candidate, incl. the difference between starter or consolidator in terms of profile Curriculum Vitae Early Achievement Track-record

<b>Part II</b> <b>10.00-11.35</b>	<b>Scientific proposal II</b> Part B2 of the proposal State of the art and objectives Methodology Resources Ethical and Security sensitivity Issues We will address in details: 1) Novel and unconventional aspects, 2) High-risk and high gain balance and the link to feasibility, 3) The envisioned impact on future research, 4) Planning of the project with intermediate goals, 5) Matching the evaluation criterion on research with the project.
<b>10.35-10.50</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>Part III</b> <b>11.50-12.45</b>	<b>Scientific proposal I - Extended Synopsis</b> <b>Part B1 (a) of the proposal</b> The Extended Synopsis is a 5 page summary of the Scientific Proposal with an emphasis on the ground breaking elements and feasibility of the proposal and how the outcomes of the research will affect further research
<b>12.45-13.30</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>

## Afternoon session (closed) 13:30 – 19.00

In this session the applicant's CV and a short outline of his/her ERC proposal will be discussed individually with the trainer and NCP.

## 7. Workshop time and venue

**The number of participants in both sessions is limited and open only to applicants for Starting and Consolidator Grants 2013.**

In case of oversubscription, the priority will be given to those who meet best the profile of current Czech ERC grant holders and consequently apply to the Work Programme 2013 ERC Principal Investigator profile requirements. Also the resubmitting of ERC proposal and the recommendation of the institution will be considered.

### Morning Session Registration conditions

Your scientific CV (Full CV + All publications) will be required. The CV should include standard academic and research record (most important publications in major international peer-reviewed scientific journals as main author and without the presence as co-author of the Ph.D. supervisor should be highlighted) and a short description (70-100 words) of the applicant's most important scientific achievement in terms of originality and significance. The CV will not be analysed during the session.

### Afternoon Session Registration conditions

Beside submission of your scientific CV as described above, you need to submit an outline of the proposed ERC project which should contain a description of the ground-breaking nature, the potential impact on adjacent research fields.

<b>Date</b>	<b>7th September 2012</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>Morning session 9.00-12.45</b> <b>Lunch 12.45-13.30</b> <b>Afternoon session 13.30-19.00</b>
<b>Venue</b>	<b>Technology Centre ASCR, Ve struhách 27, 160 00 Prague 6</b>
<b>Contact</b>	<b>gaarova@tc.cz</b>
<b>Registration</b>	<b>via <a href="http://geform.tc.cz/ercall2013/">http://geform.tc.cz/ercall2013/</a></b>
<b>Deadline</b>	<b>28th August 2012</b>