

Grant: ERC Early Career Researchers

Grant Scheme

The ERC Early Career Researcher—a competitive small grant scheme aimed at empowering early career researchers associated with ERC to pursue innovative research in resuscitation science, education, or implementation.

This award reflects ERC's commitment to fostering the next generation of resuscitation scientists and strengthening academic capacity across member countries.

Purpose of the Award

To provide seed funding for early career investigators to:

- Develop and lead their own research project
- Build skills and networks
- Generate pilot data for future studies

Funding Available

Up to €15,000 per awarded project. Up to 4 awards will be made annually.

Eligibility Criteria

- The applicant is within 10 years of obtaining their highest academic degree
- Member of ERC
- Not in a tenured/ professorial post
- Supported by a mentor who is a member of the ERC
- One application per round

Terms and conditions

What the grant will cover

- Staff/ personnel costs required for project (a detailed breakdown / budget must be provided)
- Costs associated with data collection and analysis
- Essential equipment, software, consumables
- Travel which is essential to delivery of the proposed project/ collaboration.
- Dissemination activities (e.g. conference attendance, networking event, open access publication)

What the grant will not cover

- Salaries for permanent staff
- Large capital equipment
- Commercial research
- Postgraduate tuition fees

Assessment Criteria

ERC / NRC Collaboration Awards	ERC Early Career Researcher Awards
Importance of research question and alignment to ERC mission	
Methodological quality	
Feasibility and likely impact and diversity, equity and inclusion considerations	
Novelty and quality of collaboration	Likelihood this award will enhance the applicants' career

Key Dates

- Application Deadline 30 September 2026
- Candidates informed by 18th November 2026

Reporting Requirements

- Interim report at 6 months
- Final report within 2 months post-completion
- Presentation or summary at future ERC meeting

Submit the following in a single PDF to research@erc.edu