**Expression of Interest for Scientific staff at the MH Faculty wishing to apply for a European Research Council (ERC) Starting or Consolidator Grant**

**Please ensure you follow this template and answer all sections/questions. You may delete all guidance text (coloured orange) when you are ready to submit your Expression of Interest (EOI).** The completed EOI should be sent to the [soknadshjelpen@mh.ntnu.no](mailto:soknadshjelpen@mh.ntnu.no) **no later than 6 months before the ERC deadline. If you are applying for funding to support your ERC application, please remember to also complete and attach the budget form.**

1. **Tentative project title/topic:**
2. **Tentative ERC panel:**
3. **Summary of your project idea (3 pages A4):**

The fundamental activity of the ERC is to provide attractive, long-term funding to support excellent Principal Investigators and their research teams to pursue ground-breaking, high-gain/high-risk research. Research funded by the ERC is expected to lead to advances at the frontiers of knowledge and to set a clear and inspirational target for frontier research across Europe.

**Please do not cut and paste an abstract from another application into this section, you must answer the specific questions which are relevant to the ERC.**

With this in mind, please provide a summary of your project idea and outline the structure of your project. You are free to structure this section as you wish, but you should ensure that you answer the following points:

1. **Why this?**

* What are your project objective(s)?
* What makes your project objectives ambitious and to what extent are they beyond the state of the art in your field (e.g. novel concepts and approaches or development between or across disciplines)?
* Why is the proposed research so important to your field?
* What makes your research high risk-high gain (if successful the benefits can be huge, but there is a high risk the proposed research does not entirely fulfils all aims)?

1. **Why now?**

* What is new in the scientific approach or methodology you want to develop and apply in your project?
* How will your research (if successful) open up new horizons and opportunities in science, technology or scholarship? Which new scientific questions in various research fields could be raised and possibly be answered after successful completion of your research project?
* What preliminary evidence (published or unpublished data) have you generated to support your solution/idea/approach?

1. **Why you?**

* Why are you the right person to carry out this research?
* What aspects of your CV (e.g. scientific publications, international mobility, cross-sectoral collaboration, leading research projects, students and researchers) show that you are the best equipped to tackle the risks related to this high risk-high gain project?

**2. Curriculum Vitae (max 2 pages A4)**

The CV should include the standard academic and research record as well as a succinct ‘funding ID’ which must specify any current research grants and their subject, and any ongoing application. Any research career gaps and/or unconventional paths should be clearly explained so that they can be fairly assessed. **Please use the below CV template as this aligns with the ERC’s.**

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Family name, First name:

Researcher unique identifier(s) (such as ORCID, Research ID, etc. ...):

Date of birth:

Nationality:

URL for website:

Exact date of PhD defence (as specified on your PhD certificate): (if you are requesting an extension, make clear the basis for this under the section “**CAREER BREAKS**”)

**EDUCATION**

200? PhD

Name of Faculty/ Department, Name of University/Institution, Country

Name of PhD Supervisor (this is compulsory, please include)

199? Master

Name of Faculty/Department, Name of University/Institution, Country

**CURRENT POSITION(S)**

201? – Current Position

Name of Faculty/Department, Name of University/Institution/ Country

**PREVIOUS POSITION(S)**

200? – 200? Position held

Name of Faculty/Department, Name of University/Institution/ Country

**FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

200? – 200? Scholarship, Name of Faculty/ Department/Centre, Name of University/Institution/ Country

200? Award, Name of Institution/Country

199? – 199? Scholarship, Name of Faculty/ Department/Centre, Name of University/Institution/ Country

**SUPERVISION OF GRADUATE STUDENTS AND POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS (if applicable)**

200? – 200? Number of Postdocs/PhD/Master Students

Name of Faculty/Department/Centre, Name of University/Institution/Country

**TEACHING ACTIVITIES (if applicable)**

200? – Teaching position – Topic, Name of University/Institution/Country

200? – 200? Teaching position – Topic, Name of University/Institution/Country

**ORGANISATION OF SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS (if applicable)**

201? Please specify your role and the name of event/Country

200? Please specify type of event/number of participants/Country

**INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES (if applicable)**

201? – Faculty member, Name of University/Institution/Country

201? – 201? Graduate Student Advisor, Name of University/Institution/Country

200? – 200? Member of the Faculty Committee, Name of University/Institution/Country

200? – 200? Organizer of the Internal Seminar, Name of University/Institution/Country

200? – 200? Member of a Committee; role, Name of University/Institution/Country

**REVIEWING ACTIVITIES (if applicable)**

201? – Scientific Advisory Board, Name of University/Institution/Country

201? – Review Board, Name of University/Institution/Country

201? – Review panel member, Name of University/Institution/Country

201? – Editorial Board, Name of University/ Institution/Country

200? – Scientific Advisory Board, Name of University/Institution/Country

200? – Reviewer, Name of University/Institution/Country

200? – Scientific Evaluation, Name of University/Institution/Country

200? – Evaluator, Name of University/Institution/Country

**MEMBERSHIPS OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES (if applicable)**

201? – Member, Research Network “*Name of Research Network*”

200? – Associated Member, Name of Faculty/Department/Centre, Name of University/ Institution/ Country

200? – Founding Member, Name of Faculty/Department/Centre, Name of University/ Institution/ Country

**MAJOR COLLABORATIONS (if applicable)**

Name of collaborators, Topic, Name of Faculty/Department/Centre, Name of University/Institution/Country

**CAREER BREAKS (if applicable)**

Exact dates Please indicate the reason and the duration in months.

**3. All current grants and on-going and submitted grant applications of the PI (Funding ID) (no page limits)**

**Current grants (Please indicate "No funding" when applicable):**

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| *Project Title* | *Funding source* | *Amount*  *(Euros)* | *Period* | *Role of the PI* | *Relation to current*  *ERC proposal[[1]](#footnote-1)* |
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**On-going and submitted grant applications (Please indicate "None" when applicable):**

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| *Project Title* | *Funding source* | *Amount*  *(Euros)* | *Period* | *Role of the PI* | *Relation to current*  *ERC proposal[[2]](#footnote-2)* |
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**Have you previously submitted a proposal to the ERC?**

**If yes, please specify the call year and score of the proposal:**

**4. Early achievements track-record (max 2 pages)**

**For Starting grant applicants:**

ERC Starting Grants are designed to support excellent Principal Investigators at the career stage at which they are starting their own independent research team or programme. Applicant PIs need to demonstrate evidence of creative independent thinking and a track record of scientific achievement that has typically gone beyond the state of the art, taking into consideration their career stage.

A competitive ERC Starting Principal Investigator must have already shown the potential for research independence and evidence of maturity, for example by having produced **at least one important publication as main author or without the participation of their PhD supervisor.**

Please provide evidence to demonstrate your track record of early achievements appropriate to your research field and career stage. Your track record should list (if applicable):

1. **Up to five publications in major international peer-reviewed multi-disciplinary scientific journals and/or in the leading international peer-reviewed journals, peer-reviewed conferences proceedings and/or monographs** of their respective research fields, highlighting those as main author or without the presence as co-author of their PhD supervisor (properly referenced, field relevant bibliometric indicators[[3]](#footnote-3) may also be included); preprints may be included, if freely available from a preprint server (preprints should be properly referenced and either a link to the preprint or a DOI should be provided);
2. **Research monographs and any translations thereof**;
3. **Granted patent(s);**
4. **Invited presentations to internationally established conferences and/or international advanced schools**;
5. **Prizes, awards, academy memberships**.

**For Consolidator Grant applicants:**

ERC Consolidator Grants are designed to support excellent Principal Investigators at the career stage at which they are consolidating their own independent research team or programme. Applicant PIs need to demonstrate evidence of creative independent thinking and a track record of scientific achievement that has typically gone beyond the state of the art, taking into consideration their career stage.

A competitive ERC Consolidator Principal Investigator must have already shown the potential for research independence and evidence of maturity, for example by having produced **several important publications as main author or without the participation of their PhD supervisors.**

Please provide evidence to demonstrate your track record of early achievements appropriate to your research field and career stage. Your track record should list (if applicable):

1. **Up to ten publications in major international peer-reviewed multi-disciplinary scientific journals and/or in the leading international peer-reviewed journals, peer-reviewed conferences proceedings and/or monographs** of their respective research fields, highlighting those as main author or without the presence as co-author of their PhD supervisor (properly referenced, field relevant bibliometric indicators[[4]](#footnote-4) may also be included); preprints may be included, if freely available from a preprint server (preprints should be properly referenced and either a link to the preprint or a DOI should be provided);

2. **Research monographs and any translations thereof**;

3. **Granted patent(s)**;

4. **Invited presentations to internationally established conferences and/or international advanced schools**;

5. **Prizes, awards, academy memberships**

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2. Describe clearly any scientific overlap between your ERC application and current research grant or ongoing grant application. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Except the Journal Impact Factor. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Except the Journal Impact Factor. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)