

Munich, 28 July 2025

ERC Starting Grant application

Dear colleagues,

As you have expressed your interest in applying for an ERC Starting Grant, we would like to support you in the proposal preparation phase and take you through the next steps.

1) Preparing your proposal:

- Be aware of the ERC deadline for proposal submission:
14 October 2025 at 5.00 pm (Brussels time)
- **Scientists who are affiliated with TUM**, please send to vivian.seidel@tum.de and nathalie.themessl@tum.de the **TUM Information for your ERC Application** document (enclosed), completed and signed, up to **three weeks** prior to the ERC deadline, but on **17 September 2025** at the latest, to receive the **commitment of the host institution** signed by the Senior Vice President for Research and Innovation.
- **Scientists who are affiliated with the University Hospital Klinikum rechts der Isar (TUM-MED)**, please contact [Henning Pudimat](mailto:Henning.Pudimat) for the host institution's letter of commitment, for any financial and administrative questions as well as for TUM-MED's PIC and Main Contact Person in the Funding and Tender opportunities Portal (F&T Portal) of the EU.
- Please find **further information** in the *ERC Work Programme 2026*, and in the *Information for Applicants 2026*.
- **Contact us** for any other support: vivian.seidel@tum.de and nathalie.themessl@tum.de.

2) Submitting your proposal:

- **Log in/Register**
- **Fill in Part A** (administrative data) online, relevant data are:
 - TUM's PIC: 999977463
 - TUM's Main Contact Person:
Dr. Nathalie Themeßl (erc-grants.forte@tum.de), EU Scientific Manager,
TUM ForTe, Arcisstr. 21, 80333 München
- **Upload:**
 - Parts B1 + B2
 - Commitment letter of the host institution

- PhD certificate clearly indicating the date of the successful defense or a written confirmation from the awarding institution stating the said date
- Supporting documents for extension requests with the template for requesting an extension of the eligibility period, if necessary
- Ethical self-assessment and supporting documents, if necessary
- **Submit your proposal**
 - Did you receive the confirmation of successful submission?
- **Verify your proposal submission** and its content by downloading all the submitted files
- Please note that the system is highly frequented close to the deadline. Please **submit your proposal in good time before the deadline, we recommend to upload your latest proposal version a few days before the deadline.**

3) Receiving evaluation results:

- **Please contact us when you receive the results:**
 - *Positive evaluation results for step 1:* we offer an in-house training for all who will be invited to the interview
 - *Positive evaluation results for step 2:* we will support you during the grant preparation phase; this includes an individual legal assessment with regard to the implementation through ZA 5 within the 6-week-long period from the receipt of the invitation letter
 - *Negative evaluation results in both steps:* contact us to discuss a potential resubmission

Should you have any further questions or would like to have any additional support, please do not hesitate to contact my TUM ForTe colleagues:

Ms. Vivian Seidel (vivian.seidel@tum.de) and
Dr. Nathalie Themeßl (nathalie.themessl@tum.de)

With kind regards,



Prof. Dr. Gerhard Kramer