Opportunities for an excellent scientific career in Galicia by strengthening access options and benefits associated with ERC grants.
Oportunius Programme generates opportunities for excellent researchers willing to develop their scientific career in Galicia by complementing the European Research Council (ERC) grants and reinforcing the access options of potential candidates.

Choosing Galicia to consolidate an excellent scientific trajectory
The right decision for the professional environment and quality of life

Galicia: 5th Spanish region by number of ERCs
Galicia R&D&i ecosystem: from excellent research to the market

3 public universities (UDC, USC, Uvigo)

+40 research centres & institutes
- 10 CIGUS centres
- 5 CSIC centres
- 3 interuniversity centres
- 3 health research institutes
- 2 unique infrastructures (IEO and CESGA)

+7,900 researchers (FTE)
- 3,600 at the universities
- 1,550 at CIGUS centres

+6,400 scientific publications (2022)

39 projects funded by the ERC of 31 grantees

80 University spin-offs (2011-2020)

Funding and support to R&D and entrepreneurship:
Axencia Galega de Innovación
Instituto Galego de Promoción Económica
Axencia Galega de Coñecemento en Saúde

9 technology centres
2 digital innovation hubs
1 science & technology park

20 business clusters of excellence

+1,500 innovative companies
ERC in Galicia

Results

18
Oportunius contracts for ERC grantees

31
ERC grantees supported

39
ERC grants

27
ERC finalists supported

277
ERC candidates evaluated

23 \times 530
training workshops with more than 530 participants

[Data from May 2024]
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Oportunius Distinguished Researcher contract with the Axencia Galega de Innovación
ERC in Galicia

39 PROJECTS

- 2 Advanced Grants
- 10 Consolidator Grants
- 19 Starting Grants
- 3 Synergy Grants
- 5 Proof of Concept

Total funds raised = €52.32 M

PROJECTS BY ERC PANELS

- Physical Sciences and Engineering: 20
- Life Sciences: 10
- Social Sciences & Humanities: 9
Why Oportunius

Objective: creating opportunities for excellent researchers who want to develop their careers in Galicia

COORDINATED INITIATIVE

Xunta de Galicia
Axencia Galega de Innovación
Consellería de Educación, Ciencia, Universidades e Formación Profesional

Galicia’s University System (SUG)
Universidade da Coruña (UDC)
Universidade de Santiago de Compostela (USC)
Universidade de Vigo (UVigo)
with 10 accredited centres of excellence (Rede CIGUS) + other 20 research centres and institutes

Galician research entities
3 health foundations + 5 CSIC centres in Galicia + other research institutions
An Oportunius pathway for each ERC profile

You already have an ERC grant in a Galician entity or in another community or country

You want to obtain an ERC grant with an entity in Galicia

You were very close to getting it

You are applying for the 1st time

ERC GRANTEE

ERC supplementary funding package + distinguished researcher contract option

ERC FINALIST

Support to increase the chances of success in the following ERC calls for proposals

ERC CANDIDATES

Advice and support in approaching ERC grant competition
ERC supplementary funding package (during and after)

**TO WHOM**
Researchers of any nationality, beneficiaries of an ERC grant who wish to carry out their project in a host institution in Galicia

**WHAT**
Incentive package to optimise the development of your scientific project and research career

Option of a distinguished researcher contract or Oportunius Programme remuneration

Economic resources to support research activity
ERC GRANTEES

Option of a distinguished researcher contract with the Axencia Galega de Innovación

Salary according the type of grant

- **ADVANCED GRANT**: €100,000/year
- **CONSOLIDATOR GRANT**: €81,000/year
- **STARTING GRANT**: €65,000/year

**PRO-ERC support:**
Financial resources complementary to the ERC funding provided by the Consellería de Educación, Ciencia, Universidades e Formación Profesional and by the Axencia Galega de Innovación during the life of the project.

- **ADVANCED GRANT**: €80,000/year
- **CONSOLIDATOR GRANT**: €65,000/year
- **STARTING GRANT**: €50,000/year

**POST-ERC support:**
Continued financial support after the end of the ERC assistance period

- **ADVANCED GRANT**: €8,000/year
- **CONSOLIDATOR GRANT**: €6,500/year
- **STARTING GRANT**: €5,000/year

Reinforcement grants for excellence projects

- **UP TO €50,000/year**
  (up to 4 years)

Oportunius Programme remuneration for researchers contracted by the SUG or by the CSIC

Support services for excellent science and hosting of new research staff offered on an individual basis by the host institutions.
**ERC FINALISTS**

Support to increase chances of success in the following ERC calls for proposals

- Financial support (€50,000 in two annuities) to reinforce the scientific project and researcher's CV, if there is a commitment to reapply.
- Training and expert advice to prepare a new improved proposal, including the recommendations from the previous application assessment.

**TO WHOM**

Researchers from any country willing to submit an ERC application with a Galician organisation who have been successful in the first ERC evaluation phase, or hold an ‘A’ assessment, without financial awards, in the ERC access process.
Advice and support in approaching ERC grant competition

- Assessment of chances of success
- Training and expert advice to prepare reh application to the different ERC calls

TO WHOM

Researchers from any background with the potential to apply for ERC calls with any of the host institutions in Galicia.
The Oportunius Programme is open to the participation of research entities from the entire Galician Science and Innovation System. Currently, the Galician host institutions of ERC grantees are:
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