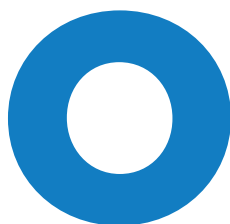


# PORTUNIUS

*Opportunities for an excellent  
scientific career in Galicia by  
strengthening access options and  
benefits associated with ERC grants*





## OPORTUNIUS

**Oportunius Programme** offers opportunities to develop an **excellent scientific career in Galicia** by complementing the **European Research Council (ERC)** grants and reinforcing the access options of potential candidates.

Initiative promoted by the **Xunta de Galicia**, with the collaboration of the Galician University System (SUG) and the Spanish National Research Council (CSIC). Open to the incorporation of research organisations from the entire Galician Science and Innovation System.

### CUSTOM ITINERARIES for:



#### ERC Grantees

**Incentives** for ERC grantees who choose Galicia to develop their project.



#### ERC Finalists

**Financial support and training** to reinforce the options of finalists who want to develop their project in a Galician entity.



#### ERC Candidates

**Advice and training** to prepare a winning candidacy with a Galician hosting institution.

## RESULTS

20

Oportunius contracts for ERC grantees

34

ERC grantees supported

42

ERC grants

27

ERC finalists supported

291

ERC candidacies evaluated

25 x 600

training workshops with 600 participants

# 42 ERC PROJECTS IN GALICIA

22

PHYSICAL SCIENCES  
AND ENGINEERING

+

11

LIFE  
SCIENCES

+

9

SOCIAL SCIENCES  
AND HUMANITIES



34

ERC  
GRANTEES



✱ José Manuel Castro (USC, CIMUS) – **StG 2016**

✱ Jacob Copeman (USC, IDEGA) – **CoG 2018**

Felipe Criado-Boado (CSIC, INCIPIT) – **SyG 2020**

✱ Martín Fañanás-Mastral (USC, CiQUS) – **CoG 2019**

✱ M<sup>a</sup> del Carmen Giménez (USC, CiQUS) – **StG 2015** **PoC 2020**

✱ David Ryan Glowacki (USC, CITIUS) – **CoG 2019**

Carlos Gómez (UDC, CITIC) – **StG 2016** **PoC 2022**

Héctor Gómez (UDC) – **StG 2012**

Ignacio Insua (USC, CiQUS) – **StG 2024**

Luis Manuel Liz-Marzán (UVigo, CINBIO) – **SyG 2024**

Miguel López (USC, CIMUS) – **StG 2011**

Olalla López-Costas (USC, CRETUS) – **CoG 2022**

✱ Jaime Martín (UDC, CITENI) – **CoG 2022**

✱ Diego Martínez (UDC) – **StG 2014**

José Luis Mascareñas (USC, CiQUS) – **AdG 2013** **PoC 2019**

✱ Javier Montenegro (USC, CiQUS) – **StG 2015** **PoC 2018**

✱ Daniel Nieto (UDC, CICA) – **CoG 2023**

✱ Rubén Nogueiras (USC, CIMUS) – **StG 2011** **SyG 2018**

✱ Elena Ojea (UVigo, CIM) – **StG 2015**

Beatriz Orosa (USC, CiQUS) – **CoG 2023**

✱ Mario Pansera (UVigo, CISPAC) – **StG 2020**

Elena Pazos (UDC, CICA) – **StG 2019**

Beatriz Pelaz (USC, CiQUS) – **StG 2020**

✱ Diego Peña (USC, CiQUS) – **SyG 2020**

David Posada (UVigo, CINBIO) – **StG 2007** **CoG 2013**

✱ Yolanda Prezado (USC, CIMUS) – **CoG 2018**

José Francisco Rivadulla (USC, CiQUS) – **StG 2010** **PoC 2016**

✱ Diego Robledo (USC) – **StG 2022**

✱ Carlos Salgado (USC, IGFAE) – **StG 2011** **AdG 2018**

✱ Manuel Souto (USC, CiQUS) – **StG 2021**

Jorge de Torres (CSIC, INCIPIT) – **StG 2019**

✱ Sara Varela (UVigo, CIM) – **StG 2020**

✱ Carlos Sebastián Villasante (USC, CRETUS) – **CoG 2020**

✱ Ashwin Woodhoo (USC, CIMUS) – **CoG 2019**



# 1

## ERC GRANTEES

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

**Option of a distinguished researcher contract\*** with the **Axencia Galega de Innovación** for the development of the project and the research career: stable working framework with evaluation every 5 years and attractive remuneration, which can be improved according to the results of each evaluation.

ADVANCED GRANT

€100,000  
/year

CONSOLIDATOR GRANT

€81,000  
/year

STARTING GRANT

€65,000  
/year

**PRO-ERC aid:** financial resources complementary to ERC funding, provided by the Consellería de Educación, Ciencia, Universidades e Formación Profesional, and by the Axencia Galega de Innovación **for the duration** of the project.

ADVANCED GRANT

€80,000  
/year

CONSOLIDATOR GRANT

€65,000  
/year

STARTING GRANT

€50,000  
/year



**POST-ERC aid:** financial support **for continuity after the end** of the ERC grant period.

Aid to reinforce projects of excellence, provided by the Consellería de Educación, Ciencia, Universidades e Formación Profesional, and by the Axencia Galega de Innovación.

UP TO

€50,000  
/year  
for  
4 YEARS



Oportunius Programme retribution, provided by the Axencia Galega de Innovación (for researchers contracted by the SUG or by the CSIC and included in the Oportunius Registry).

ADVANCED GRANT

€8,000  
/year

CONSOLIDATOR GRANT

€6,500  
/year

STARTING GRANT

€5,000  
/year



**Support services for excellent science and for the incorporation of new research staff provided by host institutions:** scientific and family welcome events, work integration and orientation, specific technical support and additional financial support for research career development.

**\* Regulatory framework of the Oportunius Programme:**

- Law 17/2022, of 5 September, amending Law 14/2011, of 1 June, on Science, Technology and Innovation.
- Decree 64/2016, of May 26, which regulates research staff contracts by the Axencia Galega de Innovación under the modality of distinguished research staff.
- Order of August 29, 2018, which develops the procedure and scale for the assessment of the research activity of personnel hired by the Axencia Galega de Innovación under the modality of distinguished research staff (Oportunius Programme).



# 2

## ERC FINALISTS

**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 assessment, without financial awards, in the ERC access process.**

### Support to increase chances of success in future calls

Financial support, provided by the Axencia Galega de Innovación, to reinforce the scientific project and researcher's CV, if there is a commitment to reapply.

**€50,000**  
/2 annuities



Training and expert advice to prepare a new improved proposal, including the recommendations from the previous application assessment.



# 3

## ERC CANDIDATES

**Researchers from any background with the potential to apply for ERC calls with any of the hosting institutions in Galicia.**

### Support to assess and focus a possible candidacy

Assessment of the chances of success



Training and expert advice to prepare the application to the different ERC calls

# THE RESEARCH SYSTEM IN GALICIA

Galicia has a broad and diverse R&D&I ecosystem that covers the entire value chain – from basic research to industrial production – in strategic sectors such as **life sciences and health, agri-food, and ICT**. On the other hand, its rich natural and historical-cultural heritage also places studies on **sustainability and bioeconomy**, and on **culture and society** at high levels of research excellence.

The three Galician universities and their research centres, the CSIC institutes, as well as the health research institutes, lead this excellent research. Galicia also has the Galicia Supercomputing Center (CESGA), a unique research infrastructure, and several technology centres. All these entities can be host institutions for the Oportunius Programme.

## HOST INSTITUTIONS



3 specialised campuses  
(Vida, Terra, Cidadanía)

300 research groups

22 research centres and  
institutes

27 ERC grants\*

[www.usc.gal](http://www.usc.gal)

**ciMUS**

Center for Research in  
Molecular Medicine and  
Chronic Diseases  
[cimus.usc.gal/es](http://cimus.usc.gal/es)

40 PI\*\*

6  
ERC

**ciQUS**

Center for Research in  
Biological Chemistry and  
Molecular Materials  
[www.usc.es/ciqus](http://www.usc.es/ciqus)

33 PI and  
senior researchers

14  
ERC

**ciTUS**

Centro de Investigación en  
Tecnoloxías Intelixentes  
[citius.gal](http://citius.gal)

31 PI and  
senior researchers

1  
ERC

**CRETUS**

Cross-disciplinary Research  
Center in Environmental  
Technologies  
[cretus.usc.es](http://cretus.usc.es)

32 PI

2  
ERC



Instituto de Estudios y  
Desarrollo de Galicia  
[idega.gal/](http://idega.gal/)

88 researchers

1  
ERC

**IGFAE**

Galician Institute of High  
Energy Physics  
[igfae.usc.es](http://igfae.usc.es)

28 PI and  
senior researchers

2  
ERC

Universidade de Vigo

4 specialised campuses  
(Mar, Vigo Tecnolóxico,  
Auga/Ourense,  
CREA/Pontevedra)

169 research groups

4 research centres and  
3 research institutes

6 ERC grants\*

[www.uvigo.gal](http://www.uvigo.gal)

**atlanTTic**

Research Center for  
Telecommunication  
Technologies  
[atlanctic.uvigo.es](http://atlanctic.uvigo.es)

70 PI and senior researchers

**cim**

Marine Research Centre  
[cim.uvigo.gal](http://cim.uvigo.gal)

118 researchers

2  
ERC

**cinbio**

Centre for Research  
in Nanomaterials  
and Biomedicine  
[cinbio.es](http://cinbio.es)

90 researchers

3  
ERC

**CINTECX**

Research Center in  
Technologies, Energy and  
Industrial Processes  
[cintecx.uvigo.es](http://cintecx.uvigo.es)

86 researchers

\* The number of ERC grants assigned to the universities and CSIC include researchers working in faculties, in their own research centres, and in the interuniversity centres.

\*\* PI = Principal investigator

3 specialised campuses  
(Innova, Sustentabilidade,  
Industrial)

127 research groups and  
units

4 research centres and  
5 research institutes

7 ERC grants\*

[www.udc.es](http://www.udc.es)



**Centre for Information  
and Communications  
Technology Research**  
[citic.udc.es](http://citic.udc.es)

121 permanent  
researchers

2  
ERC



**Interdisciplinary Center  
for Chemistry and Biology**  
[cica.udc.gal](http://cica.udc.gal)

191 researchers

2  
ERC



**Center for Technological  
Innovation in Construction  
and Civil Engineering**  
[citec.udc.es](http://citec.udc.es)

90 researchers



**Centre for Research in  
Naval and Industrial  
Technology**  
[citeni.udc.es](http://citeni.udc.es)

116 researchers

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ERC



Interuniversity  
research centres



**Galician Centre for  
Mathematical Research  
and Technology**  
[citmaga.gal](http://citmaga.gal)

92 researchers (USC, UVigo, UDC)



**Interuniversity Research  
Centre for Atlantic Cultural  
Landscapes**  
[cispac.gal](http://cispac.gal)

73 researchers  
(USC, UVigo, UDC, CSIC)



**Interuniversity Research  
Centre on Economics and  
Business Administration for  
Society**  
[ecobas.gal](http://ecobas.gal)

80 permanent  
researchers  
(USC, UVigo, UDC)

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ERC



Delegation in Galicia since  
1943

Team of +750 people

+300 research projects  
managed

2 ERC grants\* in Galicia

[delegacion.galicia.csic.es](http://delegacion.galicia.csic.es)



**Biological Mission of Galicia**  
[mbg.csic.es](http://mbg.csic.es)

30 PI



**Institute of Marine  
Research**  
[www.iim.csic.es](http://www.iim.csic.es)

29 PI



**Padre Sarmiento Institute  
of Galician Studies**  
[iegps.csic.es](http://iegps.csic.es)

4 PI



**Cultural Heritage Research  
Institute**  
[www.incipit.csic.es](http://www.incipit.csic.es)

12 PI



**Centres of the Spanish  
Institute of Oceanography  
at Vigo and A Coruña**  
[www.ieo.es/es/web/vigo](http://www.ieo.es/es/web/vigo)  
[www.ieo.es/es/web/coruna](http://www.ieo.es/es/web/coruna)

35 PI in Vigo  
12 PI in A Coruña

2  
ERC



Health Research Institutes



**Health Research Institute  
of Santiago de Compostela**  
[www.idisantiago.es](http://www.idisantiago.es)

100 research groups



**Health Research Institute  
Galicia Sur**  
[www.iisgaliciasur.es](http://www.iisgaliciasur.es)

54 research groups



**Biomedical Research  
Institute of A Coruña**  
[www.inibic.es](http://www.inibic.es)

19 research groups



Unique scientific  
infrastructure



**Galia Supercomputing  
Center**  
[www.cesga.es](http://www.cesga.es)

Leadership and participation in  
+40 R&D projects every year.  
Computing services for +170  
third-part projects

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