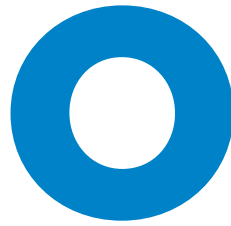


PORTUNIUS

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





PORTUNIUS

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	 ERC Finalists	 ERC Candidates
Incentives for ERC grantees who choose Galicia to develop their project.	Financial support and training to reinforce the options of finalists who want to develop their project in a Galician entity.	Advice and training to prepare a successful application with a Galician hosting institution.

RESULTS

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Oportunius contracts for ERC grantees

44 

ERC grantees supported

55 

ERC grants

31 

ERC finalists supported

331 

ERC proposals evaluated

32  **x 800**

training workshops with 800 participants

[Data from April 2026]

55 ERC PROJECTS IN GALICIA



PHYSICAL SCIENCES
AND ENGINEERING



LIFE
SCIENCES



SOCIAL SCIENCES
AND HUMANITIES

44 ERC GRANTEES

Sara Abalde-Cela (USC, CiQUS) – CoG 2025

Jaime Álvarez-Muñiz (USC, IGFAE) – SyG 2025

Marco Armiero (USC) – AdG 2024

Julián Bergueiro (USC, CiQUS) – CoG 2025

Saray Busto (USC, CITMAGA) – StG 2025

Cesar Cabrera (USC, IGFAE) – StG 2025

✦ Jacob Copeman (USC, IDEGA) – CoG 2018

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

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

✦ M^a del Carmen Giménez (USC, CiQUS) – StG 2015 PoC 2020 PoC 2025

✦ David Ryan Glowacki (USC, CITIUS) – CoG 2019

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

Héctor Gómez (UDC) – StG 2012

Ismael González (USC, CIMUS) – StG 2025

✦ 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

Guillermo Lorenzo (UDC, CITEEC) – StG 2025

✦ Jaime Martín (UDC, CITENI) – CoG 2022

✦ Diego Martínez (UDC, CITENI) – StG 2014

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

✦ Javier Montenegro (USC, CiQUS) – StG 2015 PoC 2018 SyG 2025

✦ 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 PoC 2025

✦ Beatriz Pelaz (USC, CiQUS) – StG 2020

✦ Diego Peña (USC, CiQUS) – SyG 2020

Carlos Pérez Carmona (CSIC, MBG) – CoG 2023

✦ Cristóbal Pérez (USC, CiQUS) – CoG 2023

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, iTERRA) – StG 2022

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

✦ Manuel Souto (USC, CiQUS) – StG 2021

Jorge de Torres (CSIC, INCIPIT) – StG 2019

✦ Jose Tubío (USC, CIMUS) – StG 2016

✦ Sara Varela (UVigo, CIM) – StG 2020

✦ Carlos Sebastián Villasante (USC, CRETUS) – CoG 2020

✦ Ashwin Woodhoo (USC, CIMUS) – CoG 2019



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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

€108,000
/year

CONSOLIDATOR
GRANT

€88,000
/year

STARTING
GRANT

€71,000
/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



Oportunus Programme additional remuneration, provided by the Axencia Galega de Innovación (for researchers contracted by the SUG or by the CSIC and included in the Oportunus 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 Oportunus 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 (Oportunus Programme).



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ERC FINALISTS

Researchers who submit an ERC application with a Galician host institution and reach the final stage of evaluation but are not awarded funding.

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.



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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 proposal

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 with other relevant R&D&I stakeholders such as technology centres, innovation hubs and sectoral clusters. All these entities can be host institutions for the Oportunius Programme.

HOST INSTITUTIONS



2 specialised campuses
(Vida and Terra)

289 research groups

5 research centres and
11 research institutes

38 ERC projects hosted

www.usc.gal

ciMUS

Center for Research in Molecular Medicine and
Chronic Diseases
cimus.usc.gal/es

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ciQUS

Center for Research in Biological Chemistry and
Molecular Materials
www.usc.es/ciqus

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GRANTEES

ciTUS

Research Centre on Intelligent Technologies
citius.gal

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GRANTEE

CRETUS

Cross-disciplinary Research Center in
Environmental Technologies
cretus.usc.es

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ERC
GRANTEES

USC INSTITUTO DE ESTUDIOS
E DESENVOLVIMENTO DE GALICIA
(IDEGA)

Instituto de Estudios y Desarrollo de Galicia
idega.gal/

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GRANTEE

IGFAE

Galician Institute of High Energy Physics
igfae.usc.es

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ERC
GRANTEES

Universidade de Vigo

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

180 research groups

4 research centres and
5 research institutes

6 ERC projects hosted

www.uvigo.gal

atlanTTic

Research Center for Telecommunication
Technologies
atlanttlic.uvigo.es

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ERC
GRANTEES

cim

Marine Research Centre
cim.uvigo.gal

cinbio

Centre for Research in Nanomaterials and
Biomedicine
cinbio.es

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ERC
GRANTEES

CINTECX

Research Center in Technologies, Energy and
Industrial Processes
cintecx.uvigo.es



ERC grant holders currently affiliated with the centre



UNIVERSIDADE DA CORUÑA

3 specialised campuses
(Innova, Sustentabilidade,
Industrial)

130 research groups and
units

4 research centres

8 ERC projects hosted

www.udc.es



**Centre for Information and Communications
Technology Research**
citic.udc.es

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ERC
GRANTEE



**Interdisciplinary Center for Chemistry and
Biology**
cica.udc.gal

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GRANTEES



**Center for Technological Innovation in
Construction and Civil Engineering**
citeec.udc.es

1
ERC
GRANTEE



**Centre for Research in Naval and Industrial
Technology**
citeni.udc.es

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ERC
GRANTEES



Interuniversity
research centres



**Galician Centre for Mathematical Research
and Technology**
citmaga.gal

1
ERC
GRANTEE



**Interuniversity Research Centre for Atlantic
Cultural Landscapes**
cispac.gal

1
ERC
GRANTEE



**Interuniversity Research Centre on Economics
and Business Administration for Society**
ecobas.gal



Delegation in Galicia since
1943

Team of +290 researchers

+160 research projects

3 ERC projects hosted in
Galicia

delegacion.galicia.csic.es



Biological Mission of Galicia
mbg.csic.es

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Institute of Marine Research
www.iim.csic.es



Padre Sarmiento Institute of Galician Studies
iegps.csic.es



Cultural Heritage Research Institute
www.incipit.csic.es

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ERC
GRANTEES



**Centres of the Spanish Institute of
Oceanography at Vigo and A Coruña**
www.ieo.es/es/web/vigo
www.ieo.es/es/web/coruna



Health Research Institutes



**Health Research Institute of
Santiago de Compostela**
www.idisantiago.es



Health Research Institute Galicia Sur
www.iisgaliciasur.es



Biomedical Research Institute of A Coruña
www.inibic.es



Unique scientific
infrastructure



Galicia Supercomputing Center
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