



“How to find EU funding for my own research topic?”

Bottom-up funding programmes in Horizon 2020

The EU's funding programmes are well-known for their pre-defined topics and their collaborative research projects. However the current framework programme Horizon 2020 also provides a considerable amount of funding for basic research and bottom-up research questions from all research disciplines. This short input will give you an overview of the following bottom-up funding programmes within Horizon 2020:

European Research Council (ERC): The ERC funds innovative basic and pioneering research of single Principle Investigators (PIs) and their teams. It is open to all research disciplines. The sole evaluation criterion is the scientific excellence of the project and of the PI. The following funding lines will be introduced: ERC Starting Grant, ERC Consolidator Grant, ERC Advanced Grant, ERC Synergy Grant.

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA – ITN and IF): The MSCAs fund bottom-up research and innovation projects and are open to all research disciplines. Transnational mobility is a basic principle of the MSCA, as well as the participation of the non-academic sector. The MSCA Innovative Training Networks (ITNs) provide funding to consortia of European institutions to support research-driven structured training of early career researchers. Experienced researchers can apply for funding for their own research projects that are conducted in Europe or in a third country (Individual Fellowships, IFs).

Future and Emerging Technologies (FET): Future and Emerging Technologies (FET) activities aim at exploring unconventional new research ideas and topics that might call into question existing paradigms and give significant impetus for technological change. The concept is grounded on excellence but also includes the exploration of pre-competitive ideas with regard to future technologies.

In addition, the EU Office of TU Berlin will give an overview of its support services in relation to the above funding programmes.

The event addresses researchers of TU Berlin (postdocs, group leaders, full professors and doctoral students about to finish their PhD) who are looking for funding for their own research projects.

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