ERC Advanced Grant 2019

Part B2[[1]](#footnote-1)

*(not evaluated in Step 1)*

**Sections (a) and (b) of Part B2 together with section (c) Resources present in the online submission form should not exceed 15 pages. Budget table and References do not count towards the page limits.**

*Text highlighted in grey should be deleted.*

***Please respect the following formatting constraints: Times New Roman, Arial or similar, at least font size 11, margins (2.0 cm side and 1.5 cm top and bottom), single line spacing.***

Highlighted in yellow are instructions from “Information for Applicants to the Advanced Grant 2019 Call”

**Section a. State-of-the-art and objectives**

Specify the proposal objectives in the context of the state of the art in the research field. It should be clear how and why the proposed work is important for the field, and what impact it will have if successful, such as how it may open up new horizons or opportunities for science, technology or scholarship. Highlight any particularly challenging or unconventional aspects of the proposal, including multi- or inter-disciplinary aspects.

**Section b. Methodology**

Describe the proposed methodology in detail including any key intermediate goals. Explain and justify the methodology in relation to the state of the art, and particularly novel or unconventional aspects addressing the 'high-risk/high-gain' balance. Highlight any intermediate stages where results may require adjustments to the project planning. In case one or more team members are engaged by another host institution their participation has to be fully justified with respect to the scientific added value they bring to the project.

***Do NOT include any description of resources or budget table here (Part B2). The Resources section and the detailed budget table are now part of the online submission form (Part A, Section 3 - Budget).***

A description and justification of the resources should be provided in the text box (Section C. Resources) under the budget table.

Maximum 8000 characters allowed.

The budget table and description of resources will be made available to the experts evaluating the proposal.

Part B2 and the descriptive part of the resources (Section C. Resources) should account for 15 pages together. The budget table will not count against this page limit.

Please note that **4000 characters correspond to one text page**.

The costs are given in whole Euros (not kilo Euros).

1. State the amount of funding considered necessary to fulfil the research objectives. The project cost estimation should be as accurate as possible. The requested budget should be fully justified and in proportion to the actual needs. Describe all the cost categories considered necessary for the project. The evaluation panels assess the estimated costs carefully; unjustified budgets will be reduced.

2. Specify your commitment in terms of percentage of working time you are willing to devote to the proposed project.

3. Describe the size and nature of the team, indicating, where appropriate, the key team members and their roles. The participation of team members engaged by other host institutions should be justified and in relation to the additional financial costs this may impose. When estimating the personnel costs take into account the dedicated working time to run the project.

4. Include a short technical description of any requested equipment, why it is needed and the planned usage for the project.

5. Include a realistic estimation of the costs for Open Access for project outputs. Costs for providing immediate Open Access to publications (article processing charges/book processing charges) are eligible if they are incurred during the lifetime of the project.

6. Describe any additional funding requested for the project. It needs to be well justified for the successful implementation of the project.

7. Describe any existing resources not requiring EU funding that will be used for the project, such as infrastructure and equipment.

If you request additional funding above the ceiling of 2.500.000 € for ADG for (a) covering eligible 'start-up' costs for a PI moving from another country to the EU or an AC as a consequence of receiving an ERC grant and/or (b) the purchase of major equipment and/or (c) access to large facilities, then you need to fully justify it in the description of the resources. Please note that any additional funding request under (a) and (b) may be subject to 25% overhead. Request of additional funding listed under (c) to access large research facilities owned by a third party and not used on the beneficiary’s premises, will not be subject to a 25 % overhead.

1. Instructions for completing Part B2 can be found in the ‘*Information for Applicants to the Advanced Grant 2019 Call’*. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)