



Grants from Europe: Jean Monnet and the European Research Council

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For a selection of EU grants, consult: EURAXESS <https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu>

Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy at the time of writing. Potential applicants are encouraged to check the pertinent websites.

JEAN MONNET GRANTS

Jean Monnet Actions run under Erasmus+ to support teaching, learning, research and debates on various aspects of the European Union. https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/opportunities/jean-monnet_en

1. Jean Monnet - Networks

Networks aim foster the creation and development of consortia of international players (Higher Education Institutions, existing Centres of Excellence, Faculties and Departments, Research Centres, etc.) in a specific priority of the European Union as defined in the annual call. The networks gather information, exchange practices, build knowledge and produce evidence on the subject feeding the policy debate and reporting to the European Commission about the best results.

Funding duration: 3 years. See https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/opportunities/jean-monnet-networks-schools-and-vet-institutes_en

2. Jean Monnet - Centres of Excellence

Centres of Excellence are focal point of competence and knowledge on European Union subjects. On top of their research activities, centres also have a major role in reaching out to students from faculties not normally dealing with European Union issues as well as to policymakers, civil servants, organised civil society and the general public.

Funding duration: 3 years. See https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/opportunities/jean-monnet-centres-excellence_en

3. Jean Monnet - Chairs

A Jean Monnet Chair is a teaching post with a specialization in EU Studies. Based on a competitive selection process, the European Commission awards the Chair to qualified academics who teach a minimum of 90 hours per academic year on topics relevant to European integration. In addition to course development, a Jean Monnet Chair supports research on EU subjects as well as outreach and training activities.

Jean Monnet Chairs are funded for a three-year period . See https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/opportunities/jean-monnet-chair_en

4. Jean Monnet - Modules

Jean Monnet Modules are short teaching programmes or courses on EU studies at Higher Education Institutions. They are organised by one researcher/professor and may also call for the participation of colleagues and experts, they can be introductory modules on the EU, courses that concentrate on a specific aspect or discipline within EU studies, or be more multi-disciplinary in approach.

Funding duration: 3 years.

Each Module has a minimum duration of 40 teaching hours per academic year and must focus on one particular discipline in European studies or be multidisciplinary requiring the academic input of several professors and experts.

See https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/opportunities/jean-monnet-modules_en

An example of a Jean Monnet Module see [here](#) for the *Comparative Regional Governance* Module.

5. Jean Monnet for other levels of education and training

Teacher training activities

This action promotes knowledge on the European Union in schools and vocational education and training institutes in the Programme Countries. It aims to offer opportunities to:

- education providers to develop and deliver content to learners
- teacher training providers to support teachers with methodologies and updated knowledge on European Union issues
- promote debate and exchanges between school and VET representatives and stakeholders on learning about European Union subjects

See https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/opportunities/jean-monnet-teacher-training_en

Who assesses the grant applications?

All applications are subject to rigorous and independent peer review by academics from around the world. Applicants are provided with written feedback regarding the application.

Could I compare Australia for example, and other parts of the world?

Yes. Example of [CONREP](#): Specialists on refugee policy from seven universities and most of these academics are not EU experts.

Could I include universities from all over the world?

Yes. See current examples of [Comparative Network on Refugee Externalisation Policies](#) (CONREP) of seven universities, led by the University of Melbourne and [EU-Asia Security and Trade \(EAST\)](#) – A research Network investigating EU-Asia relations of seven institutions (including the University of Melbourne) from three continents.

Do I receive detailed written feedback from the assessors on my application? Yes

EUROPEAN RESEARCH COUNCIL

Research projects funded by the European Research Council (ERC) can last up to five years and can cover frontier research in any scientific domain, including social sciences, humanities and interdisciplinary studies.

The grants may help both emerging research leaders ('ERC Starting Grants' and 'ERC Consolidator Grants') and already well-established and recognised scientists ('ERC Advanced Grants').

1. Starting Grant

Researchers of any nationality with 2-7 years of experience since completion of PhD.

Starting Grants may be awarded up to € 1.5 million for a period of 5 years. For promising early-career researchers.

<https://erc.europa.eu/funding/starting-grants>

2. Consolidator Grant

Researchers of any nationality with 7-12 years of experience since completion of PhD. Consolidator Grants may be awarded up to €2 million for a period of 5 years.

<https://erc.europa.eu/funding/consolidator-grants>

3. Advanced Grant

Applicants for the ERC Advanced Grants - called Principal Investigators (PI) - are expected to be active researchers who have a track-record of significant research achievements in the last 10 years.

Active researchers, significant achievements in last 10 years. Up to €2.5m for 5 years

<https://erc.europa.eu/funding/advanced-grants>

4. Synergy Grant

A group of two to maximum four Principal Investigators (PIs) – of which one will be designated as the corresponding PI (cPI) – working together and bringing different skills and resources to tackle ambitious research problems. Max €10 million for 6 years (plus more possible)

<https://erc.europa.eu/funding/synergy-grants>

Who can apply?

Any academic anywhere in the world based at a university – however there is an expectation that they will be based at a European university for a percentage of the grant.

For the first time since the 2019 Work Programme, one Principal Investigator per Synergy Grant group at any one time can be hosted or engaged by an institution outside of the EU or Associated Countries – Australia, for example.

Do I need to be an expert on the EU?

No. The topic can be comparative or thematic or EU-focussed.

For examples of projects, click [here](#).

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When is the deadline?

ERC grant applications can only be submitted in response to a Call for Proposals.