



UNIVERSITÀ DI PISA

## Call Starting@UNIFI

### Art. 1 – Purpose and object of the call

The University of Pisa offers a **support service** to researchers interested in presenting a proposal for the **ERC Starting Grant 2024** call whose publication is expected in July 2023 with deadline in October 2023. The beneficiaries of the service will be selected, in the maximum number of 15, on the basis of the evaluation criteria reported in article 6. **Up to a maximum of 5** of the selected beneficiaries can be researchers who do not have an existing contract with the University of Pisa.

The Support will consist of an extensive and interactive review process on:

- CV and scientific profile of the PI
- project idea and its presentation

and will be carried out by a consultancy agency selected by the University of Pisa in collaboration with the Research Development Unit.

### Art. 2 – Recipients of the call

The applicants are researchers, of any nationality, interested in presenting a project proposal for the ERC Starting Grant 2024 call, selecting the University of Pisa as the host institution.

### Art. 3 – Eligibility criteria

The eligibility criteria are defined in agreement with the guidelines for the ERC Starting Grant application<sup>1</sup>. In addition, a **Letter of Commitment** duly **signed by the Director of the Department** of the University of Pisa that will host the researcher if she/he will be funded with the ERC-StG 2024 grant. The letter form to be used is reported as **attachment 1**.

### Art. 4 – How to submit the application and deadline

Applicants must send their **CV** and their **project idea** (to be filled in using attachment 2), together with the Letter of Commitment referred to in art. 3, by email to [starting@unipi.it](mailto:starting@unipi.it). All documents must be written in

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<sup>1</sup> Researchers of any nationality with 2-7 years of experience since completion of PhD, a scientific track record showing great promise and an excellent research proposal. Extensions of eligibility are possible in several cases. In the case of maternity, paternity, long term illness, national service, clinical training, or due to a natural disaster or seeking asylum. PhD defence date: the reference date is the certified date of the successful defence (and not award) of the PhD. Whenever the PhD certificate does not show the PhD defence date, applicants should provide a written confirmation from the awarding institution stating the said date.

**English** and sent in **pdf format**. Applications submitted according to a structure other than that provided in the annexes or which do not comply with the character limits indicated will not be admitted to evaluation.

The deadline for the submission of applications is **7 April 2023 at 11.59 pm** (the date of sending the mail will prevail).

#### **Art. 5 – Evaluation procedure**

The applications will be reviewed by an Evaluation Committee, coordinated by the Vice-Chancellor for the promotion of Research (representative for the PE domain), and composed by the Delegate for the promotion of Research in Life Sciences (for the LS domain) and the Delegate for the promotion of Research in Social Sciences and Humanities (for the SSH domain). The Committee may be supported by expert evaluators in the scientific areas of the submitted proposals.

The members of the Committee and the experts are obliged to maintain the confidentiality of information relating to the proposals that will be submitted to them for evaluation.

#### **Art. 6 – Evaluation criteria**

Project ideas will be evaluated based on the sole criterion of scientific excellence for a maximum score of 80/100. Up to a maximum of 20/100 points will be assigned to the candidate's profile that has to be in line with the requirements of the ERC-StG-2024 call. Proposals reaching a threshold of 70/100 will be selected. Researchers whose proposal has not been selected will receive an evaluation report indicating the strengths and weaknesses of both the submitted project idea and the CV.

#### **Art. 7 – Publication of the results**

Upon completion of the evaluation process (in any case, no later than May 2, 2023), the list of proposals eligible for funding (up to a maximum of 15), of which up to a maximum of 5 submitted by applicants who, as of April 7, 2023, do not have an existing contract with the University of Pisa, will be published on the dedicated webpage of the University's website.

#### **Art. 8 – Publication of the call**

This notice and attachments are published in the Research section of the University of Pisa website – <https://www.unipi.it/index.php/ricerca>.

#### **Art. 9 – Person in charge of the call**

According to Art. 5 of the Italian Law of August 7th, 1990, n. 241, the person in charge for the present call is Dr. Mauro Bellandi, Director of the Research and Technology Transfer Services Department, University of Pisa - Lungarno Pacinotti, 44 - Pisa, e-mail [mauro.bellandi@unipi.it](mailto:mauro.bellandi@unipi.it).

#### **Art. 10 – Personal data**

The processing of personal data is governed by Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of April 27, 2016 "General Data Protection Regulation" published in the Official Gazette of July 4, 2016, by Legislative Decree No. 196 of June 30, 2003 "Personal Data Protection Code," published in the Official Gazette of July 29, 2003, and by University of Pisa Personal Data Protection Regulations issued by Rector's Decree No. 866/2019 of May 27, 2019.

Personal data will be processed solely for the purposes of this call for proposals.

The Research and Technology Transfer Services Department, the members of the evaluation committee and the experts agree not to disclose the contents of project proposals to third parties and to protect the confidentiality of everything stated therein.

## **Annexes**

- Annex 1 - Letter of Commitment template
- Annex 2 – Proposal template