

Information for Applicants

Module: ERC

Applicants are entitled to apply for additional funding along with the funding provided via the basis module (please refer to Information Sheet B for further information) if they are planning to apply for ERC Starting/Consolidator/Advanced or Synergy Grants. The costs for these measures are borne centrally by Division VI: Research and are not offset against the amount covered by the application. The funding applies to the following:

- Applicants with a W2/W3 professorship are eligible for a **reduction in their teaching workload** amounting to two teaching hours during the semester of the submission deadline.¹ The applicant must submit their request for a reduction in teaching hours through the official channels set in place by their department and the Personnel Division. Division VI: Research can provide central resources to finance the hiring of a substitute lecturer if the request is approved.
- Participating in a (one-day) **proposal writing workshop** with an external consulting agency; usually at least 4 months before the submission deadline.
- **Workshops/courses on grant writing** in the form of extensive, written feedback on the application draft by an external consulting agency and a feedback session at least four weeks before the submission deadline.
- **Interview training** to prepare for the second stage of evaluation.

Please indicate the nature of the funding you require from the ERC module in the funding application. The Research Funding and Information team is responsible for carrying out the aforementioned measures. If you have any questions regarding the support measures or applying for an ERC grant in general, please get in contact with Edda Nitschke (VI C ERC, edda.nitschke@fu-berlin.de).

¹ The following guidelines apply to reductions in teaching hours: <https://www.fu-berlin.de/forschung/service/foerderung/dokumentensammlung/formular/leitlinien-lehrdeputatsermaessigungen-forschungssemester.pdf>