

ERC for Nanosciences

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Based on my fourteen years of experience working at the ERCEA, I will attempt to demonstrate how ERC and its projects contributed to the progress of the various nano-research fields through data and successful project examples. I will present the available funding options and the peer-review evaluation process, and I will give some tips for those who intend to apply for an ERC grant in the future.

Figures



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