The aim of the workshop is to provide participants with all the essential information about the European Research Council (ERC) (http://erc.europa.eu/) funding schemes and how to prepare a successful ERC Starting or Consolidator Grant proposal. The call deadlines for the ERC Starting Grant and ERC Consolidator Grant are the 17th November 2015 and the 2nd February 2016, respectively. The ERC Programme is open to all research areas.

The ERC Starting Grant (ERC StG) is aimed at researchers 2-7 years post-PhD who already have a proven excellent track record and important publications. The ERC StG will provide up to €1.5 million of funding (for up to 5 Years) and will support the Principal Investigator (PI) to start their own independent research team or strengthen an already existing one.

The ERC Consolidator Grant (ERC-CoG) is aimed at researchers 7-12 years post PhD who can already demonstrate independent work and extensive research, in addition to important publications as main author. The ERC-CoG will provide maximum funding of €2 million (for up to 5 years) and should support the PI in the strengthening of an already existing research group.

Further benchmarks could be monographs, patents, presentations at international conferences or prizes.

Why participate?

The event will give participants important information about the ERC schemes and will discuss key issues such as the structure of the application, how to write the proposal and how to calculate the project budget. Alena Morrison and Helmut Schaschl from the University Office for Research Services & Career Development will provide an overview of the ERC schemes and details on writing the proposal. Furthermore, a current Consolidator Grantee will share their tips and advice on preparing a successful proposal, and an ERC Panel Member/Evaluator will provide valuable insight into the review process.

Researchers who intend to submit to the 2016 ERC StG or CoG calls are warmly encouraged to participate in this event.

When and Where?

The workshop (in English only) will be held at Alte Kapelle (Campus der Universität Wien) on Thursday, 24 September from 9:10 to 11:30. Please register for this workshop by sending an email to m.wimmer@univie.ac.at. Please note that places are limited.

Kind Regards,

The Research Services and Career Development Team
European Research Council – Starting (StG) and Consolidator (CoG) Grant 2015 Information Event

**Date:** Thursday, September 24th, 2015  
**Location:** Seminarraum "Alte Kapelle", Hof 2.8, Campus der Universität Wien, Spitalgasse 2, 1090 Wien  
**Time:** 9:10 – 11:30

**Agenda**

9:10 – 9:30  
**Registration and Coffee**

9:30 – 10:30  
**Overview of ERC Starting and Consolidator Grants**  
*Alena Morrison, Research Services and Career Development*

**Hints and Tips for preparing your proposal**  
*Helmut Schaschl, Research Services and Career Development*

10:30 – 11:20  
**Advice from a successful ERC Consolidator Grantee:**  
*Sascha Martens, Department of Biochemistry and Cell Biology, Max F. Perutz Laboratories*

**An ERC Panel member’s perspective:**  
*Monika Bright, Department of Limnology and Bio-Oceanography*

11:20 – 11:30  
**Wrap-Up**