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What, how to become eligible and available help at OsloMet

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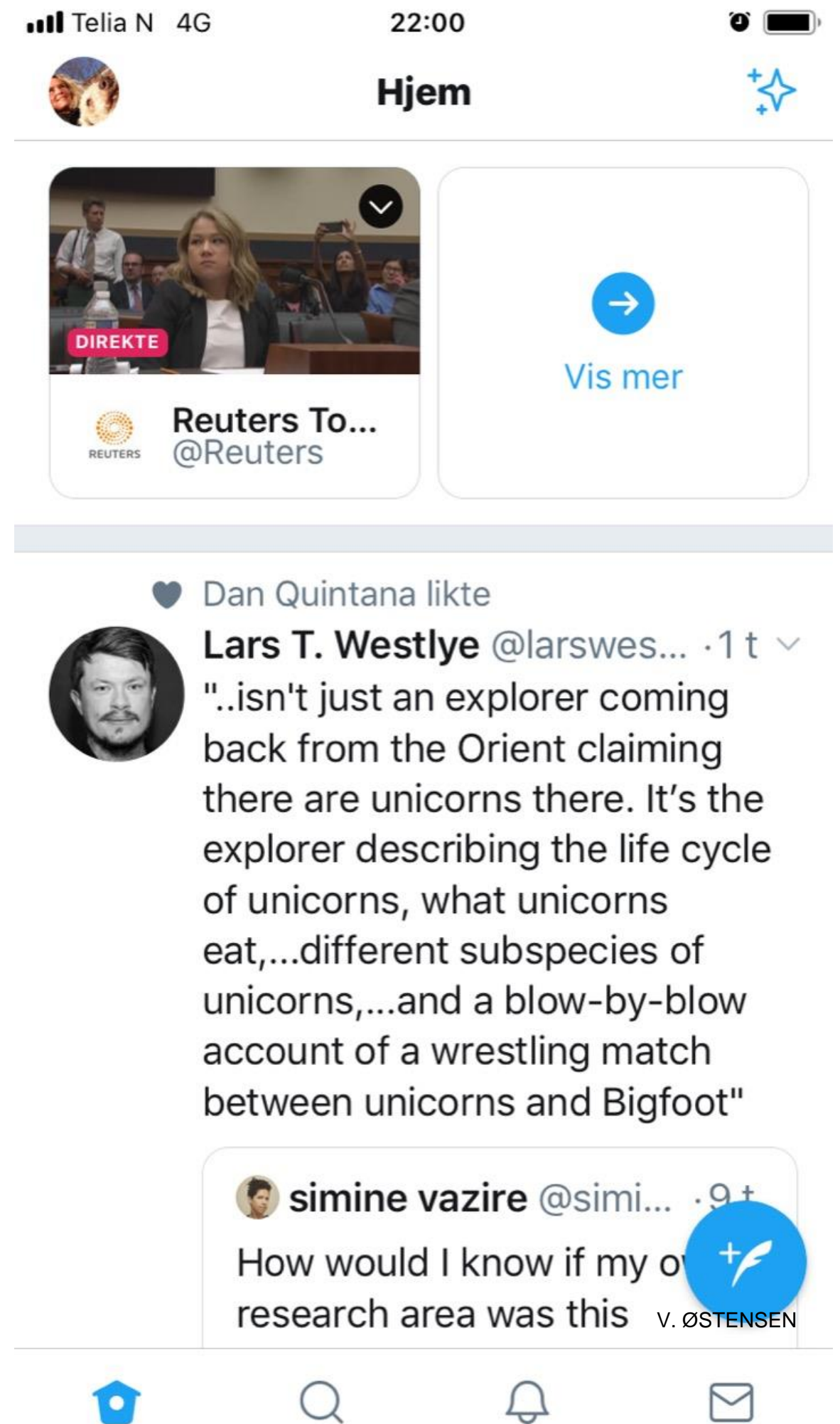


The European Research Council (ERC)

- Funding to excellent frontier research, cross disciplinary proposals and pioneering ideas in new and emerging fields and innovative approaches.
- Supporting top researchers from anywhere in the world



Focus on the idea!



Main principles

- 1 researcher; 1 host institution; 1 project; 1 selection criterion: scientific excellence
- No consortia, no networks, no co-financing
- Applications can be made in any field of research, including social sciences and humanities
- Independent researchers from anywhere in the world, of any age and career stage can apply
- Host institutions must provide conditions for the researcher to direct the research and manage its funding
- The grant is 'portable' to another host institution, if the grantholder wishes so
- Research must be carried out in one of the 28 EU member states or associated countries

Type of grants

Starting Grant (StG)

- Young, early-career top researchers (2-7 years after PhD) - up to 1.5 million euro for 5 years.

Consolidator Grant (CoG)

- already independent excellent researchers 7-12 years after PhD) -up to 2 million euro for 5 years.

Advanced Grant (AdG)

- Senior research leaders with significant research achievements in the last 10 years - up to 2.5 million euro for 5 years.

Proof of Concept Grants

- ERC grant holders who want to check the market and/or innovation potential of research results from ERC-projects - up to 150,000 euro for 12 months.

ERC Synergy Grants

- to address ambitious research questions that can only be answered by the coordinated work of a small group of 2-4 principal investigators - up to 6 million euro for 6 years.

Eligibility Criteria

	Starting Grant	Consolidator Grant	Advanced Grant and Synergy Grant
Specific Eligibility Criteria	<p>Principal Investigator shall have been awarded his or her first PhD</p> <p>> 2 and ≤ 7 years</p> <p>prior to 1 January 2019</p> <p>Cut-off dates: PhD awarded from 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2016 (inclusive)</p>	<p>Principal Investigator shall have been awarded his or her first PhD</p> <p>> 7 and ≤ 12 years</p> <p>prior to 1 January 2019</p> <p>Cut-off dates: PhD awarded from 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2011 (inclusive)</p>	<p>none</p>

Special considerations, eligibility period for StG/CoG

*For maternity, the EETE will be considered reduced by 18 months or if longer by the documented amount of leave actually taken for each child born **before or after** the PhD award. For paternity, the EETE will be considered reduced by the documented amount of paternity leave actually taken for each child born **before or after** the PhD award.*

*For long-term illness¹⁶, or national service the EETE will be considered reduced by the documented amount of leave actually taken by the Principal Investigator for each incident which occurred **after** the PhD award.*

Why?

- Fun
 - Opportunity to test out your most bold idea
 - You get time to do your research (min 50% of your time must be used for StG, 40% CoG, 30% AdG)
 - Defining priorities/focus for your research and career development, adjusting your mindset
 - Visibility of your research
- Prestigious:
 - World renowned grant
 - Stamp of excellent scientific profile and with visionary research projects
 - Opens door to renowned scientific communities and networks
 - Strengthens possibilities for more external funding from other funding bodies
- OsloMet and your department/centre will receive reward money from the Ministry of Education and Research= RBO

Evaluation StG/CoG: Research project: Ground breaking nature and potential impact for science

- To what extent does the project address important scientific challenges?
 - Objectives ambitious and beyond state-of-the-art?
 - High risk/high gain?
- Scientific approach
 - Feasible, and high risk/high gain..?
 - Research methodology and working arrangements appropriate to achieve goals?
 - Involvement and/or development of novel methodology?
 - Timescales, resources and commitment of PI adequate and properly justified?

Evaluation StG/CoG: PI – intellectual capacity and creativity

- Demonstrated capability to conduct ground breaking research?
- Demonstrated creative and independent thinking?
- Have the required expertise and capacity?

Evaluation results and consequences

From the workplan 2019:

B or C at step 1 (no interview) – can not apply the next year for the same type of call

A, or B at step 2 (interview Brussels) – no restriction on resubmission

Expected – not verified timeframe ERC 2020

Work programme for 2020 to be released in July 2019. *Expected* call deadlines for 2020:

- Starting Grant: 16. October 2019
- Synergy Grant: 5. November 2019
- Consolidator Grant: 4. February 2020
- Advanced Grant: 26. August 2020

Tips: how to succeed in ERC

- Understand the criteria for success
- Make ERC applications part of your strategy
- Attend career development seminars, proposal development courses, make use of central adm and local admin
- Have patience.. And do not be afraid to fail – you will get there in the end! Not waste of time – this is your ambition – your excellent idea – you will be able to do the project somehow. If you get interviewed in Brussels/Stage 2: up to 500 000 NOK from the Research Council to strenghten new proposal

Resources available at OsloMet

What we may assist in

- Evaluate existing CV, see potential solutions to weaknesses
- PES funding
- When there is an idea;
 - 2-pager to evaluate potential
 - Information/courses on ERC (external/internal)
 - Dedicated people that follow up the proposal development against ERC evaluation criteria during the whole process
 - Mock-intervju if invited to Brussels
 - If rejected, see opportunities how to improve on weaknesses pointed out in the evaluation together with the candidate to strengthen proposal for resubmission on next available call

PES (project establishment funding)

- May apply for money to assist in establish the project, may be used for:
 - Meeting network (travel)
 - Funding for external consultants that may assist in the writing of the application through commenting and advice (The Central team for external funding must approve the consultant before signing agreement)
 - Piloting
 - Buy-out time for PI from teaching and other activities (agreement and description of why must be signed by head of faculty/centre/institute and added to application of PES) Supervision of PhD is excluded
- Amount; may vary, maximum 50 000 implied by RCN
- How to apply: contact Karoline.Aursland@oslomet.no for application form and see link below:
<https://ansatt.oslomet.no/internasjonaliseringmidler>

Some links 😊

Some experienced researchers stories

- Heidi , HF, UiO

Her er hennes 14 tips – smart å tenke på, selv utenom intervju..:

<https://www.brokex.org/blog/>

Her er lenke til prosjektsiden hun fikk finansiering på fra ERC:

<https://www.hf.uio.no/ikos/english/research/projects/china-brokerage/index.html>

Some useful links

82 ERC projects to Norway so far (signed agreements – so this years grantees not included, takes time..)

<https://erc.europa.eu/projects-figures/erc-funded-projects/results?f%5B0%5D=country%3ANorway>

RCN on ERC:

<https://www.forskningsradet.no/sok-om-finansiering/internasjonale-midler/sok-horisont-2020/fremragende-forskning/>

Some useful links

- ERC: <https://erc.europa.eu/>
- Results (granted) ERC StG 2018, social sciences and Humanities:
https://erc.europa.eu/sites/default/files/document/file/erc_2018_stg_results_sh.pdf
- Panel chairs 2018 social sciences and Humanities :
https://erc.europa.eu/sites/default/files/document/file/erc_2018_stg_panel_chairs.pdf
- Panel members 2018:
https://erc.europa.eu/sites/default/files/document/file/erc_2018_stg_panel_members.pdf
- All ERC funded projects and statistics may be found here: <https://erc.europa.eu/projects-figures/erc-funded-projects>
- Research talent development program at OsloMet – a pilot:
<https://blogg.hioa.no/researchtalent/>

FRIPRO RCN

- <https://www.forskningsradet.no/om-forskningsradet/programmer/fripro/>



Dream unrestricted – overall ambition/vision!