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Supporting Talent in ReSearch@ University of Padua

The STARS funding programme welcomes young pioneers of frontier research, offering support to ground-breaking ideas with definite potential to turn into competitive proposals for international funding, including the prestigious ERC grants.

STARS grants are open to all scientific areas and will **support research projects of 30 months** to be developed in one of the 32 Departments of the University of Padua.

STARS Starting Grants (StG) target PIs of any age and nationality, who intend to establish their own team and launch an independent research activity. Successful candidates will get a fixed-term position of 30 months at the University of Padua. Applicants must have defended their first Doctoral Degree **between 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2024**.

STARS Consolidator (CoG) and Wild Card Grants (WiC) target PIs who have already established their research activity at the University of Padua and wish to consolidate their team, developing new ideas and projects. **STARS CoG** must have defended their first Doctoral Degree **between 1 January 2015 and 31 December 2019**.

Excellence is the only way to the STARS

Projects are evaluated based on their innovative nature, ambition and feasibility. PIs will be rewarded for their scientific skills, creativity and commitment.

Successful PIs, once enrolled in the STARS programme, will receive full support to submit an **ERC application**, choosing the University of Padua as their Host Institution, either during the project or immediately after.

What we offer

STARS Grants entail a research budget of up to **100,000.00 € (Social Sciences and Humanities)** or **175,000.00 € (Physical Sciences and Engineering, Life Sciences)**, plus a fellowship for the PI of up to **105,000.00 € gross amount for 30 months**, equivalent to 42,000.00 € gross amount/year or indicatively 30,000.00 € amount/year, gross of the mandatory charges born by the recipient. Researchers from abroad benefit from an extra **Mobility allowance** of **15,000.00 € (gross amount for 30 months)**.

About the University of Padua, Italy

The University of Padua has a long tradition and consolidated reputation for scientific excellence and its 32 Departments cover an exceptionally broad research scope in most branches of science. The STARS Programme is worth **9 million Euros** over **2025-2027** and fully reflects the University engagement in frontier research and innovation.

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CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Opening date:
December 20th 2024

Closing date:
March 21st 2025

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