

## Advanced Laureate Profile

### Objectives

Advanced Laureate Awards (ALAs) are designed to support excellent Principal Investigators at the career stage at which they are already established research leaders with a recognised track record of research achievements. Applicant Principal Investigators must demonstrate the ground-breaking nature, ambition and feasibility of their scientific proposal.

### Size of IRC Advanced Laureate Awards

Advanced Grants may be awarded up to a maximum of **EUR 1 000 000** for a period of 4 years<sup>1</sup>.

### Profile of the IRC Advanced Laureate Awards Principal Investigator

IRC Advanced Laureate Principal Investigators are expected to be active researchers and to have a track record of significant research achievements **for a minimum of 10 year period (broken or unbroken) from the last fifteen years** which must be presented in the application. There is little prospect of an application succeeding in the absence of such a record, which identifies investigators as exceptional leaders in terms of originality and significance of their research contributions. Applicants whose research has been impacted by a career break or increased time commitment to an administrative role in their institution should highlight this in their application.

Any extensions should be clearly explained in the career break section of their CV for each incident which occurred.

In most fields, Principal Investigators of ALA proposals will be expected to demonstrate a record of achievements appropriate to the field and at least matching one or more of the following benchmarks:

- 10 publications as main author (or in those fields where alphabetic order of authorship is the norm, joint author) in major international peer-reviewed multidisciplinary scientific journals, and/or in the leading international peer-reviewed journals and peer-reviewed conferences proceedings of their respective field;
- 2 major research monographs, of which at least one is translated into another language. This benchmark is relevant to research fields where publication of monographs is the norm (e.g. humanities and social sciences).

Other alternative benchmarks that may be considered (individually or in combination) as indicative of an exceptional record and recognition in the last 10 years:

- 2 granted patents;
- 5 invited presentations in well-established internationally organised conferences and advanced schools;
- 1 research expeditions led by the applicant Principal Investigator;
- International recognition through scientific or artistic prizes/awards or membership in well-regarded Academies or artefact with documented use (for example, architectural or engineering design, methods or tools);

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<sup>1</sup> The maximum award is reduced pro rata temporis for projects of a shorter duration. This does not apply to ongoing projects.



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Major contributions to launching the careers of outstanding researchers;

- Recognised leadership in their field.



### Ten-year track record

*In the Track Record section of the application form the applicant Principal Investigator should list (if applicable):*

- 1. Up to ten representative publications, from the last ten years, as main author (or in those fields where alphabetic order of authorship is the norm, joint author) in major international peer-reviewed multi-disciplinary scientific journals and/or in the leading international peer-reviewed journals and peer-reviewed conference proceedings of their respective research fields (properly referenced, field relevant bibliometric indicators may also be included);**
- 2. Research monographs and any translations thereof;**
- 3. Granted patents;**
- 4. Invited presentations to internationally established conferences and/or international advanced schools;**
- 5. Research expeditions that the applicant Principal Investigator has led;**
- 6. Organisation of international conferences in the field of the applicant (membership in the steering and/or organising committee);**
- 7. Prizes/ Awards/ Academy memberships;**
- 8. Major contributions to the early careers of excellent researchers;**
- 9. Examples of leadership in industrial innovation or design.**