

Summary of the 2024 call of applications of national research grants of Estonian Research Council

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In 2024 call (PUT2025 – projects starting 2025) postdoctoral (in a foreign country), starting or team grants could have been applied for. 336 applications were submitted, **332** were under review and 4 were rejected. The board of Estonian Research Council decided based on the proposal of the Evaluation Committee to grant **93 projects**.

Table 1. Number of applications and grants, applied and granted amount, success rates by grant type

	Postdoctoral grant	Starting grant	Team grant	Total
Number of applications	35	55	242	332
Number of grants	16	22	55	93
Success rate (out of the number of applications)	46%	40%	23%	28%
Amount applied for 2025	2 660 000	5 411 806	53 831 041	61 902 847
Amount granted for 2025	1 216 000	2 209 607	12 889 642	16 315 249
Success rate (out of the amount of applications)	46%	41%	24%	26%

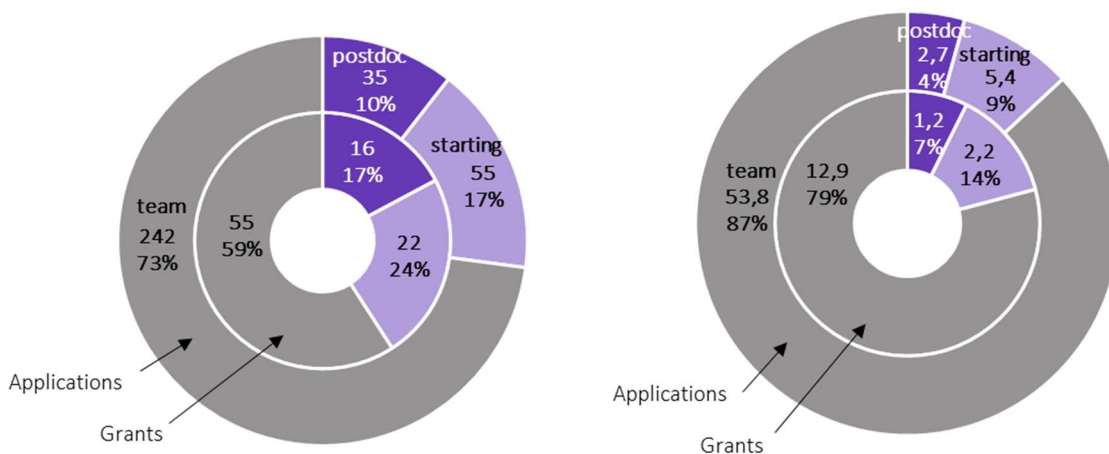


Figure 1. Number of applications and grants, applied and granted amount (mIn EUR) by grant type

55% of starting and team grant applications were small, 45% large, 43% of the issued grants are small, 57% large.

Table 2. Number of applications and grants by the groups of grant amount

Group of grant amount	Maximum possible amount (EUR) per year	Number of applications	Number of grants
Postdoctoral grant	76 000	35	16
Starting grant small	76 000	21	8
Starting grant large	117 000	34	14
Team grant small	192 400	143	25
Team grant large	270 000	99	30

Table 3. Number of applications and grants for basic and applied research

Grant type	Basic research		Applied research	
	Number of applications	Number of grants	Number of applications	Number of grants
Postdoctoral grant	23	12	12	4
Starting grant	36	16	19	6
Team grant	154	39	88	16
Total	213	67	119	26
Proportion	64%	72%	36%	28%

Applications were evaluated by 17 expert panels consisting of international experts. All postdoctoral applications were evaluated in one expert panel consisting of Estonian experts. After that all the applications that had received the funding proposal, were processed in the Panel on Research Ethics and Data Management. Starting and team grant applications competed in separate ranking lists in 7 R&D fields (6 R&D fields of the Frascati Manual and Natural Sciences divided into two: Exact Sciences, Biosciences and Environment). All postdoctoral applications competed for funding in one separate ranking list across all research fields, but the applicants still defined their preferred field of research.

Table 4. Number of applications and grants by field of research and grant type

Field of research	Postdoctoral grant		Starting grant		Team grant	
	Number of applications	Number of grants	Number of applications	Number of grants	Number of applications	Number of grants
Exact Sciences	7	4	10	5	36	12
Biosciences and Environment	7	4	12	4	51	16
Engineering and Technology	8	1	8	3	43	9
Medical and Health Sciences	3	2	4	3	24	6
Agricultural and Veterinary Sciences			2	1	17	3
Social Sciences	4	2	9	3	26	3
Humanities and the Arts	6	3	10	3	45	6
Total	35	16	55	22	242	55

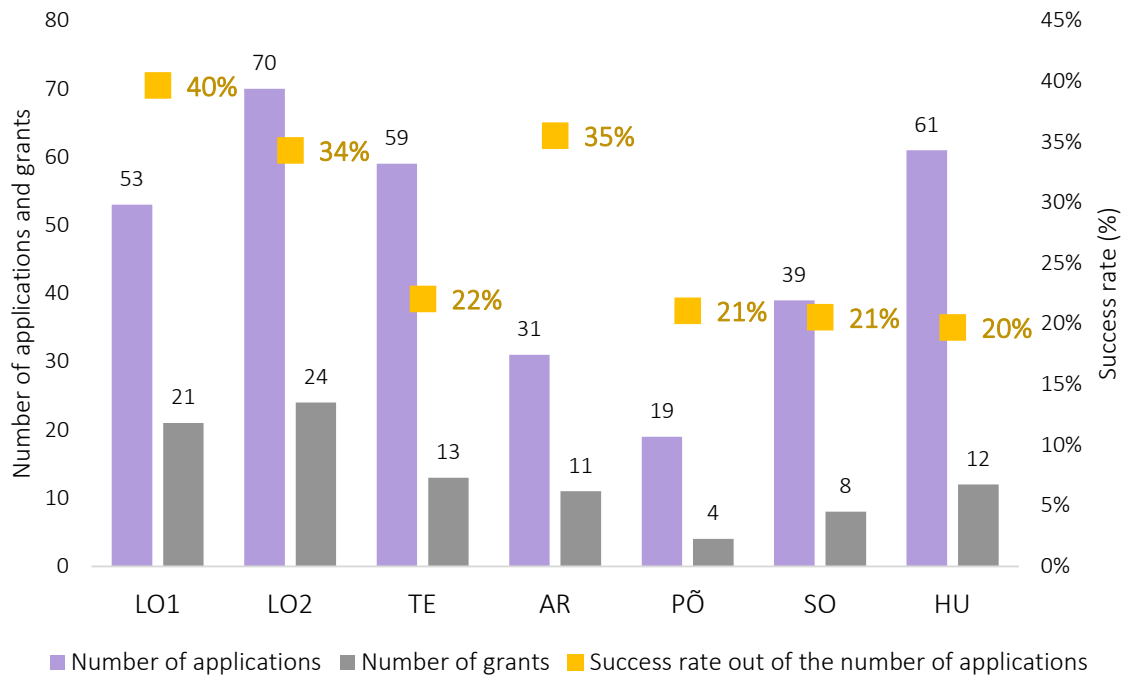


Figure 2. Number of applications and grants and success rates by field of research

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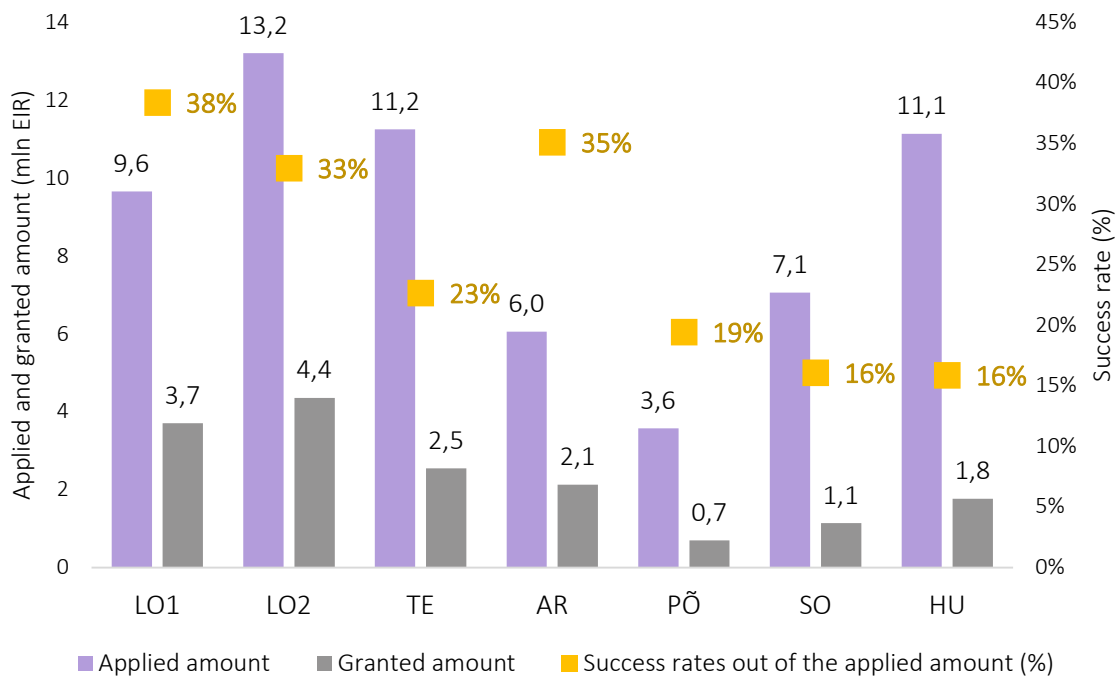


Figure 3. Amount of applications and grants and success rates by field of research

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Table 5. Amount applied and granted for 2025 by field of research and grant types

Field of research	Postdoctoral grant		Starting grant		Team grant		All grant types	
	Applied amount (EUR)	Granted amount (EUR)	Applied amount (EUR)	Granted amount (EUR)	Applied amount (EUR)	Granted amount (EUR)	Applied amount (EUR)	Granted amount (EUR)
Exact Sciences	532 000	304 000	886 715	467 417	8 230 516	2 929 575	9 649 231	3 700 992
Biosciences and Environment	532 000	304 000	1 267 158	427 000	11 401 884	3 620 288	13 201 042	4 351 288
Engineering and Technology	608 000	76 000	812 875	350 875	9 822 564	2 119 575	11 243 439	2 546 450
Medical and Health Sciences	228 000	152 000	467 875	350 875	5 353 573	1 619 995	6 049 448	2 122 870
Agricultural and Veterinary Sciences			193 000	117 000	3 377 895	577 200	3 570 895	694 200
Social Sciences	304 000	152 000	901 261	268 518	5 852 623	714 232	7 057 884	1 134 750
Humanities and the Arts	456 000	228 000	882 922	227 922	9 791 986	1 308 777	11 130 908	1 764 699
Total	2 660 000	1 216 000	5 411 806	2 209 607	53 831 041	12 889 642	61 902 847	16 315 249

Table 6. Success rates by field of research and grant type

Grant type	Success rates out of the number of applications (%)*								Success rates out of the amount of applications (%)							
	LO1	LO2	TE	AR	PÕ	SO	HU	All fields of research	LO1	LO2	TE	AR	PÕ	SO	HU	All fields of research
Postdoctoral grant	57%	57%	13%	67%	-	50%	50%	46%	57%	57%	13%	67%		50%	50%	46%
Starting grant	50%	33%	38%	75%	50%	33%	30%	40%	53%	34%	43%	75%	61%	30%	26%	41%
Team grant	33%	31%	21%	25%	18%	12%	13%	23%	36%	32%	22%	30%	17%	12%	13%	24%
Total	40%	34%	22%	35%	21%	21%	20%	28%	38%	33%	23%	35%	19%	16%	16%	26%

*The numbers of applications and grants are small, for that reason the success rates can be explored only with the numbers of applications and grants (table 4).

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Table 7. Number of applications and grants and success rates by applicants' R&D institutions and grant types

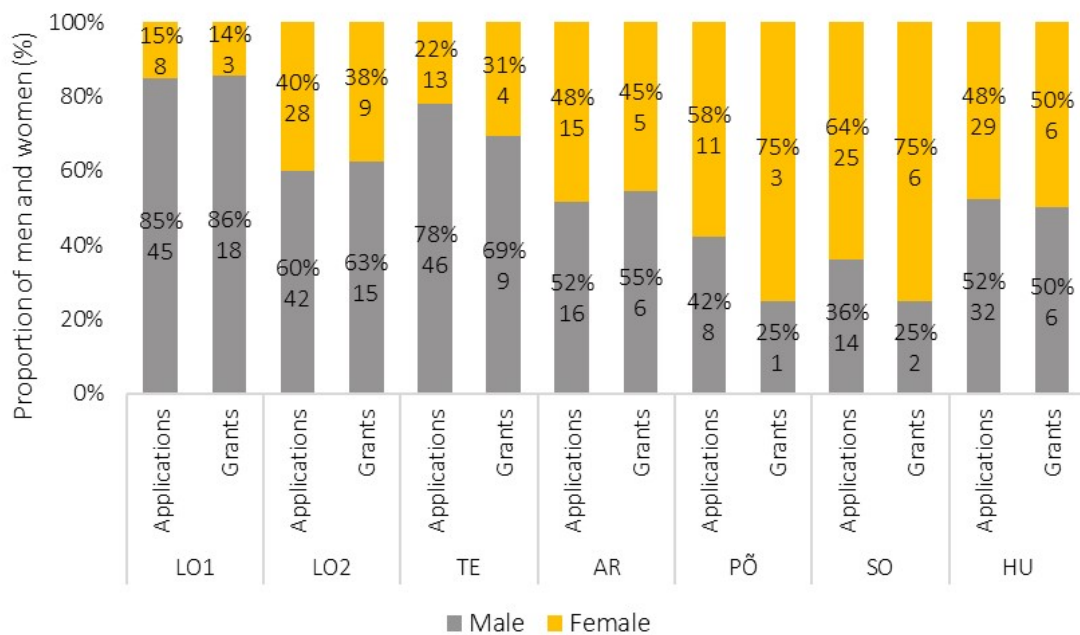
R&D institution	Postdoctoral grant		Starting grant		Team grant		All grant types		
	Number of applications	Number of grants	Number of applications	Number of grants	Number of applications	Number of grants	Number of applications	Number of grants	Success rate (%)
University of Tartu	17	12	26	11	134	37	177	60	34%
Tallinn University of Technology	7	1	13	5	44	7	64	13	20%
Estonian University of Life Sciences	2	1	5	1	32	6	39	8	21%
Tallinn University	6	1	4	1	14	1	24	3	13%
National Institute of Chemical Physics and Biophysics	3	1	2	2	8	2	13	5	38%
Estonian Literary Museum			2	0	2	0	4	0	0%
Estonian Academy of Arts			2	1			2	1	50%
Estonian Academy of Music and Theatre					2	1	2	1	50%
The Centre of Estonian Rural Research and Knowledge					2	0	2	0	0%
National Institute for Health Development					1	1	1	1	100%
Celvia CC AS (previously Competence Centre on Health Technologies AS)			1	1			1	1	100%
BioCC OÜ					1	0	1	0	0%
Estonian Business School (SA Estonian Business School)					1	0	1	0	0%
Institute of the Estonian Language					1	0	1	0	0%
Total	35	16	55	22	242	55	332	93	28%

Table 8. Amount applied and granted for 2025 by applicants` R&D institutions and grant types

R&D institution	Postdoctoral grant		Starting grant		Team grant		All grant types		
	Applied amount (EUR)	Granted amount (EUR)	Applied amount (EUR)	Granted amount (EUR)	Applied amount (EUR)	Granted amount (EUR)	Applied amount (EUR)	Granted amount (EUR)	Success rate (%)
University of Tartu	1 292 000	912 000	2 513 708	993 667	30 023 419	8 728 472	33 829 127	10 634 139	31%
Tallinn University of Technology	532 000	76 000	1 356 393	584 393	9 814 343	1 657 170	11 702 736	2 317 563	20%
Estonian University of Life Sciences	152 000	76 000	489 158	117 000	6 597 747	1 309 200	7 238 905	1 502 200	21%
Tallinn University	456 000	76 000	386 000	117 000	3 390 376	270 000	4 232 376	463 000	11%
National Institute of Chemical Physics and Biophysics	228 000	76 000	204 750	204 750	1 927 200	462 400	2 359 950	743 150	31%
Estonian Literary Museum			193 000	0	384 800	0	577 800	0	0%
Estonian Academy of Arts			151 922	75 922			151 922	75 922	50%
Estonian Academy of Music and Theatre					384 800	192 400	384 800	192 400	50%
The Centre of Estonian Rural Research and Knowledge					384 800	0	384 800	0	0%
National Institute for Health Development					270 000	270 000	270 000	270 000	100%
Celvia CC AS (previously Competence Centre on Health Technologies AS)			116 875	116 875			116 875	116 875	100%
BioCC OÜ					269 281	0	269 281	0	0%
Estonian Business School (SA Estonian Business School)					191 875	0	191 875	0	0%
Institute of the Estonian Language					192 400	0	192 400	0	0%
Total	2 660 000	1 216 000	5 411 806	2 209 607	53 831 041	12 889 642	61 902 847	16 315 249	26%

Table 9. Number of applications and grants by grant type, field of research and gender

Frascati Manual Category	Male/ Female	Postdoctoral grant		Starting grant		Team grant		All grant types	
		Number of applications	Number of grants	Number of applications	Number of grants	Number of applications	Number of grants	Number of applications	Number of grants
Exact Sciences	Male	7	4	5	3	33	11	45	18
	Female			5	2	3	1	8	3
Biosciences and Environment sciences	Male	3	2	5	1	34	12	42	15
	Female	4	2	7	3	17	4	28	9
Engineering and Technology	Male	6	1	7	2	33	6	46	9
	Female	2	0	1	1	10	3	13	4
Medical and Health Sciences	Male	1	1	2	2	13	3	16	6
	Female	2	1	2	1	11	3	15	5
Agricultural and Veterinary Sciences	Male					8	1	8	1
	Female			2	1	9	2	11	3
Social Sciences	Male	1	1	2	1	11	0	14	2
	Female	3	1	7	2	15	3	25	6
Humanities and the Arts	Male	5	2	5	1	22	3	32	6
	Female	1	1	5	2	23	3	29	6
All fields of research	Male	23	11	26	10	154	36	203	57
	Female	12	5	29	12	88	19	129	36



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Figure 4. Number and proportion of applications and grants by research fields and gender

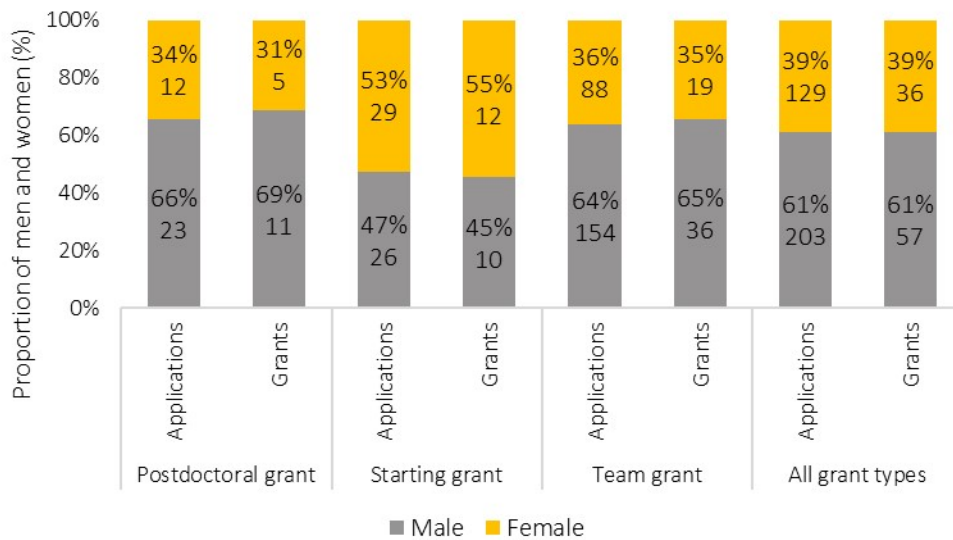


Figure 5. Number and proportion of applications and grants by grant type and gender

Table 10. Success rates by grant type and gender

Grant type	Success rates out of the number of applications (%)			Success rates out of the amount of applications (%)		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Postdoctoral grant	48%	42%	46%	48%	42%	46%
Starting grant	38%	41%	40%	38%	43%	41%
Team grant	23%	22%	23%	24%	23%	24%
All grant types	28%	28%	28%	26%	26%	26%

Table 11. Number of postdoctoral applications and grants by destination country

Destination country	Number of applications	Number of grants
Great Britain	6	4
Spain	4	2
Italy	4	2
Germany	4	2
Finland	4	1
Sweden	3	3
France	2	0
Netherlands	2	2
Norway	2	0
The United States of America	1	0
Belgium	1	0
Latvia	1	0
Poland	1	0