



Estonian
Research Council

CONFERENCE

Exciting Minds – Unlocking ERC Potential in Estonia

12 June 2025 at 9:30–17:00

University of Tartu Library, Estonia

AGENDA

9:30–10:00 Registration and welcome coffee

10:00–10:15 **Welcome by the moderator** – Lauri Mälksoo, Professor at University of Tartu

10:15–10:30 **Opening of the conference** – Anu Noorma, Director General of Estonian Research Council

10:30–11:30 **Overview of ERC funding opportunities** – Vanessa Fivet, Scientific Officer at ERCEA

11:30–12:00 **Introduction to the three parallel sessions**

12:00–13:00 Lunch

13:00–14:30 **Three parallel sessions:**

Insights on applying to the ERC in the life sciences by

Jaan-Olle Andressoo, ERC grant holder

Hedvig Tamman, ERC grant holder

Meelis Pärtel, ERC evaluation panel member

Kaspar Valgepea, ERC grant holder

Carlo La Vecchia, ERC evaluation panel member

Insights on applying to the ERC in the physical sciences and engineering by

Jelena Klinovaja, ERC grant holder and evaluation panel member

Marlon Dumas, ERC grant holder and evaluation panel member

Ken Carslaw, ERC evaluation panel member

Olesia Dmytruk, ERC grant holder

Insights on applying to the ERC in the social sciences and humanities by

Karin Roelofs, ERC grant holder

Lauri Mälksoo, ERC grant holder and evaluation panel member

Eneken Laanes, ERC grant holder

Andreas Eckert, ERC evaluation panel member

Laur Kanger, ERC grant holder

14:30–15:00 Coffee break

15:00–15:30 **The role of excellent bottom-up frontier research in Europe** – Axel Cleeremans, President of the Association of ERC grantees

15:30–16:15 **Panel discussion: Improving the support to ERC applicants in Estonia**

16:15–17:00 Reception; visit to exhibition showcasing Estonian ERC grantees

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