

Fourteen Israel researchers win European Research Council grants

On 12 February, the European Research Council (ERC) announced the winners of its 2015 Consolidator Grant competition. Of the 302 winning researchers, 14 came from Israeli research institutes, thereby placing Israel in seventh place overall. The total funding for the winning Israeli researchers is approximately 28 million euros. Six of the Israeli researchers come from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 4 from the Weizmann Institute of Science, 2 from Tel Aviv University, 1 from the Technion and 1 from Bar Ilan University. With grants worth up to €2 million each, they will now be able to consolidate their research teams and to develop their innovative ideas.

The European Research Council, set up by the European Union in 2007, is the leading European funding organisation for excellent frontier research. European Research Council grants are part of the European Union Research and Innovation programme Horizon 2020 to which Israel is fully associated.

A list of all the winning research projects can be found here:

https://erc.europa.eu/sites/default/files/document/file/erc_2015_cog_results_all_domains.pdf