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Some information about the research grants you won in the last 10 years

1. Have you been awarded a research grant as a Principal Investigator (PI) in the last 10 years?

*Please only consider grants you were awarded since you graduated from your (first) PhD. **

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer

2. Please provide the following information about this grant.

*If you won more than one research grant as a PI, please pick the grant you feel has had the most significant impact on your career. If you cannot narrow this down to the single most significant grant, please select among those grants that you consider most significant for your career the first grant you received within the last 10 years. **Please note that subsequent questions will ask for more detail about this grant/research project that you have selected.***

The name of the grant/grant scheme:

The name of the funding organisation:

Grant value (please state currency):

3. When did the research project start? *

Start year:

Don't know / Prefer not to answer

4. Has the research project finished? *

Yes

No

Don't know / Prefer not to answer

5. When did the research project finish? *

End year:

Don't know / Prefer not to answer

6. When is the research project expected to finish? *

Expected end year:

Don't know / Prefer not to answer

7. What was/is the name of the (main/primary) host institution of the research project?

Name of the (main/primary) host institution:

Don't know / Prefer not to answer

8. In what country was/is the (main/primary) host institution of your research project located?

If you would prefer not to answer, please select this in the drop-down menu

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Portugal
Romania
Russia
Serbia
Slovakia
Slovenia
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
Turkey
United Kingdom
United States of America
Other
Prefer not to answer



9. Please name the country, if not included in the list above:

10. What type of organisation is the (main/primary) host institution of your research project?

University or other higher education institution

Public research institute/organisation

Private research institute/organisation

Business

Other (please specify):

Don't know / Prefer not to answer

11. What was/is the main subject area of the research project?

- Social Sciences
- Humanities
- Economics
- Fundamental Life Sciences
- Health
- Environmental Biology
- Applied Life Sciences
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Engineering
- Computer Sciences
- Other, please specify:
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

Your educational background

12. What was the main subject area of your (first) PhD?

- Social Sciences
- Humanities
- Economics
- Fundamental Life Sciences
- Health
- Environmental Biology
- Applied Life Sciences
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Engineering
- Computer Sciences
- Other, please specify:
- Prefer not to answer

13. In what country was your (first) PhD awarded?

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Turkey
United Kingdom
United States of America
Other
Prefer not to answer

14. Please specify the country, if not included in the list above:

15. In what year was your (first) PhD awarded?

Please enter the year:

Don't know / Prefer not to answer

Your situation just after you graduated from your (first) PhD

16. What was your main activity **just after you graduated from your (first) PhD?**

If you have more than one PhD please refer to your first PhD. If you had a fellowship or participated in further studies/training that was implemented through an employment contract, please select the answer 'employed'. If you had more than one job/main activity, please report on the job/main activity that accounted for the majority of your working hours, on average.

*

- Employed
- Self-employed
- Fellowship/Scholarship
- Further studies/training
- Unemployed
- Maternity/paternity/parental leave, child care
- Other, please indicate:

17. Was your employment funded by a fellowship?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

18. What type of position did you have?

- Full-time position
- Part-time position with more than 50% of the normal time
- Part-time position at 50% of the normal time
- Part-time position with between 25% and 49% of the normal time
- Part-time position with less than 25% of the normal time
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

19. What was the duration of your employment contract?

- Up to 1 year
- More than 1 year and up to 2 years
- More than 2 years and up to 4 years
- More than 4 years
- It was an indefinite contract
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

20. At what type of organisation were you employed?

- University or other higher education institution
- Public research institute/organisation
- Private research institute/organisation
- Business
- Other (please specify):

- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

21. In what country was this organisation or institution located?

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Slovakia
Slovenia

Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
Turkey
United Kingdom
United States of America
Other
Prefer not to answer



22. Please specify the country, if not included in the list above:

23. Was your work related to research and/or innovation?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

24. In what subject area were you mainly working?

- Social Sciences
- Humanities
- Economics
- Fundamental Life Sciences
- Health
- Environmental Biology
- Applied Life Sciences
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Engineering
- Computer Sciences
- Other, please specify:
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

25. Which of the following statements best describes your career stage at that time?

- I was working as a PhD/graduate student. I was supervised by senior researchers. I prepared my thesis/first publications. (R1)
- I was working as a post-doctoral researcher. I was supervised by more senior researchers. I began to establish myself as a recognized researcher in my research field. (R2)
- I was working as a junior research project leader. I led a research project under the supervision of a chair holder/department director. I had recently established myself as a recognized researcher in my research field. (R2/R3)
- I was working as a research project leader. I led my own research project independently. I was well recognized as an established researcher in my research field. (R3)
- I was working as a senior research group leader. I led my own research group independently. I had recently been recognized as a leading researcher in my research field. (R3/R4)
- I was working as department leader or equivalent. I led my research department independently. I was among the leading researchers in my research field. (R4)
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

26. Which of the following best describes your role at that time?

- Support staff
- Professional, individual contributor
- Professional, supervising
- Chief or Head of Unit/Process
- Director or Deputy Director
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

27. In what country were you working?

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Serbia
Slovakia
Slovenia

Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
Turkey
United Kingdom
United States of America
Other
Prefer not to answer

28. Please specify the country, if not included in the list above:

29. In what sector were you mainly working?

- Public sector
- Private for profit sector
- Civil society/Not-for-profit sector
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

30. Was your work related to research and/or innovation?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

31. In what subject area were you mainly working?

- Social Sciences
- Humanities
- Economics
- Fundamental Life Sciences
- Health
- Environmental Biology
- Applied Life Sciences
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Engineering
- Computer Sciences
- Other, please specify:
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

32. What was the duration of the fellowship?

- Up to 6 months
- Between 6 months and 1 year
- Between 1 and 2 years
- More than 2 years
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

33. What type of organisation hosted the fellowship?

- University or other higher education institution
- Public research institute/organisation
- Private research institute/organisation
- Business
- Other (please specify):
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

34. In what country was the organisation that hosted your fellowship located?
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Slovakia
Slovenia
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
Turkey
United Kingdom
United States of America
Other
Prefer not to answer



35. Please specify the country, if not included in the list above:

36. Was your fellowship related to research and/or innovation?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

37. In what subject area were you mainly working?

- Social Sciences
- Humanities
- Economics
- Fundamental Life Sciences
- Health
- Environmental Biology
- Applied Life Sciences
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Engineering
- Computer Sciences
- Other, please specify:
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

38. Which of the following statements best describes your career stage at that time?

- I was working as a PhD/graduate student. I was supervised by senior researchers. I prepared my thesis/first publications. (R1)
- I was working as a post-doctoral researcher. I was supervised by more senior researchers. I began to establish myself as a recognized researcher in my research field. (R2)
- I was working as a junior research project leader. I led a research project under the supervision of a chair holder/department director. I had recently established myself as a recognized researcher in my research field. (R2/R3)
- I was working as a research project leader. I led my own research project independently. I was well recognized as an established researcher in my research field. (R3)
- I was working as a senior research group leader. I led my own research group independently. I had recently been recognized as a leading researcher in my research field. (R3/R4)
- I was working as department leader or equivalent. I led my research department independently. I was among the leading researchers in my research field. (R4)
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

39. Which of the following best describes your role at that time?

- Support staff
- Professional, individual contributor
- Professional, supervising
- Chief or Head of Unit/Process
- Director or Deputy Director
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

40. What was the duration of your further studies/training?

- Up to 6 months
- Between 6 months and 1 year
- Between 1 and 2 years
- More than 2 years
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

41. At what type of organisation were you doing your further studies/training?

- University or other higher education institution
- Public research institute/organisation
- Private research institute/organisation
- Business
- Other (please specify):
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

42. In what country were you doing your further studies/training?

If you would prefer not to answer, please select this in the drop-down menu

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Lithuania

Luxembourg

Malta

Montenegro

Netherlands

Norway

Poland

Portugal

Romania

Russia

Serbia

Slovakia

Slovenia

Spain

Sweden

Switzerland

Turkey

United Kingdom

United States of America

Other

Prefer not to answer

43. Please specify the country, if not included in the list above:

44. Were your further studies/training related to research and/or innovation?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

45. What was the main subject area of your further studies/training?

- Social Sciences
- Humanities
- Economics
- Fundamental Life Sciences
- Health
- Environmental Biology
- Applied Life Sciences
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Engineering
- Computer Sciences
- Other, please specify:
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

46. Which of the following statements best describes your career stage at that time?

- I was working as a PhD/graduate student. I was supervised by senior researchers. I prepared my thesis/first publications. (R1)
- I was working as a post-doctoral researcher. I was supervised by more senior researchers. I began to establish myself as a recognized researcher in my research field. (R2)
- I was working as a junior research project leader. I led a research project under the supervision of a chair holder/department director. I had recently established myself as a recognized researcher in my research field. (R2/R3)
- I was working as a research project leader. I led my own research project independently. I was well recognized as an established researcher in my research field. (R3)
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- I was working as department leader or equivalent. I led my research department independently. I was among the leading researchers in my research field. (R4)
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

47. Which of the following best describes your role at that time?

- Support staff
- Professional, individual contributor
- Professional, supervising
- Chief or Head of Unit/Process
- Director or Deputy Director
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

Your situation just before you took up the research grant

48. What was your main activity just before you took up this research grant? If you had a fellowship that was implemented through an employment contract at your host institution, please select the answer 'employed'. *

- Employed
- Self-employed
- Fellowship/Scholarship
- Unemployed
- Maternity/paternity/parental leave, child care
- Other, please indicate:

49. Was your employment funded by a fellowship?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

50. What type of position did you have?

- Full-time position
- Part-time position with more than 50% of the normal time
- Part-time position at 50% of the normal time
- Part-time position with between 25% and 49% of the normal time
- Part-time position with less than 25% of the normal time
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

51. What was the duration of your employment contract?

- Up to 1 year
- More than 1 year and up to 2 years
- More than 2 years and up to 4 years
- More than 4 years
- It was an indefinite contract
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

52. At what type of organisation were you employed?

- University or other higher education institution
- Public research institute/organisation
- Private research institute/organisation
- Business
- Other (please specify):
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

53. In what country was this institution or organisation located?

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Slovakia
Slovenia
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
Turkey
United Kingdom
United States of America
Other
Prefer not to answer



54. Please specify the country, if not included in the list above:

55. Was your work related to research and/or innovation?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

56. In what subject area were you mainly working?

- Social Sciences
- Humanities
- Economics
- Fundamental Life Sciences
- Health
- Environmental Biology
- Applied Life Sciences
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Engineering
- Computer Sciences
- Other, please specify:
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

57. Which of the following statements best describes your career stage at that time?

- I was working as a PhD/graduate student. I was supervised by senior researchers. I prepared my thesis/first publications. (R1)
- I was working as a post-doctoral researcher. I was supervised by more senior researchers. I began to establish myself as a recognized researcher in my research field. (R2)
- I was working as a junior research project leader. I led a research project under the supervision of a chair holder/department director. I had recently established myself as a recognized researcher in my research field. (R2/R3)
- I was working as a research project leader. I led my own research project independently. I was well recognized as an established researcher in my research field. (R3)
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- I was working as department leader or equivalent. I led my research department independently. I was among the leading researchers in my research field. (R4)
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

58. Which of the following best describes your role at that time?

- Support staff
- Professional, individual contributor
- Professional, supervising
- Chief or Head of Unit/Process
- Director or Deputy Director
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

59. In what country were you working?

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Romania
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Serbia
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Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
Turkey
United Kingdom
United States of America
Other
Prefer not to answer

60. Please specify the country, if not included in the list above:

61. In what sector were you mainly working?

- Public sector
- Private for profit sector
- Civil society/Not-for-profit sector
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

62. Was your work related to research and/or innovation?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

63. In what subject area were you mainly working?

- Social Sciences
- Humanities
- Economics
- Fundamental Life Sciences
- Health
- Environmental Biology
- Applied Life Sciences
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Engineering
- Computer Sciences
- Other, please specify:
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

64. What was the duration of the fellowship?

- Up to 6 months
- Between 6 months and 1 year
- Between 1 and 2 years
- More than 2 years
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

65. What type of organisation hosted the fellowship?

- University or other higher education institution
- Public research institute/organisation
- Private research institute/organisation
- Business
- Other (please specify):
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

66. In what country was the organisation that hosted your fellowship located?
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Slovenia
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Sweden
Switzerland
Turkey
United Kingdom
United States of America
Other
Prefer not to answer



67. Please specify the country, if not included in the list above:

68. Was your fellowship related to research and/or innovation?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

69. In what subject area were you mainly working?

- Social Sciences
- Humanities
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- Health
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- Other, please specify:
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

70. Which of the following statements best describes your career stage at that time?

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71. Which of the following best describes your role at that time?

- Support staff
- Professional, individual contributor
- Professional, supervising
- Chief or Head of Unit/Process
- Director or Deputy Director
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

72. Thinking about your current situation, has your main professional activity changed since just before you took up the research grant?

By change we mean any change to the type of position, length of contract, identity of employer, country of employment, or any other form of career status.

- Yes, it has changed
- No, my main professional activity is currently the same as it was just before I took up the research grant

Your situation just before the end of the research grant

73. What was your main activity **just before your research project finished?**

*If you had a fellowship that was implemented through an employment contract, please select the answer 'employed'. If you had/have more than one job/main activity, please report on the job/main activity that accounted for the majority of your working hours, on average. **

- Employed
- Self-employed
- Fellowship/Scholarship
- Unemployed
- Maternity/paternity/parental leave, child care
- Other, please indicate:

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- Yes
- No
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

75. What type of position did you have?

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Netherlands
Norway
Poland
Portugal
Romania
Russia
Serbia
Slovakia
Slovenia
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
Turkey
United Kingdom
United States of America
Other
Prefer not to answer



79. Please specify the country, if not included in the list above:

80. Was your work related to research and/or innovation?

- Yes
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- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

81. In what subject area were you mainly working?

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- Computer Sciences
- Other, please specify:
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82. Which of the following statements best describes your career stage at that time?

- I was working as a PhD/graduate student. I was supervised by senior researchers. I prepared my thesis/first publications. (R1)
- I was working as a post-doctoral researcher. I was supervised by more senior researchers. I began to establish myself as a recognized researcher in my research field. (R2)
- I was working as a junior research project leader. I led a research project under the supervision of a chair holder/department director. I had recently established myself as a recognized researcher in my research field. (R2/R3)
- I was working as a research project leader. I led my own research project independently. I was well recognized as an established researcher in my research field. (R3)
- I was working as a senior research group leader. I led my own research group independently. I had recently been recognized as a leading researcher in my research field. (R3/R4)
- I was working as department leader or equivalent. I led my research department independently. I was among the leading researchers in my research field. (R4)
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

83. Which of the following best describes your role at that time?

- Support staff
- Professional, individual contributor
- Professional, supervising
- Chief or Head of Unit/Process
- Director or Deputy Director
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

84. In what country were you working?

If you would prefer not to answer, please select this in the drop-down menu

- Albania
- Australia
- Austria
- Belgium
- Bosnia & Herzegovina
- Bulgaria
- Canada
- China
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Faroe Islands
- Finland
- France
- FYR Macedonia
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Iceland
- India
- Ireland
- Israel
- Italy
- Latvia
- Liechtenstein
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Malta
- Montenegro
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Russia
- Serbia
- Slovakia
- Slovenia

Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
Turkey
United Kingdom
United States of America
Other
Prefer not to answer

85. Please specify the country, if not included in the list above:

86. In what sector were you mainly working?

- Public sector
- Private for profit sector
- Civil society/Not-for-profit sector
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

87. Was your work related to research and/or innovation?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

88. In what subject area were you mainly working?

- Social Sciences
- Humanities
- Economics
- Fundamental Life Sciences
- Health
- Environmental Biology
- Applied Life Sciences
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Engineering
- Computer Sciences
- Other, please specify:
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

89. What was the duration of the fellowship?

- Up to 6 months
- Between 6 months and 1 year
- Between 1 and 2 years
- More than 2 years
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

90. What type of organisation hosted the fellowship?

- University or other higher education institution
- Public research institute/organisation
- Private research institute/organisation
- Business
- Other (please specify):
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

91. In what country was the organisation that hosted your fellowship located?
If you would prefer not to answer, please select this in the drop-down menu

Albania
Australia
Austria
Belgium
Bosnia & Herzegovina
Bulgaria
Canada
China
Croatia
Cyprus
Czech Republic
Denmark
Estonia
Faroe Islands
Finland
France
FYR Macedonia
Germany
Greece
Hungary
Iceland
India
Ireland
Israel

Italy
Latvia
Liechtenstein
Lithuania
Luxembourg
Malta
Montenegro
Netherlands
Norway
Poland
Portugal
Romania
Russia
Serbia
Slovakia
Slovenia
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
Turkey
United Kingdom
United States of America
Other
Prefer not to answer



92. Please specify the country, if not included in the list above:

93. Was your fellowship related to research and/or innovation?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

94. In what subject area were you mainly working?

- Social Sciences
- Humanities
- Economics
- Fundamental Life Sciences
- Health
- Environmental Biology
- Applied Life Sciences
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Engineering
- Computer Sciences
- Other, please specify:
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

95. Which of the following statements best describes your career stage at that time?

- I was working as a PhD/graduate student. I was supervised by senior researchers. I prepared my thesis/first publications. (R1)
- I was working as a post-doctoral researcher. I was supervised by more senior researchers. I began to establish myself as a recognized researcher in my research field. (R2)
- I was working as a junior research project leader. I led a research project under the supervision of a chair holder/department director. I had recently established myself as a recognized researcher in my research field. (R2/R3)
- I was working as a research project leader. I led my own research project independently. I was well recognized as an established researcher in my research field. (R3)
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- I was working as department leader or equivalent. I led my research department independently. I was among the leading researchers in my research field. (R4)
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

96. Which of the following best describes your role at that time?

- Support staff
- Professional, individual contributor
- Professional, supervising
- Chief or Head of Unit/Process
- Director or Deputy Director
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

97. Thinking about your current situation, has your main professional activity changed since just before the end of the research project?

*By change we mean any change to the type of position, length of contract, identity of employer, country of employment, or any other form of career status. **

- Yes, it has changed
- No, my main professional activity is currently the same as it was just before the end of the research project

Your current situation

98. What is your **current main activity**?

*If you have a fellowship that is implemented through an employment contract, please select the answer 'employed'. If you have more than one job/main activity, please report on the job/main activity that accounts for the majority of your working hours, on average. **

- Employed
- Self-employed
- Fellowship/Scholarship
- Unemployed
- Maternity/paternity/parental leave, child care
- Other, please indicate

99. Is your employment funded by a fellowship?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

100. What type of position do you have?

- Full-time position
- Part-time position with more than 50% of the normal time
- Part-time position at 50% of the normal time
- Part-time position with between 25% and 49% of the normal time
- Part-time position with less than 25% of the normal time
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

101. What is the duration of your employment contract?

- Up to 1 year
- More than 1 year and up to 2 years
- More than 2 years and up to 4 years
- More than 4 years
- It was an indefinite contract
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

102. At what type of organisation are you employed?

- University or other higher education institution
- Public research institute/organisation
- Private research institute/organisation
- Business
- Other (please specify):
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

103. In what country is this institution or organisation located?

If you would prefer not to answer, please select this in the drop-down menu

Albania
Australia
Austria
Belgium
Bosnia & Herzegovina
Bulgaria
Canada
China
Croatia
Cyprus
Czech Republic
Denmark
Estonia
Faroe Islands
Finland
France
FYR Macedonia
Germany
Greece
Hungary
Iceland
India
Ireland
Israel

Italy
Latvia
Liechtenstein
Lithuania
Luxembourg
Malta
Montenegro
Netherlands
Norway
Poland
Portugal
Romania
Russia
Serbia
Slovakia
Slovenia
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
Turkey
United Kingdom
United States of America
Other
Prefer not to answer



104. Please specify the country, if not included in the list above:

105. Is your work related to research and/or innovation?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

106. In what subject area are you mainly working?

- Social Sciences
- Humanities
- Economics
- Fundamental Life Sciences
- Health
- Environmental Biology
- Applied Life Sciences
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Engineering
- Computer Sciences
- Other, please specify:
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

107. Which of the following statements best describes your current career stage?

- I am working as a PhD/graduate student. I am supervised by senior researchers. I am preparing my thesis/first publications. (R1)
- I am working as a post-doctoral researcher. I am supervised by more senior researchers. I am beginning to establish myself as a recognized researcher in my research field. (R2)
- I am working as a junior research project leader. I lead a research project under the supervision of a chair holder/department director. I have recently established myself as a recognized researcher in my research field. (R2/R3)
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- I am working as department leader or equivalent. I lead my research department independently. I am among the leading researchers in my research field. (R4)
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

108. Which of the following best describes your current role?

- Support staff
- Professional, individual contributor
- Professional, supervising
- Chief or Head of Unit/Process
- Director or Deputy Director
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

109. In what sector are you mainly working?


- Agriculture, forestry and fishing
- Mining and quarrying
- Manufacturing
- Transportation, electricity, gas, water, waste management
- Construction
- Wholesale and retail trade
- Information and communication
- Finance, Insurance and real estate
- Professional, scientific and technical
- Public administration
- Education
- Human health and social work
- Arts, entertainment and recreation
- Other services
- Other (please specify):
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

110. In what country are you working?

If you would prefer not to answer, please select this in the drop-down menu

Albania
Australia
Austria
Belgium
Bosnia & Herzegovina
Bulgaria
Canada
China

Croatia
Cyprus
Czech Republic
Denmark
Estonia
Faroe Islands
Finland
France
FYR Macedonia
Germany
Greece
Hungary
Iceland
India
Ireland
Israel
Italy
Latvia
Liechtenstein
Lithuania
Luxembourg
Malta
Montenegro
Netherlands
Norway
Poland
Portugal
Romania
Russia
Serbia
Slovakia
Slovenia
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
Turkey
United Kingdom
United States of America
Other
Prefer not to say



111. Please specify the country, if not included in the list above:

112. In what sector are you mainly working?

- Public sector
- Private for profit sector
- Civil society/Not-for-profit sector
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

113. Is your work related to research and/or innovation?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

114. In what subject area are you mainly working?

- Social Sciences
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- Economics
- Fundamental Life Sciences
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- Environmental Biology
- Applied Life Sciences
- Mathematics
- Physics
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- Engineering
- Computer Sciences
- Other, please specify:
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- Public administration
- Education
- Human health and social work
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- Other services
- Other (please specify):
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

116. What is the duration of the fellowship?

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- Between 1 and 2 years
- More than 2 years
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

117. What type of organisation is hosting the fellowship?

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- Private research institute/organisation
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- Other (please specify):
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

118. In what country is the organisation that is hosting your fellowship located?

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Bulgaria
Canada
China
Croatia
Cyprus
Czech Republic

Czech Republic
Denmark
Estonia
Faroe Islands
Finland
France
FYR Macedonia
Germany
Greece
Hungary
Iceland
India
Ireland
Israel
Italy
Latvia
Liechtenstein
Lithuania
Luxembourg
Malta
Montenegro
Netherlands
Norway
Poland
Portugal
Romania
Russia
Serbia
Slovakia
Slovenia
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
Turkey
United Kingdom
United States of America
Other
Prefer not to say



119. Please specify the country, if not included in the list above:

120. Is your fellowship related to research and/or innovation?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

121. In what subject area are you mainly working?

- Social Sciences
- Humanities
- Economics
- Fundamental Life Sciences
- Health
- Environmental Biology
- Applied Life Sciences
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Engineering
- Computer Sciences
- Other, please specify:
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

122. Which of the following statements best describes your current career stage?

- I am working as a PhD/graduate student. I am supervised by senior researchers. I am preparing my thesis/first publications. (R1)
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- I am working as a senior research group leader. I lead my own research group independently. I have recently been recognized as a leading researcher in my research field. (R3/R4)
- I am working as department leader or equivalent. I lead my research department independently. I am among the leading researchers in my research field. (R4)
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

123. Which of the following best describes your current role?

- Support staff
- Professional, individual contributor
- Professional, supervising
- Chief or Head of Unit/Process
- Director or Deputy Director
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124. In what sector are you mainly working?

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- Wholesale and retail trade
- Information and communication
- Finance, Insurance and real estate
- Professional, scientific and technical
- Public administration
- Education
- Human health and social work
- Arts, entertainment and recreation
- Other services
- Other (please specify):
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

Your current professional situation

125. Are you currently a full professor (a professor of the highest grade in a university)? *

Yes, since (please indicate year)

No

Prefer not to answer

126. Do you currently hold a position of high level of responsibility outside academia (such as Head of Division, Director, Vice President, etc.)? *

Yes, since (please indicate year)

No

Prefer not to answer

127. Overall, how satisfied are you with your current professional situation?

Very satisfied

Satisfied

Dissatisfied

Very dissatisfied

Don't know / Prefer not to answer

128. Did you achieve any of the following since being awarded the research grant you selected earlier that had a significant impact on your career?

- Obtained any other research grant(s) that are comparable to the research grant you have been referring to in size and duration
- Won award(s)/prize(s)
- Became a member/fellow of an academy/learned society
- Became an editor/guest editor of a research journal
- Joined scientific advisory committee / panel
- Speaker at a major conference / symposium
- Another form of career recognition (please specify):
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

129. Did you achieve any of the following since being awarded your (first) PhD?

- Won award(s)/prize(s)
- Became a member/fellow of an academy/learned society
- Became an editor/guest editor of a research journal
- Joined scientific advisory committee / panel
- Speaker at a major conference / symposium
- Another form of career recognition (please specify):
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

130. Have you had any career breaks since receiving your (first) PhD?
By career breaks we mean any time you were not working for at least three months. Please note that in this context, working does not necessarily mean being employed.

- Yes
- No
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

131. How many career breaks have you had since receiving your (first) PhD?

- Number of career breaks (please indicate):

- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

132. What has been the total length of these career breaks?

- 3 to 6 months
- 7 to 12 months
- 13 to 18 months
- 19 to 24 months
- More than 24 months
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

133. Why have you had career break(s)? Tick all that apply.

- Maternity/paternity/parental leave
- Carer responsibilities
- Family reasons (e.g. partner moving locations due to job change)
- Health reasons
- Personal development/travel/voluntary work
- End of fixed-term contract/unemployment
- Another reason (please specify):
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

Your mobility during your career

134. In how many countries were you based for more than 3 months since you completed your (first) PhD?

This could be a continuous stay, or repeated visits with an element of continuity adding up to at least 3 months (e.g. for field work or longer-term collaboration). Please include education/training, employment, sabbaticals etc. If applicable, please count the country in which you are currently permanently based within your calculation.

- 1 country
- 2 countries
- 3 countries
- 4 countries
- 5 countries
- In more than 5 countries
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

Your career expectations

135. What career expectations did you have when you applied for the research grant that you selected earlier that had a significant impact on your career?

	I expected this	I did not expect this, but it happened	I did not expect this, and it did not happen
To establish my research group	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To consolidate my research group	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To make my research group more visible internationally	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To push my group to world leader status in the area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To gain academic independence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To gain a stable employment position	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To win further research grants	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To progress towards a higher level of responsibility (e.g. a leadership position in my institution)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To progress towards full professorship	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To have my work recognised through prizes or awards	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To progress towards greater financial autonomy (in managing my own/my team's research budget)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To be nominated for membership in scientific academies or learned societies, or review boards of leading journals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To improve my status within the scientific community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

To improve my status within the host institution	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To find more opportunities for external collaboration	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To increase remuneration	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To focus my work on research activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To achieve a better work-life balance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Fulfilling your career expectations

136. To what extent have these career expectations been fulfilled?

	To a large extent	To a moderate extent	To a small extent	Not at all	Too early to say
To establish my research group	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To consolidate my research group	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To make my research group more visible internationally	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To push my group to world leader status in the area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To gain academic independence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To gain a stable employment position	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To win further research grants	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To progress towards a higher level of responsibility (e.g. a leadership position in my institution)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To progress towards full professorship	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To have my work recognised through prizes or awards	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To progress towards greater					

financial autonomy (in managing my own/my team's research budget)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To be nominated for membership in scientific academies or learned societies, or review boards of leading journals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To improve my status within the scientific community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To improve my status within the host institution	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To find more opportunities for external collaboration	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To increase remuneration	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To focus my work on research activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To achieve a better work-life balance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

The career impacts of your research grant

137. To what extent has the research grant enabled you to do the following?

	To a large extent	To a moderate extent	To a small extent	Not at all	Too early to say
Conduct inter-/multi-disciplinary research	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improve my research skills and capabilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improve access to research equipment/infrastructure	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Develop an emerging research area research	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Gain access to better qualified research staff	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Establish new collaborations with leading researchers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Deepen knowledge of research areas I was involved in prior to the start of the grant	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Engage in high risk, high return research (high probability of failure but high impact)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Move to new research areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

138. To what extent have you applied the skills and experiences you acquired during your research project to your current main activity?

- To a large extent
- To a moderate extent
- To a small extent
- Not at all
- Too early to say
- Don't know / Prefer not to answer

About you

139. What is your gender? *

- Female
- Male
- Prefer not to answer

140. What is your year of birth? *

- Please write the year here:

- Prefer not to answer

141. What is your nationality?

*If you have multiple citizenships, please choose the one you associate with most closely. If you would prefer not to answer, please select this in the drop-down menu. **

Albanian
American
Australian
Austrian
Belgian
Bosnian
British
Bulgarian
Canadian
Chinese
Croatian
Cypriot
Czech
Danish
Dutch
Estonian
Faroese
Finnish

Finnish
French
German
Greek
Hungarian
Icelandic
Indian
Irish
Israeli
Italian
Latvian
Liechtensteiner
Lithuanian
Luxembourger
Macedonian
Maltese
Montenegrin
Norwegian
Polish
Portuguese
Romanian
Russian
Serbian
Slovakian
Slovenian
Spanish
Swedish
Swiss
Turkish
Other
Prefer not to say



142. Please specify your nationality, if not included in the list above:

143. Were you living with a partner during the research grant? *

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer

144. Were you living with a partner since completing your (first) PhD? *

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer

145. Did you have dependent children and/or other dependents during the research project? *

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer

146. Have you had any dependent children since completing your (first) PhD? *

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer

Closing remarks

147. Do you have any further comments on the career impacts of the research project that have not been covered by the previous questions?

148. Do you have any further comments on the factors that have impacted upon your career that have not been covered by the previous questions?

149. Would you be willing to participate in a follow-up telephone call with a member of our study team to discuss the factors that have impacted on your career in more depth?

- Yes
- Possibly
- No

150. Thanks for offering to participate further in the study. Please note that we may not contact you, and if we do, we will first make contact by email to confirm that you still wish to participate and to provide further details on the purpose of the telephone call.

Please could you confirm the best email address to contact you on: