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Call for the Participation in the Annual Work Plan 2026 – EUROfusion Bernard Bigot Researcher Grants

The EUROfusion Work Plan 2026-27 will include the EUROfusion Bernard Bigot Researcher Grants programme to encourage excellence and career development of researchers who are already in the programme or attract high quality potential candidates from outside the programme. The Researcher Grants will be attributed at post-doctoral level or equivalent with the excellence of the candidates as the main selection criteria. It is foreseen to award up to 9 grants in 2026.

Please note that at the time of the launch of the present call the EUROfusion Grant Agreement has not yet been extended, and the Work Plan 2026-27 has not yet been approved. Therefore, the financial support to the Researcher Grants will be subject to the extension of the Grant Agreement to December 2027 and the availability of funds.

With the present letter I invite you to submit proposals for the 2026 EUROfusion Bernard Bigot Researcher Grants Programme. Details of the overall procedure are indicated in the attached documents:

- CfP-TRED-AWP26-TRED-02 ERG Call for Participation.pdf
- CfP-TRED-AWP26-TRED-02 ERG Guide for Applicants.pdf
- CfP-TRED-AWP26-TRED-02 ERG Application Form.docx
- CfP-TRED-AWP26-TRED-02 ERG Financial Summary Template.xlsx

Following the first step of the selection, the evaluation panel will invite the shortlisted candidates for an interview. The interviews are planned to be held by video meeting in the period between **21 July – 1 August 2025**. Candidates are expected to be available for the interview.

Proposals must be submitted through the EUROfusion Information Management System (IMS) <https://ims.euro-fusion.org/fp9/>, by the General Assembly member not later than **12 May 2025, 23:59 CET**.

Should you have any questions, please contact ERG26application@euro-fusion.org or join the Training and Education Information Session held on **15 April 2025** at 10 CET and **7th May 2025** at 14 CET using connection details available at [https://wiki.euro-fusion.org/wiki/IMSO - Training and Education](https://wiki.euro-fusion.org/wiki/IMSO_-_Training_and_Education).

With best regards,

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