

# **EUROHPC JU CALLS FOR PROPOSALS** How to Apply

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Calls will be announced on the EuroHPC website.

For all EuroHPC Calls, applicants can apply at any time: all Calls are continuously open with pre-defined cut-offs. To apply to a certain cut-off period, applicants need to submit their applications before the defined cut-off date and time.

# WHAT CAN BE APPLIED FOR?

Applicants can apply for computer time on the available EuroHPC JU supercomputers via:

- Extreme Scale Access (single-year projects)
- Regular Access (single-year projects)
- AI and Data-Intensive Applications Access Mode
- Development Access
- Benchmark Access

#### WHO CAN APPLY?

Access to EuroHPC resources is meant solely for open R&D purposes. All EuroHPC Calls for Proposals are open to academia, industry, and the public sector, under specific conditions. Applicants should carefully check the full eligibility criteria listed in the text of the respective open Call for Proposals and its **Terms of Reference**. EuroHPC JU centres may place further restrictions on who is eligible to access their own systems. It is the responsibility of the applicants to ensure that they are eligible to access the system(s) they have applied for.

#### HOW TO APPLY?

Applicants interested in applying to any of the EuroHPC Calls need to complete an online application form via the Peer-Review Platform. For Regular Access and Extreme Scale Access, the applicants need to additionally fill out and submit a **Project Scope and Plan**, a template for which is provided for each call.

Applicants are requested to select up to three (3) research fields that define their research activities. EuroHPC JU follows the ERC panel structure to cover all fields of research. The list of all ERC panel descriptors is available here.

First-time applicants will need to register in the Peer-Review Platform by filling in all mandatory fields of the registration form. After registering, applicants will receive an activation e-mail. Applicants are

then able to log in, edit their profiles and begin to fill out the online application form. The application form can be saved as many times as needed, but it can be submitted **only once**.

All applications must be submitted before the cut-off date and time to be considered for that cut-off. The platform will close the cut-off submission period at the exact (CET/CEST) time mentioned in the call announcement, and it is not possible to submit any post-deadline applications within that cut-off. Furthermore, only proposals submitted via the platform will be considered for evaluation under the designated cut-off.

#### NOMINATING REVIEWERS

For each submitted proposal to the Extreme Scale Access call, the applicants will be able to propose up to three (3) external reviewers. The EuroHPC JU Peer-Review Office will attempt to use one of these reviewers to assess the proposal, barring any conflicts-of-interest. Applicants should suggest experts who are in their field of research and who are able to judge the value of the research proposed in terms of advancements in those research fields.

It is important that conflicts of interest are avoided. The proposed reviewers should not be based at the same institution as the applicant, be current collaborators nor have any professional or personal relationship to the applicant and team members involved in the project. The nominated reviewers should also not have any financial or personal connections with the organisations involved in the proposal.

# EXCLUDING REVIEWERS – EXTREME SCALE AND REGULAR ACCESS

Applicants can exclude up to three (3) persons to be reviewers of their proposal, e.g., competitors in their research field.

# DOCUMENTS TO INCLUDE IN YOUR PROPOSAL – EXTREME SCALE AND REGULAR ACCESS

Applications submitted for Regular Access and Extreme Scale Access need to complete two main documents:

- The online application form
- **The Project Scope and Plan** (the most up to date version of the template is available in the description of each open call). Applicants should always use the most recently published version of the Project Scope and Plan.

The online application form includes the following information:

- General information: name of the project and research field(s)
- Principal Investigator (PI) and collaborators
- Amount of computing time requested in core hours (with the name(s) of the requested system(s))
- Summary of the project
- Technical information on the computer resources requested according to the technical guidelines
- Description of work that has already been done to develop the code(s) used in the project, including the name and version
- The communication plan to disseminate and publicise the results
- If any part of the project is covered by confidentiality, the applicants are required to specify and justify this matter

• Information on links with or support from other funding programmes e.g., national funding, EC grants or awards, international collaborations

For the Regular and Extreme Scale Access calls, in addition to the information required in the online application form, applicants must also submit their **Project Scope and Plan** following the template available in the designated call's page.

All collaborators on the project need to be listed in the application form under the section 'Team Members Information'. All mandatory fields need to be filled in for each collaborator. Only collaborators listed in the application form will be allowed to access the EuroHPC JU systems.

# COLLABORATIVE WORKING

EuroHPC JU encourages applicants to work collaboratively.

For applicants that are undertaking a collaborative proposal, involving researchers from different institutions, only one application form should be completed for all the participants, and one lead applicant (Principal Investigator) must be chosen. The need for the expertise of all partners involved in the project should be fully justified.

# CONFIDENTIALITY

The abstract of the project that the applicants submit to EuroHPC will be published on the EuroHPC JU website if the proposal is awarded. If the applicant does not want the abstract to be published, then this needs to be highlighted in the application form by marking that the project is confidential. In that case, the applicant will have to provide an acceptable reason for the details of the project being kept confidential.

The reviewers will be required to keep personal details of the applicants and the details of the proposal confidential. In exceptional cases it may be necessary for all personnel and reviewers handling a particularly sensitive proposal to sign a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA).