



A PANEL MEMBER'S PERSPECTIVE

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SHOULD I APPLY?

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- **Read call carefully**
 - **What is the call's goal and scope? (to support groundbreaking academic research)**
 - **What are the evaluation criteria? (see Guide for Peer Reviewers - Advanced Grant 2023)**
 - **What should be the format and layout of the application (step 1 and step 2)**
 - **Does career stage matter?**
 - **Does timing of application matter?**
 - **Who is evaluating?**
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1. Research Project

Ground-breaking nature, ambition and feasibility

Ground-breaking nature and potential impact of the research project

To what extent does the proposed research address important challenges?

To what extent are the objectives ambitious and beyond the state of the art (e.g. novel concepts and approaches or development between or across disciplines)?

To what extent is the proposed research high risk-high gain (i.e. if successful the payoffs will be very significant, but there is a high risk that the research project does not entirely fulfil its aims)?

Scientific Approach

To what extent is the outlined scientific approach feasible bearing in mind the extent that the proposed research is high risk-high gain (based on the Extended Synopsis)?

To what extent are the proposed research methodology and working arrangements appropriate to achieve the goals of the project (based on the research proposal)?

To what extent does the proposal involve the development of novel methodology (based on the research proposal)?

To what extent are the proposed timescales, resources and PI commitment adequate and properly justified (based on the research proposal)?

2. Principal Investigator

Intellectual capacity and creativity

To what extent has the PI demonstrated the ability to conduct ground-breaking research?

To what extent does the PI have the required scientific expertise and capacity to successfully execute the project?

To what extent has the PI demonstrated sound leadership in the training and advancement of young scientists?

STEP 1

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- **Considerations include:**
 - **high risk/high-gain;**
 - **groundbreaking vs incremental research;**
 - **academic impact;**
 - **methodology and feasibility**
 - **Very good and well-written overview of the entire project**
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STEP 2

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- **Research question(s): what is it?**
 - **State of the field: accuracy and fairness matter**
 - **Sources and methodology:**
 - **be specific,**
 - **explain and balance cases,**
 - **evaluate preparatory work**
 - **Budget: justify needs and ensure personnel time is commensurate with tasks assigned**
 - **Revise, revise, revise**
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INTERVIEW

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- **Prepare and time presentation**
 - **Address questions directly**
 - **Keep in mind not all will have all details of your project in mind but those asking questions will have read it very carefully**
 - **Resubmit**
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QUESTIONS?
