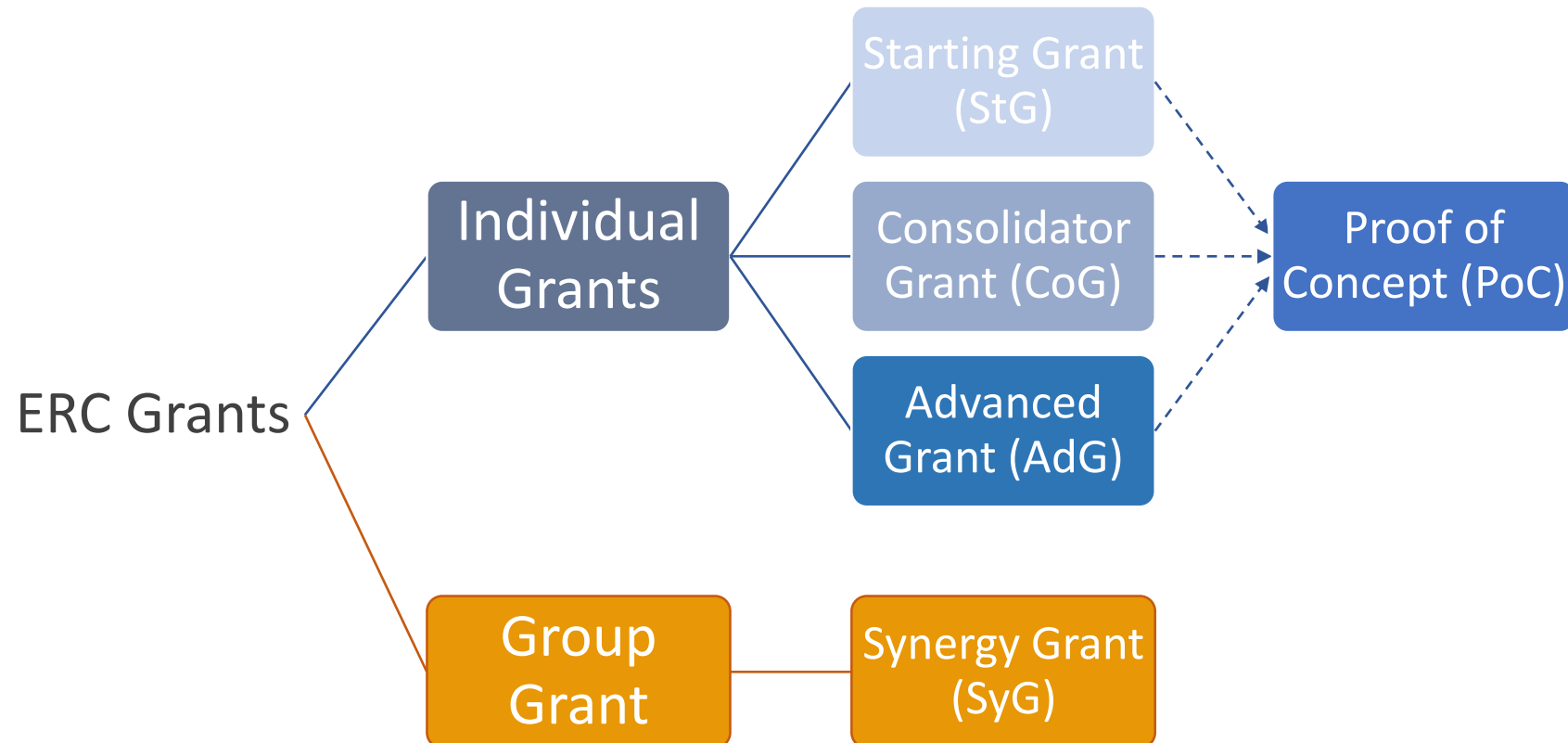


ERC grant types and eligibility



“The fundamental activity of the ERC is to provide attractive, long-term funding to support **excellent investigators** and their research teams to pursue **groundbreaking, high-gain/high-risk research**”



ERC Individual Grants

Starting Grants

2-7 years after PhD

(≥ 50% commitment)
up to €1.5 Million
for 5 years

Up to €1 million additional
funding*

Consolidator Grants

7-12 years after PhD

(≥ 40% commitment)
up to €2 Million
for 5 years

Up to €1 million additional
funding*

Advanced Grants

track-record of
significant research
achievements in the
last 10 years

(≥ 30% commitment)
up to €2.5 Million
for 5 years

Up to €1 million additional
funding*

* Additional funding for purchase of major equipment or access to large facilities

Eligibility window

The date on the PhD certificate is what counts

Starting Grant: up to 7 years after PhD (calculated from the 1st of January from the call's year)

Consolidator Grant: up to 12 years after PhD (calculated from the 1st of January from the call's year)

Advanced Grant: No specific eligibility criteria. No requirement for a PhD.

Possibilities for extension of eligibility

Maternity leave – Automatic 18 months per child (Born before or after PhD). Birth certificates must be submitted in English.

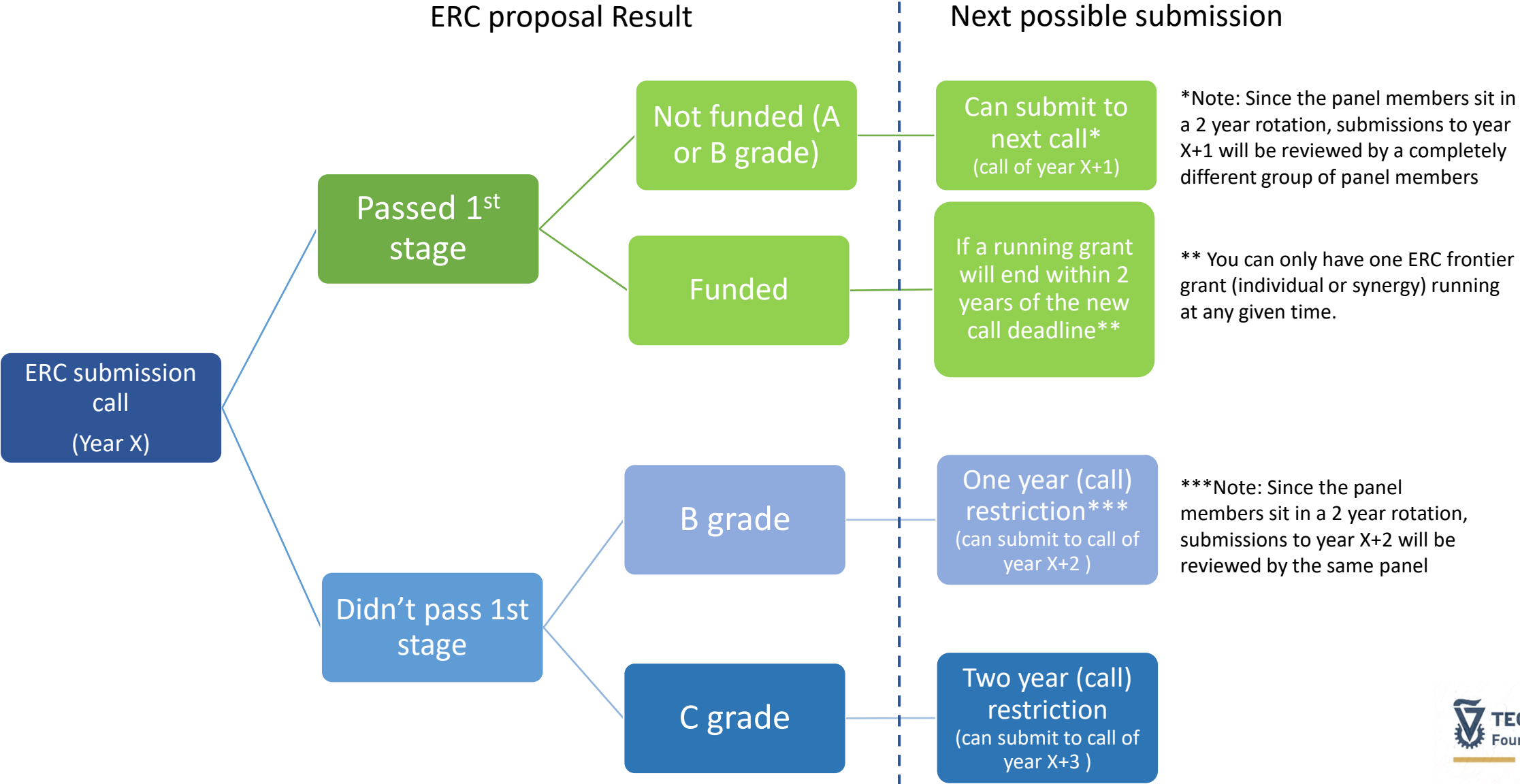
Paternity leave – Documented leave taken before or after the PhD

Long term illness (PI or close family member): At least 90 days, and documented. Only after PhD.

National service: Documented and after the PhD.

Clinical training: Very specific rules, contact us for a personal assessment.

Restrictions on resubmissions



ERC Proof of Concept

Principal Investigators of an ERC frontier research project, that is either on going or has ended less than 12 months before 1 January of the year of the call, are eligible to apply.

The planned PoC activities should draw substantially on the ERC-funded research but not be a mere extension of the original research or be predominantly concerned with overcoming obstacles to practical application.

The funding will cover **activities at the very early stage of turning research outputs into a commercial or socially valuable proposition.**

The funding can be used to:

- Establish viability technical issues and develop a commercialization strategy.
- Market research
- To build an early prototype
- To align the technology for industrial needs.
- ...



PoC

ERC grant holders only.

Must stem from the ERC project.

3 Application deadlines a year (you can apply to only one a year).

Lump sum of €150,000.

Synergy Grant

- A group of **two to maximum four Principal Investigators (PIs)** working together and bringing different skills and resources to tackle ambitious research problems.
- One of the Principal Investigators may be based outside of the EU or an Associated Country
- **No specific eligibility criteria regarding the academic training** are required, but PIs must still present an **early achievement track-record** or a **ten-year track-record**.
- Proposals are evaluated on the **sole criterion of scientific excellence** with the additional meaning of **outstanding intrinsic synergetic effect**.



Synergy Grants

- 2-4 PIs
- 3-step reviewing process where the last step is an interview
- Cannot run together with an individual ERC (StG, CoG, AdG)
- Up to 10 million Euro for 6 years with up to 4million additional funding (for purchase of major equipment or access to large facilities)

Application restrictions

Call to which the Principal Investigator applied under previous ERC Work Programmes and proposal evaluation outcome		2020 ERC calls to which a Principal Investigator is <i>not</i> eligible
2018 and 2019 Starting, Consolidator, Advanced Grant or Synergy	Rejected on the grounds of a breach of research integrity	Starting, Consolidator, Advanced and Synergy
2018 Starting, Consolidator, or Advanced Grant	C at Step 1	Starting, Consolidator and Advanced
2018 Synergy Grant	A, or B at Step 3	No restriction
	B at Step 1 or 2	No restriction
	C at Step 1	Advanced and Synergy Grant
2019 Starting, Consolidator, or Advanced Grant	A, or B at Step 2	No restriction
	B, or C at Step 1	Starting, Consolidator and Advanced Grant
2019 Synergy Grant	A, or B at Step 3	No restriction
	B at Step 2	No restriction
	B at Step 1	Synergy
	C at Step 1	Advanced and Synergy Grant