

CRPs application

Online submission guidelines



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1) Create an account in the ICGEB Service Gateway

The first essential step is to create an account in the ICGEB Service Gateway (ISG) at the following link: <u>https://isg.icgeb.org/auth/login.</u>

ICGEB Se	ervice Gateway
	What is this portal?
Please login with the email and password you used for registration.	The ICGEB Service Gateway is the web portal that allows external users to interact with the ICGEB.
Email:	By creating an account and signing in you will be able to apply for Fellowships, CRPs, Meetings and Courses or for a job position. Please acress the ICGER Service Cateway by using the e-mail and
Password	password you used for registration.
	If you encounter any problems during login, please ensure you create an account.
Login	If you don't rember your password, you can reset it by clicking the I forgot my password link.
I forgot my password.	support@icgeb.org.
	Don't have an account?
	Sign Up

Click on "Sign up" to create a new account by filling-in the **Registration form**. Please remember to tick the authorisation related to the Data Protection Policy.

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First name:	Data protection policy
Family name:	The data provided by navigating this portal and by completing the application form(s), including your personal data (i.e. name, sumame, address, telephone number and e-mail address) will be stored in ICGEB database and may be also used for statistical purposes, without disclosing personal information and will not be published for general access.
Gender:	Data transfer and/or disclosure will be made for the sole purpose of completing the application process. You hereby authorize and consent to us the collection and processing for the purposes indicated above. If you do not consent or subsequently withdraw your concert (FGB will not be able to fulfill indications).
Birth date:	However, you can withdraw your consent by writing an email to: support@icgeb.org
Nationality:	I authorize the collection and process of my data.
Email	
Password	
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Please check that your name and surname are correctly indicated (they must match your passport or any other official identification document) because they will appear in all the documents of your application.

By creating an account and signing in, you will be able to apply for Fellowships, CRP grants, Meetings and Courses, and to manage your applications through the top bar menu.



2) How to submit your application

To apply for the Collaborative Research Programme, please click on "Request a CRP grant".



The platform for submission allows you to save your data anytime you wish before sending the full application. This means that you can prepare your application during several days, with no need to connect to the portal and complete the submission all in one go.

The application process is divided in steps, and each step requires you to enter some mandatory data. Once you fill in all the required data, press the **Next** button to proceed. You can return to the previous step by clicking the **Back** button.

For your advance information, the mandatory documents to be uploaded with your application are the following:

- Confirmation by the Institute (IMPORTANT NOTE: This is an essential document for the application, which you need to <u>download manually</u> right after completing section 4 'Institution' and upload it, duly signed, together with all the other mandatory attachments) - please note that we accept digital signatures, handwritten signatures, or the 'image' of the handwritten signature together with an official stamp.
- Ethical approval (if applicable).
- Resubmission (if applicable).
- Letter(s) confirming the collaboration with your group for the proposal (if applicable).

3) How to fill-in the sections of the online form

Please find here below an overview of the sections of the online form with relevant info requested.

Section 1 – Preliminary information



Please read this introductory part carefully before proceeding.

Section 2 – Type

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Technologies and expertise (select up to 3)	•
Please choose the Member State of the Institute for which you are requesting funds.	
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Please note that all the fields of this section are mandatory.

Regarding the type of grant, you can choose between **Standard** or **Early career**. In order to apply for this latter category, all of the following 4 conditions are to be met:

- the applicant must not be over 40 years old at the time of application;
- the applicant must have an outstanding track record;
- the applicant must have spent at least 2 years abroad, and;
- the applicant must have returned to an ICGEB Member State (except Italy) to establish his/her own independent laboratory no more than 2 years before the application.

The duration of the project can be for 3 years as a maximum. Shorter periods are also accepted: 1 year or 2 years but not half year.

Information on the 'field of application' as well as on 'technologies and expertise' are requested for statistical purposes only.

Section 3 – Principal Investigator

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	Male
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Current position	
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The Principal Investigator must be an employee of the Institution receiving the grant. Institute Name	
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Institute full address*	
Specify the full address of your institute	
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Phone *	Fax
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Have you received previous financial support from ICGEB?*	
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The Principal Investigator is the lead scientist for a particular well-defined research project. He/she is the person who has conceived the investigation and the person who takes direct responsibility for completion of a funded project, directing the research and reporting directly to the funding agency. He/she must be an employee of the Institute requesting the funding.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The details requested for the 'Principal Investigator' section are the same already provided for the preliminary registration process. They have been automatically included in this section and are not editable.

In the sections below, please indicate your educational background, as well as your current and previous employment. Please note that there is not a section where to upload your CV therefore the information below is important for the referees.

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Section 4 – Institution

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Please pay particular attention to this section and provide all the requested data. We strongly advise you to verify with your Administration the correct contact details and related information to be indicated.

ICGEB will use the information provided in this section for all the official documents relevant to your application, including the **Confirmation by the Institute**.

Please note that you need to download the **Confirmation by the Institute** form manually right after completing section 4 **Institution** by clicking on the green button **Download** and send it to the Legal Representative of your University/Institution for her/his signature.

The signed form will have to be uploaded in the attachment section together with all the other required documents once you have completed the application.

Please note that the **Confirmation by the Institute** form is a mandatory document certifying that you are an employee of the Institute/University/Research Center for which a research grant is requested, and that you as Principal Investigator are authorised to request the funds necessary to carry out the proposed research.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Please note that normal administrative and overhead expenses of the Institution cannot be covered with ICGEB funds.

Section 5 – Project

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Resubmission: This field applies only to endorsed applications that have been rejected by ICGEB during the Triage or peer-review phase and on the basis of the scientific evaluation.

Resubmissions are expected to be substantially improved and to address extensively the reviewers' concerns. Such proposals must attach a pdf file (in section 10 **Attachments** at the end of the application process) clearly explaining the changes made to the current proposal compared to the old application.

Applications not endorsed by the Liaison Officers in previous call(s) can be resubmitted and, if endorsed, will be evaluated as a first submission by ICGEB.

IMPORTANT NOTE: a proposal endorsed by the Liaison Officer can only be re-submitted once.

Ethical approval: please indicate whether your research will require ethical approval (this will depend on your national law). You do not need to have prior approval by the Ethical Committee to apply, it is sufficient to indicate whether this authorization would be needed and provide some details (time to be obtained, etc.). Documentation not in English is accepted.

If your proposal is a resubmission and/or will need Ethical approval, please select **Yes**. You will be requested to upload the relevant information at the end of the application process, in section 10 **Attachments**.

IMPORTANT NOTE: This operation will be possible only after you have completed all the previous fields/sections and confirmed your submission by clicking the green button **Data completed**. At this point, you will be automatically directed to the **Attachments** section where you will be requested to upload the necessary documents relevant to Resubmission and Ethical approval.

For some sections there is a maximum number of words allowed:

- Project summary: 150
- Abstract: 500
- Introduction: 1,000 + 3 images
- Research Project: 4,000
- Time schedule: 250
- Potential for training of young scientists & collaborations: 300
- Facilities available in the Investigating Team's laboratory: 400
- Feasibility: 700

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You are allowed to add up to three images in the section **Introduction**. Please do not copy/paste the images but use the appropriate upload button. Please note that images will be compressed, and resolution will be lower for optimization purposes.



In the **Research Project** section, please provide details on the specific research activities, divided into objectives, to be pursued during the project period. Provide a comprehensive description of the techniques to be used and the advantages of the suggested methodological approach. This section should be structured in a clear and logical manner, with clearly defined aims and milestones expected during the period of the project.



In the section **Bibliographic references** please provide details on the references (if any) relevant to the proposed research project.



This field is required

In the section **Time Schedule** please detail the work packages and related sub-activities within the time frame of the research proposal. Please be clear and concise as this information will allow the referees to assess if the proposed project can be achieved within the total period requested for your project.

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In the section **Potential for training of young scientists & collaborations**, please provide details on the training component of your project (i.e., trainees involved, their position in your lab and their role/assigned task in the research project), as well as details on the participation/contribution of the collaborators (i.e., their role and tasks within the project).

Please note that international collaboration is an essential feature of all ICGEB grants and must be fully integrated into the project. All proposals must have international collaboration where the role of the collaborating laboratory is clearly defined and well integrated into the whole project. This should not be a simple exchange of reagents or expertise but reflect a full collaborative commitment to the implementation of the project.

Full details have to be provided on the role of each collaborator and his/her contribution to the research project. A letter of confirmation is to be provided for each collaborator. The letter should be sent on official headed paper and signed. Signatures/approval from the collaborator's Home Institute are not required.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The letters of collaboration must be uploaded at the end of the application. This operation will be possible only after you have completed all the previous fields/sections and confirmed your submission by clicking the green button **Data completed**. At this point, you will be automatically directed to the **Attachments** section where you will be requested to upload the necessary letters.

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In the **Feasibility** section please provide details on the expertise and contribution of the Principal Investigator and on each member of the assembled team (including the collaborators) that are relevant for performing the proposed research.

Section 6 – Budget

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Consumables <u>Guidelines</u>	0	0	0	0
Training <u>Guidelines</u>	0	0	0	0
Travel must not exceed 10% of the total grant requested <u>Guidelines</u>	0	0	0	0
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In the **Budget** section please indicate the expenditures, divided into 5 individual categories, foreseen for your project. Please note that for some budget categories there is limit (indicated in percentage) on the total amount that can be allocated under each of them.

Please remember that the maximum annual contribution you can request from ICGEB is Euro 25,000 (maximum Euro 75,000 for a 3-year research proposal).

For each budget category you need to indicate the amount to be allocated under each of the annual instalments. As soon as you enter the amount, a box will be displayed to be filled in with the description of the relevant expenses.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Funds can be requested for a maximum of 3 years, in line with the duration of the proposed project. Shorter periods are also accepted: 1 year or 2 years, but not half year.

Detailed guidelines on the budget can be found in our CRP Guidelines available at the following link: <u>https://www.icgeb.org/activities/grants</u>.

Section 7 – Referees

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This section is not mandatory. Here you can suggest the name of a maximum of 3 potential referees who would be willing to review your proposal. Reviewers should not be nominated from research organisations connected to the proposal or where possible conflict of interest may arise. Please note that the ICGEB will have the sole responsibility to decide whether or not a proposal will be submitted for evaluation to the referee(s) indicated.

IMPORTANT: Please make sure that the contact details of the referees are valid as the system will send an e-mail to the address you have provided.

Section 8 – Conflict of Interest

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This section is not mandatory. Here you can indicate the name and full coordinates of a maximum of 3 potential referees that you would prefer we do not contact, due to possible conflicts of interest.

Section 9 – Confirmation



As indicated in the **Preliminary Information** section, you need to complete your proposal before proceeding with the upload of the attachments.

After you have completed all the fields in the previous sections, please confirm your submission by clicking the green button **Data completed**. At this point, you will be automatically directed to the **Attachments** section where you will be requested to upload the necessary documents applicable to your application: Confirmation by the Institute, Resubmission, Ethical approval, letters of collaboration.

Section 10 – Attachments

CRP attachments
Please upload the required documents to finalise your proposal. Click the Browse or Choose button (depending on your browser) to select a file and then the Upload button to add it to your proposal. Attachments marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory, without them your submission will not be considered complete. Missing attachments can be uploaded at any time by accessing the "My CRP proposals" section on top of your screen. Once the mandatory attachments are correctly uploaded, your proposal will be automatically submitted . A notice will appear on the screen to confirm successful submission and you will receive an e-mail notification with a copy of your proposal.
Confirmation by the institute* Please upload the file you received, completed with all the signatures required and saved as PDF. Upload the confirmation by the institute (pdf only) Choose File No file chosen Upload
Letters of collaboration Collaboration is one of the main objectives of the programme and must be fully integrated into the project. Please attach copies of any confirmation letters from your collaborators . Letters of collaboration (pdf only) Choose File No file chosen Upload Back to my CRP grant requests

In this section you can upload the requested documents applicable to your application: Confirmation by the Institute, Resubmission, Ethical approval, letters of collaboration.

IMPORTANT NOTES

- Please remember that you need to download the Confirmation by the Institute form manually right after completing section 4 Institution by clicking on the green button Download and send it to the Legal Representative of your University/Institution for her/his signature. Please use only this form for this confirmation, do not upload any other document/form as it will not be accepted.
- 2. The system does not foresee the possibility of attaching any other documents than those mandatory.
- 3. Only pdf files are allowed for uploading in the attachments section.
- 4. Your proposal and attachments cannot be modified after the submission.
- 5. If you made a mistake in the submission process, please contact support@icgeb.org.

When all the attachments have been correctly uploaded a confirmation will be displayed.

All mandatory attachments correctly uploaded. The submission is now complete.

Please note that you can also upload the attachments at a later stage in **My CRP proposals** section, by clicking on the green icon under **Attachments**, as shown in the screenshot below. Please note that this button is not enabled if the application is still in status *Partial submission*.

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Your application can be in status:

- **Partial submission** = if you still have to complete the information of your application and click on 'Data completed'.
- **Documentation incomplete** = if the mandatory attachments are still missing.
- Requested = after uploading all the necessary attachments, the status of your request will pass from 'Documentation incomplete' to 'Requested', and you will receive an automatic notification from <u>notifications@icgeb.org</u> including a PDF file with full details of your proposal.
- Application endorsed by LO = if your application has been endorsed by the ICGEB
 Liaison Officer of your Country.
- Application NOT endorsed by LO = if your application has NOT been endorsed by the ICGEB Liaison Officer of your Country.
- **Application not approved at Triage** = if your application has NOT been approved during the Triage phase.
- Application under peer review = if your application has been approved during the Triage phase and is under peer review.

- **Awarded** = if your application has been approved after the peer review.
- **Rejected** = if your application has NOT been approved after the peer review.

You can also download the PDF file of your application, as well as all the other attachments, by clicking on the green icon under the **Attachments download** column.

There is also an extra section for eventual additional comments from the applicant – please refer to the last column **Comments**. In this field (maximum 300 words) the applicant can add information on his/her proposal not already indicated in the application, but which may be useful for the assessment/evaluation. Please note that this is the only section in the online proposal that can be modified by the applicant once the proposal has been completed and submitted.



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