

Recognizing scientific excellence

When scientific research is supported by a European Research Council (ERC) grant, this indicates a promising scientific idea or theory worth investigating, one with potential to generate new knowledge and innovations that can advance human progress. ERC grants are awarded through an open competition—the Olympics of research grants—to projects led by researchers working in Europe or associated countries.

Here, we break down the numbers to illustrate the status of Israel and Azrieli Fellows among ERC grant recipients. Per capita, Israel has produced the second-highest number of ERC grant winners. This achievement reflects Israel's continued academic and scientific excellence, along with the plethora of research opportunities in the country.

ERC grant statistics sourced from ERC website and the Azrieli Foundation.

ERC Grants 2007-2020: Country Comparison

Total ERC grants won by scientists in each country per million people



ERC Grants to Azrieli Fellows

Azrieli Fellows have garnered significant success, winning prestigious ERC grants across various scientific fields.

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Total amount of ERC grants won

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Number of ERC grants won in the past two years

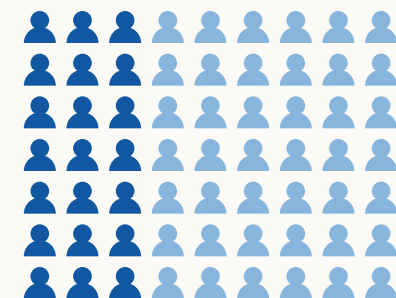
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Average number of ERC grants won per year since 2014

Nearly

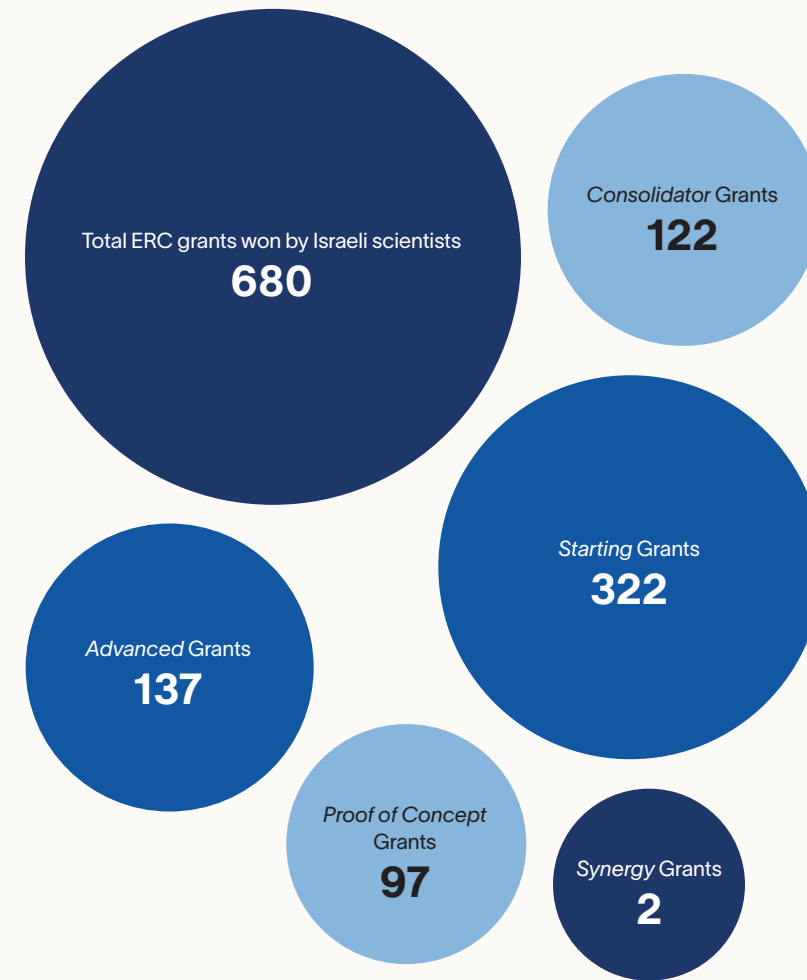
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of Azrieli Early Career Faculty Fellows have won ERC grants



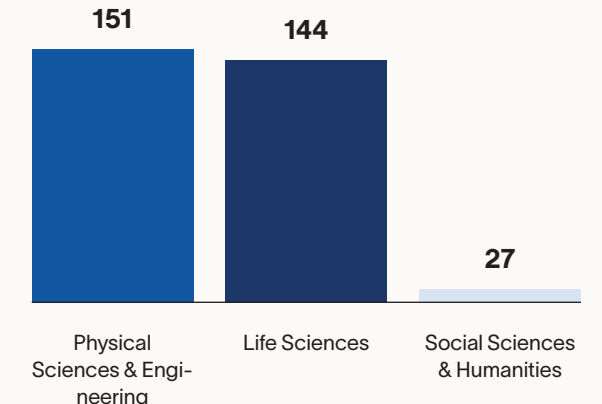
Israeli ERC Grants

ERC grants won by Israeli scientists



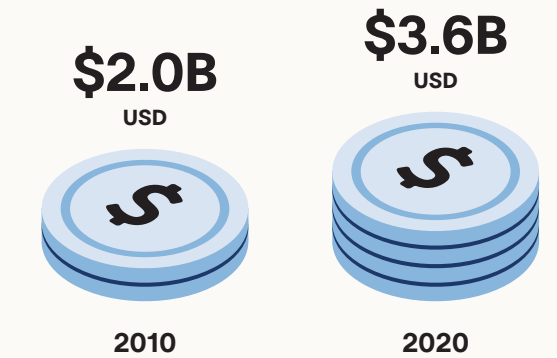
Israel ERC Starting Grant Winners

ERC winners in Israel by academic discipline



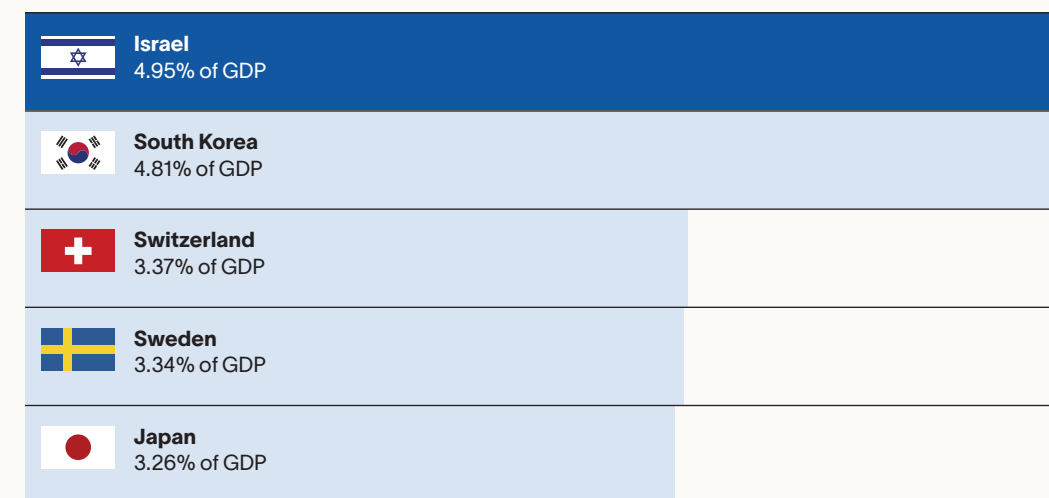
Israeli Education Investment

According to Israel's Council for Higher Education, the country's higher-education budget almost doubled from 2010 to 2020.



Israeli Research & Development

According to the World Economic Forum, in 2018, Israel spent more on research and development as a percentage of GDP than any other country.



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Israel is the 7th most innovative country worldwide, according to the 2021 Bloomberg Innovation Index.

