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Dear Applicant,

On behalf of the ERC, I thank you very much for your application to the ERC Starting Grant 2017 call.

With over 3000 applications, the response to this call was high. At the same time, the evaluation panels praise the generally high quality of the proposals they received. This is very encouraging for the ERC and justifies the efforts to address the continuing needs of the scientific community and European society at large.

The pertinent evaluation panel appreciated the opportunity to examine the proposal that you submitted. Its members carefully assessed the individual reviews in joint discussion before reaching their decision.

I am very pleased to inform you that the Panel has recommended your proposal for funding at a sufficiently high position on the rank list to allow actual funding. I offer you my warmest congratulations for this success.

I am confident that this grant will help you to develop your research at the highest possible level, and to achieve ground-breaking results in the true spirit of the ERC. I would also like to invite you to join in our efforts to make the ERC widely known and to ask you for your support. In this context, please note that the ERC may come back to ask for your contribution as a potential reviewer. Recognized expertise such as yours is vital to ensure the high standard of the ERC peer review process. Your acceptance would be greatly valued and appreciated.

With my best wishes for your career,

Yours sincerely,

*Professor Jean-Pierre Bourguignon*  
*President, European Research Council*