

ERC and the CAS/UK Expert Group Activity

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- Gill Wells (University of Oxford):
 - Individual fellowships – strategic tool for the University of Oxford.
 - Invest to those who are open.
 - Recruit and retain.

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Proclamations using the label "excellence" do not deliver, no matter on how loudly and frequently they are used.

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- Individual institutions: They must take the responsibility for identifying, supporting and educating potential ERC applicants. **They must maximally support their independence and allow them to build-up their own research groups. Without this, no subsequent work with applicants on the national level can be efficient.**

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Considering ERC seriously is for an individual and an institution certainly rewarding in a longer time period.

Thank you for your valuable time.

We will greatly appreciate your help.