Which Profile should have ERC applicants?

PIs should have an excellent frontier research idea and demonstrate a competitive curriculum, if compared to other potential candidates belonging to the same scientific area and to the same ERC funding scheme, that is to say, the same range of years after the PHD award.

Their CV should demonstrate the ability to develop and conduct new and ground-breaking research. It is usually expected that the PI has produced top-level publications as first or main author in international scientific journals and demonstrate involvement in funded projects. The results achieved by the PI and described in the curriculum must also demonstrate his/her independence of thought from previous supervisors and the ability to carry out the new erc research project.

Among the recurring features of the PIs funded by the ERC there are also:
- Invitations to internationally recognized conferences,
- Prizes, awards,
- Research periods at prestigious institutions,
- Recognition among peer (i.e: high bibliometric values h-index, citation or other elements of distinction compared to the average values of the candidate's scientific area and same range of years after the PHD award)
- Concrete added value to his/her own research field

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