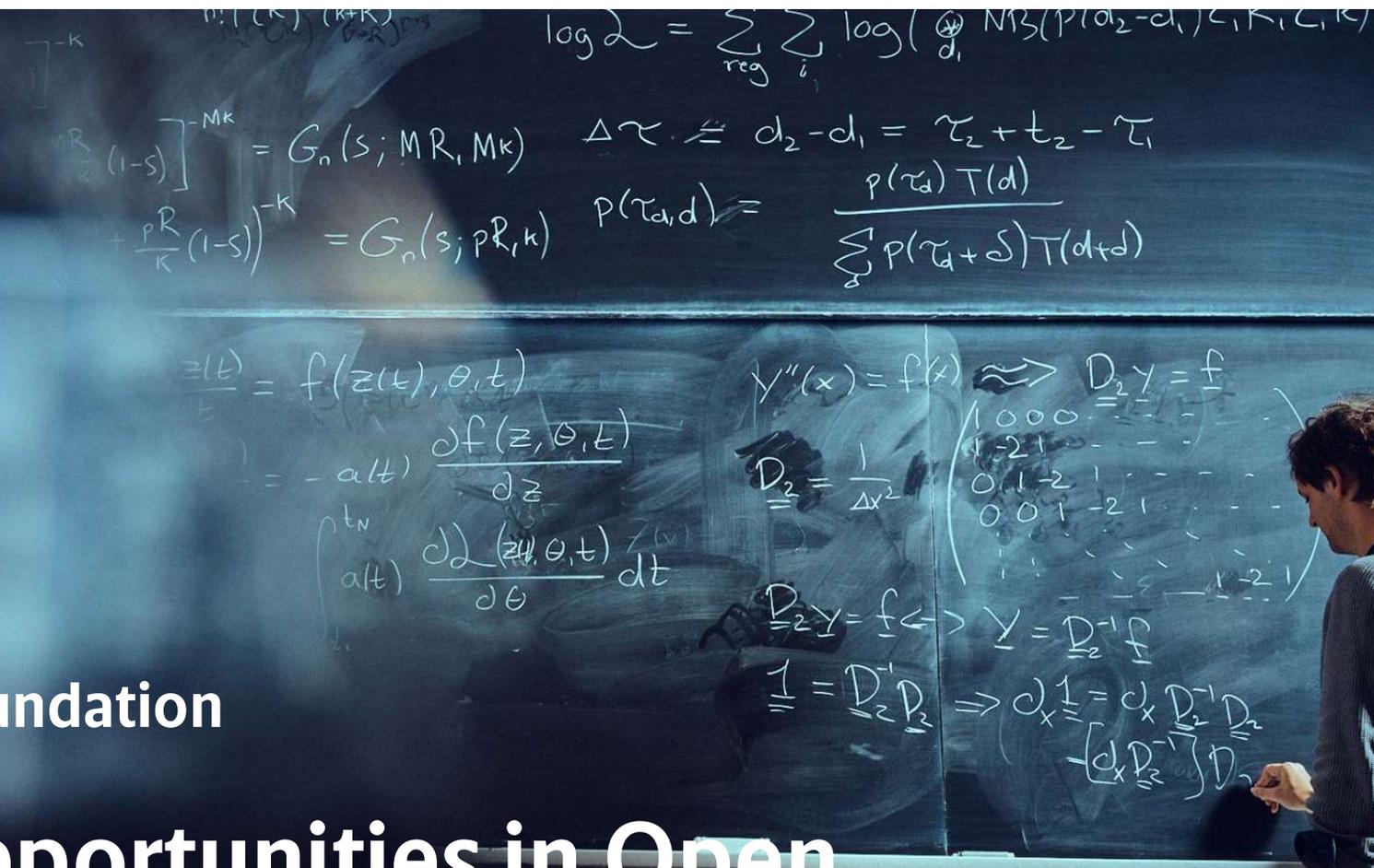


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Novo Nordisk Foundation
presents

Funding Opportunities in Open Competition 2025



Agenda

1. Introduction to the Novo Nordisk Foundation Strategy 2030

2. Funding opportunities in open competition

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3. Q&A general question (plenum)

4. 1:1 with NNF representatives (individual)

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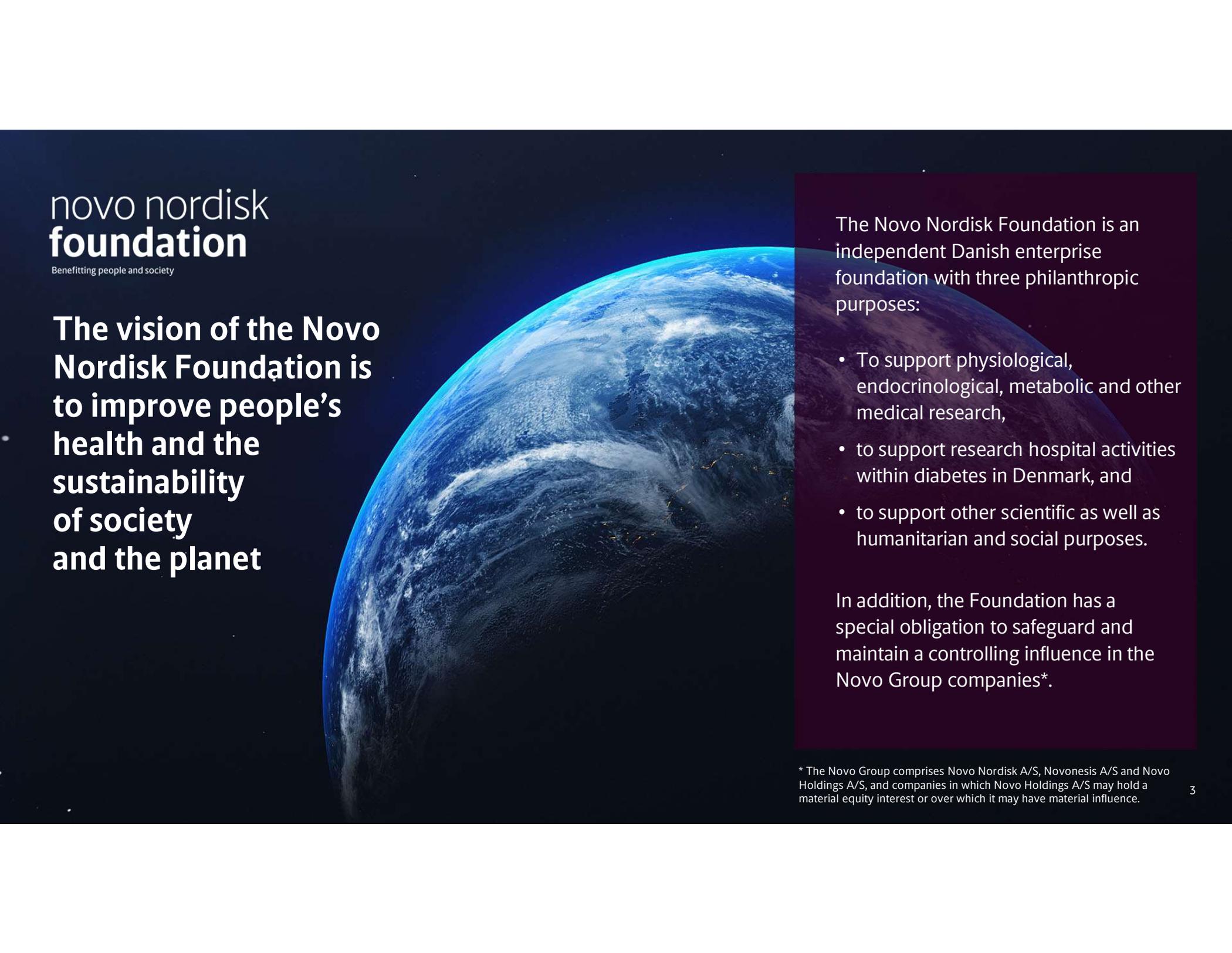
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novo nordisk
foundation

Benefitting people and society

The vision of the Novo Nordisk Foundation is to improve people's health and the sustainability of society and the planet

The Novo Nordisk Foundation is an independent Danish enterprise foundation with three philanthropic purposes:

- To support physiological, endocrinological, metabolic and other medical research,
- to support research hospital activities within diabetes in Denmark, and
- to support other scientific as well as humanitarian and social purposes.

In addition, the Foundation has a special obligation to safeguard and maintain a controlling influence in the Novo Group companies*.

* The Novo Group comprises Novo Nordisk A/S, Novonosis A/S and Novo Holdings A/S, and companies in which Novo Holdings A/S may hold a material equity interest or over which it may have material influence.

The Novo Nordisk Foundation Strategy 2030

Health

Progress research and innovation in the prevention and management of cardiometabolic and infectious diseases, regenerative medicine, and equitable health outcomes

- 1 Preventing and managing cardiometabolic diseases
- 2 Decreasing the burden and threat of infectious diseases
- 3 Advancing and applying regenerative medicine
- 4 Reducing inequity in health

The Life science ecosystem

Invest in scientific research, education and innovation to enable a world class life science ecosystem

- 1 Fundamental research
- 2 Enabling research infrastructures and technologies
- 3 Translational capacity and societal impact
- 4 Education and science capital

Sustainability

Advance knowledge and solutions to support the green transition in society

- 1 Sustainable and high-yield agriculture
- 2 Sustainable food for healthy diets
- 3 High-impact climate change mitigation technologies
- 4 Supporting society in the green transition

Facts & Figures 2024

1,792

grants awarded

11,532

people in science* fully or partly employed by NNF grants

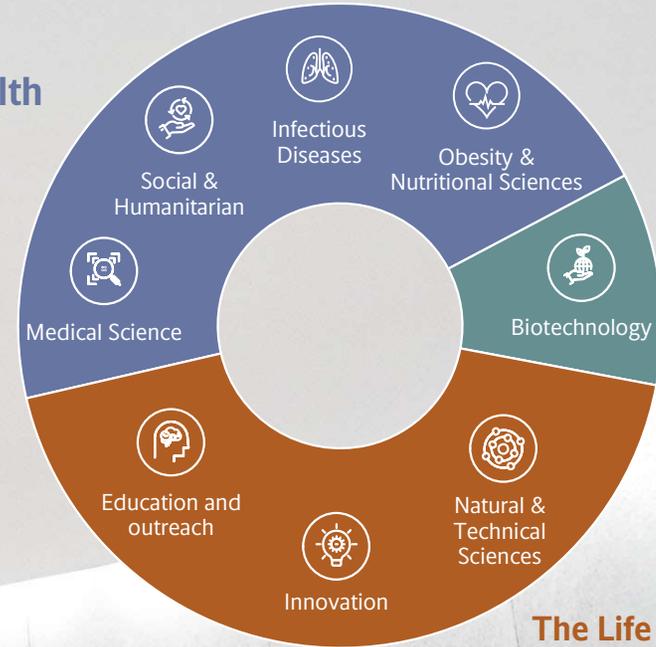
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new medical products and interventions funded by NNF grants

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Health



EUR 1.35 billion

(DKK 10.1 billion)
philanthropic grants and investments

* people in scientific activities or research-hospital settings

According to our 2030 strategy, we will increasingly engage in international activities, while maintaining Denmark as the 'centre of gravity'



Benefitting the health of people and the planet through:

- Synergy driven by complementary skills at Danish and international organisations and research institutions
- Exchange of scientific talent
- Transfer and better use of technology and knowledge

Working in partnerships:

- Hub-and-spokes research centres
- Strategic research partnerships
- Mission-driven partnerships
- International participation in open calls

Ways of funding



Open competition

Large Collaborative Grants
 Project Grants
 Research Career Programmes
 Ph.D. fellowships
 Infrastructure Grants
 Innovation Grants
 Education and outreach grants

Examples:

“Today’s topic”

31.2% (EUR 1.8 billion)
 awarded since 2020



Strategic and mission-driven

Research centres
 Academies
 Own initiatives

Examples:



52% (EUR 3.0 billion)
 awarded since 2020



Partnerships

Public-private
 Private-private
 Philanthropic partnerships

Examples:



4.1% (EUR 235 million)
 awarded since 2020



Philanthropic investments

Companies created to protect
 IP rights in industry
 partnerships

Examples:



8.4% (EUR 486 million)
 awarded since 2020



Impact and strategic investments

Impact bonds
 Equity loans

Example:



4.3% (EUR 246 million)
 awarded since 2020

Novo Nordisk Fonden's - Grants in open competition (selected)

	Natural and Technical Sciences with potential applications within health or sustainability	Sustainability • Biomanufacturing • Agriculture • Behaviour • Plant science • Food	Health & Medical Sciences • From molecule to (wo)man • Most open calls are disease agnostic
Large Collaborative Grants	Data Science Collaborative Research Projects		Tandem
	Challenge Programme		
	Interdisciplinary Synergy Programme		
	Project Grants		
Project Grants			IICT
Research Career Programmes	NERD	Investigator Grants	
	Postdoc Fellowships		
	Start Package Grants		
	RECRUIT and Sabbatical Grants		
			Laureate Research Grants
Ph.D. fellowships	Danish Research Academy (DARA) including Danish Data Science, Danish Cardiovascular and Danish Diabetes Academies		
Infrastructure Grants	Infrastructure Programme		
Innovation Grants	Innovation Grants		
Education and outreach grants	Conferences, Symposia and Workshops		
	Primary and secondary/ vocational/ university education, science communication		
		Green transition of society	

Go to <https://novonordiskfonden.dk/en/grant/> for full grant list

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Interdisciplinary Synergy Programmes

Support for research projects across disciplines, organisations, and national borders, aiming to resolve complex interdisciplinary challenges.

Key information

- Pursue creative and **high-risk/high-gain interdisciplinary** research ideas
- Break down or overcome the barriers that exist between different disciplines
- Consortia with 2 - 4 research groups
- Main applicant anchored in Denmark. 1-3 interdisciplinary co-applicants (may be international)

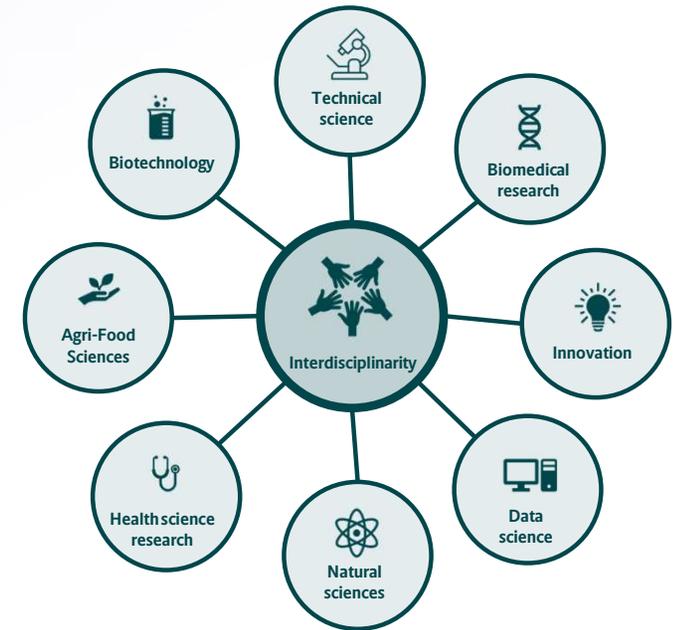
Interdisciplinary Synergy Programme:

- Ideally founded on early data showing feasibility of the idea
- Grant budget: **DKK 19.4 million over 4 years**
- Application deadline: **May 2026**



Exploratory Interdisciplinary Synergy Programme:

- Aimed towards early-stage or unexplored ideas
- Grant budget: **DKK 6.8 million over 3 years**
- Application deadline: **September 2026**



Data Science Collaborative Research Projects

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Collaborative projects aiming to provide new algorithms, methods and technologies within data science or computational science, e.g., artificial intelligence, statistics, bioinformatics, applied math, computer science, big data analytics, simulations, mathematical modelling and cyber security

Key Information

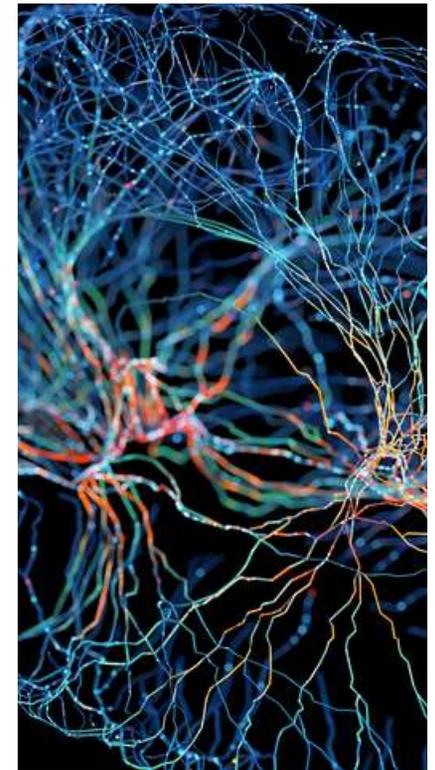
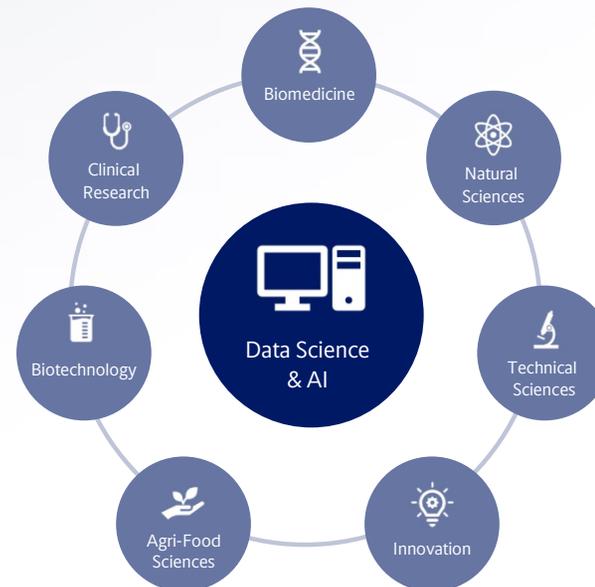
- Research **collaborations between data scientists and domain experts** (medical doctors, basic scientists, etc.)
- Consortia with 2 - 6 partners
- Main applicant anchored in Denmark, co-applicants may be international
- At least one applicant must be from a Danish-based data science group

Research area

- Data science + applications

Grant budget

- Grant budget: up to **DKK 14-40 million over 5 years** (scales with #partners)
- Call opens in December 2025
- Expected application deadline: **March 2026**



Tandem Programme

Translational research collaboration between basic and clinical researchers

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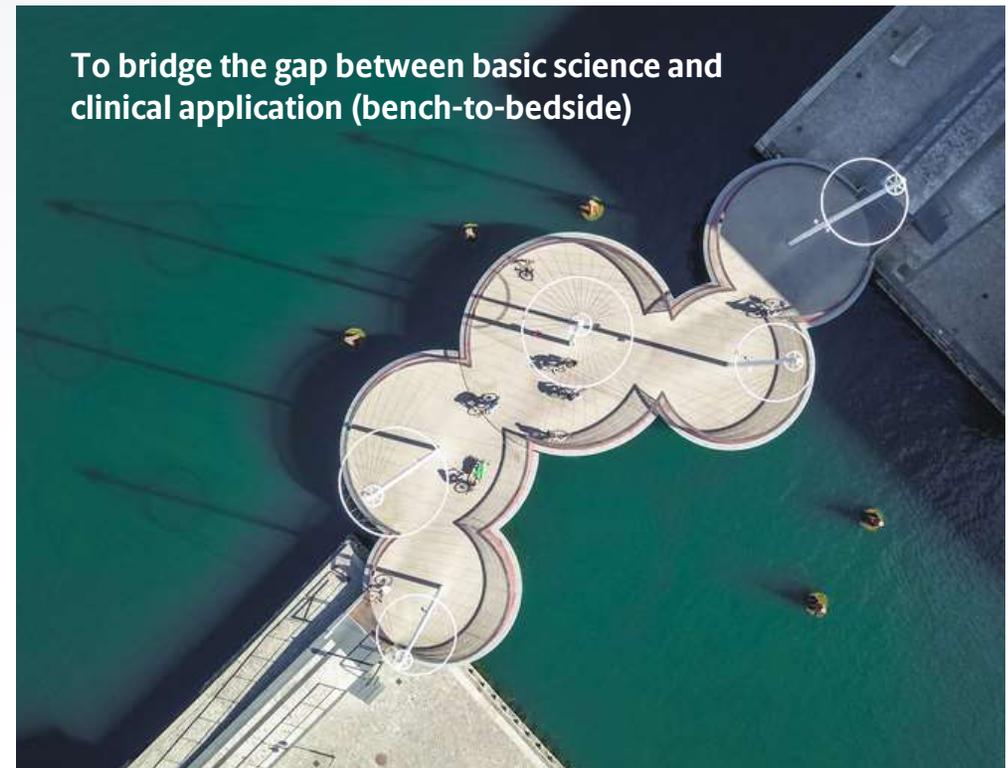
- Projects should be clinically relevant, cross-disciplinary, and have a translational scope
- **One basic scientist and one clinician apply together** (equal part)
- Main applicant anchored in Denmark. Co-applicant may be international
- Clinical researcher must have clinic responsibilities

Research areas

- Clinical & Translational Medicine
- Bioscience and Basic Biomedicine
- Endocrinology and Metabolism

Grant budget

- Grant budget: **up to 13 million over 4 years (total grant capital DKK 52 million)**
- Application deadline: **29 January 2026**



Investigator-Initiated Clinical Trials (IICT)

To improve the treatment of patients through new medicine and new technology and to ensure the highest quality in treatment.

Key Information

- Larger clinical trials in Denmark **without commercial purpose**
- Grants are available for both monocentric and multicenter national trials
- Led by specialist physician at a Danish hospital where the trial is anchored
- Must have **approvals** from relevant public authorities before the grant is activated

Research areas

- Clinical & Translational Medicine

Grant budget

- Grant budget: **DKK 6 - 22 million over 3 - 5 years (total grant capital DKK 89 million)**
- Expected application deadline: **18 August 2026**



Challenge Programme

To overcome specific challenges in health, technology and sustainability

Key Information

- Substantial funding to challenging and ambitious projects focused on in-depth research
- Annually selected research themes
- A collaborative effort in a centre-like setup
- Consortia with **2 - 4 research groups including 1+ Danish**
- International collaboration encouraged, when relevant
- **Main applicant anchored in Schengen or British Isles** 1 - 3 co-applicants
- Two stage application process

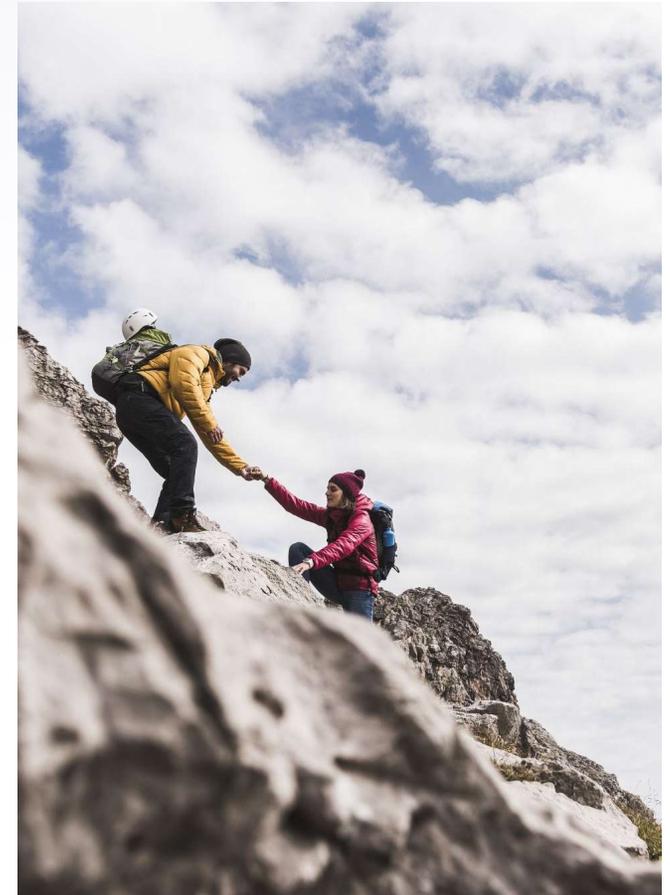
Grant budget

- Grant budget: **DKK 40-75 million over up to 6 years (total DKK 150 million per theme)**
- Application deadline: **Fall 2026** (Themes to be announced Summer 2026)

2025: Now accepting applications from European PI's

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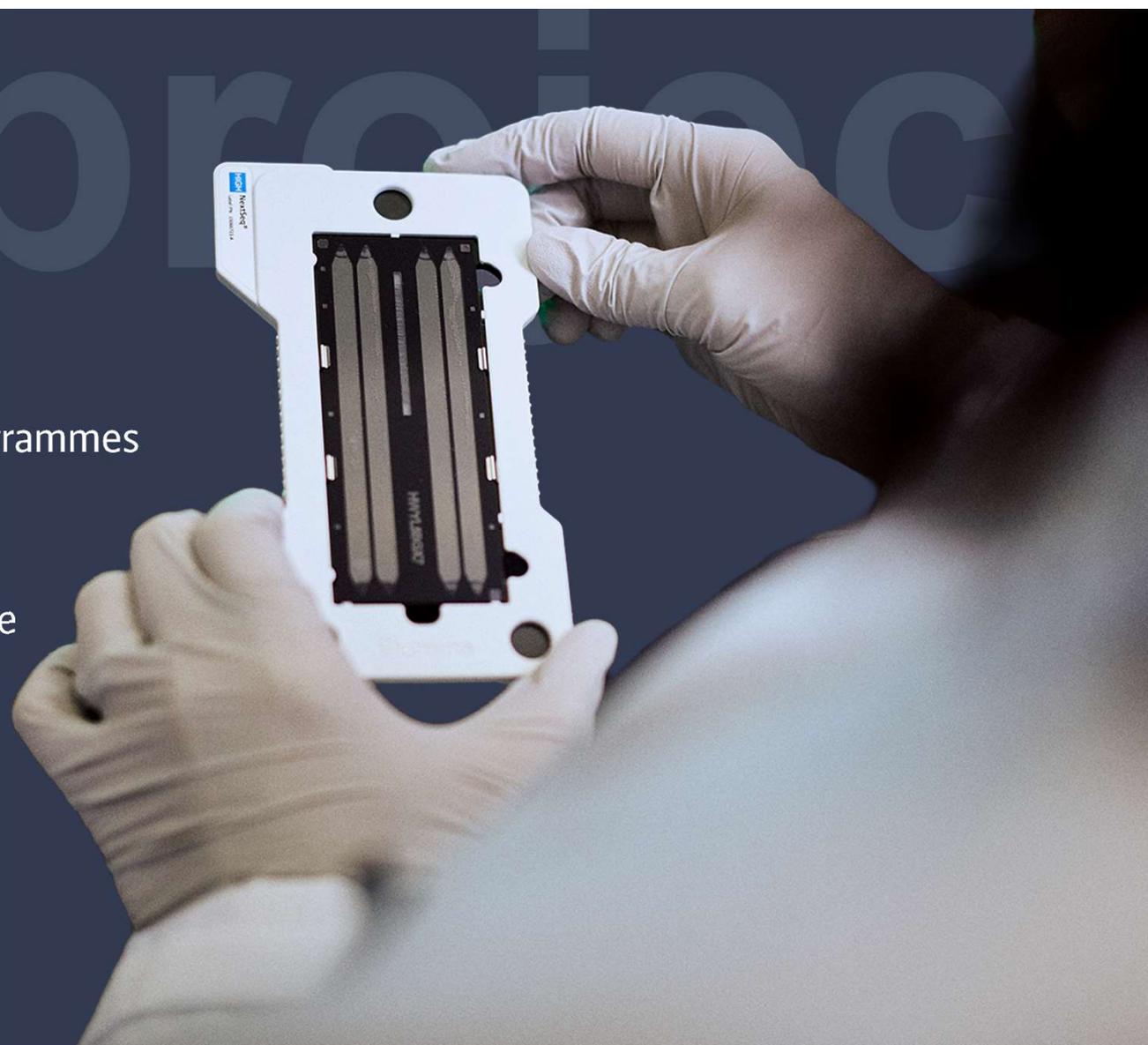
Research Infrastructure Programme

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Project Grants

Promote fundamental research at the highest international level

Key Information

- Testing of novel or continuation of ongoing research ideas
- Independent research leaders can apply
- Place of research is in Denmark or the Nordic countries

Research areas

- Endocrinology and Metabolism (Nordic)
- Clinical and Translational Medicine (Denmark)
- Bioscience and Basic Biomedical Research (Denmark)
- Natural and Technical Sciences (Denmark)
- Plant Science, Agriculture and Food Biotechnology (Nordic)
- Industrial Biotechnology and Environmental Biotechnology (Nordic)

Grant budget

- Grant budget: **up to DKK 4.5 million over 1 - 3 years**
- Application deadline: **June – September 2026**

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Check the application guidelines for each call for specific details



CI1 The BBM project grants call closes in September
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Project Grants for Research within Nutrition Related to CMDs

Key Information

- To develop new understandings and translate/implement new and existing knowledge into society within prevention and management of nutrition related CMDs
- **Independent researchers** (Post-docs and above with secured salary) can apply
- **Main applicant** must be based in Denmark
- **Co-applicants from abroad** is encouraged and increase the maximum budget

Grant budget

- Grant budget: Up to **DKK 4 million** (DKK 5 million if the project includes an international co-applicant) for projects lasting **up to 3 years**
- Application deadline: Expected **May 2026**



Regenerative Medicine Catalyst Grants

**NEW IN
2025**

Key information

- To catalyse innovative and translational research into major challenges that prevent development and application of regenerative medicine therapies
- Independent researchers (post-docs and above with secured salary) can apply
- Main applicant must be based in a Nordic country
- Co-applicants from abroad are encouraged

Grant budget

- Grant budget: Up to **DKK 5 million** (DKK **10 million** if the project includes an international co-applicant) for projects lasting **up to 3 years**

Four thematic research areas

- 1) Challenges in autologous and allogeneic cell therapy
- 2) Applications of stem cell-based disease modelling
- 3) Engineering biomaterials for regenerative medicine therapy
- 4) Transition of cell therapies from academia to clinical development



Call opens: **June 2026**

Application deadline: **September 2026**

MicroMAX Collaborative Research Grants

Key Information

- Create Danish expertise within advanced macromolecular crystallography
- Establish a world-leading Danish MicroMAX user community
- Obtain novel understanding of macromolecular structure and function
- **Main applicant** must be based in **Denmark**
- **1-2 co-applicant(s)** from Denmark or international
- At least one of the applicants must have **relevant synchrotron crystallography expertise**

Grant budget

- Grant budget: Up to **DKK 7 million for up to 4 years**
- **Call:** Expected Spring 2026 (Total grant budget DKK 42m over two calls)

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Investigator Grants

Support excellent research leaders at different career stages, and promote their career progression and research at the highest international level

Key Information

- Grant may cover applicant's own salary (for some)
- Place of research is in Denmark or the Nordic countries.
- **ENDO and BBM:** See guidelines for special rules on eligibility (NNF centre affiliation) and relocation (ascending)

Grant budget

- Grant budget: **Up to DKK ~11-12.5 million over 5 years**
- Application deadline: **January OR July (annual)**, check NNF website

Research areas

- Clinical and Translational Research (Denmark)
- **Endocrinology and Metabolism (Nordics)**
- **Bioscience and Basic Biomedical Research (Denmark).**
- Plant Science, Agriculture and Food Biotechnology (Nordics)
- Industrial Biotechnology and Environmental Biotechnology (Nordics)
- Data Science (Denmark)

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Distinguished investigator

Professor level (not Biotech)

Ascending investigator

Associate professor level

Approx. 7 - 18 years from PhD

Emerging investigator

Starting research leaders

Approx. 4 - 8 years from PhD



NERD Programme - New Exploratory Research and Discovery

Supporting a single principal investigator at any career stage with ample funding and a long time-horizon, providing the required long-term stability and continuity to explore truly exceptional ideas

Key Information

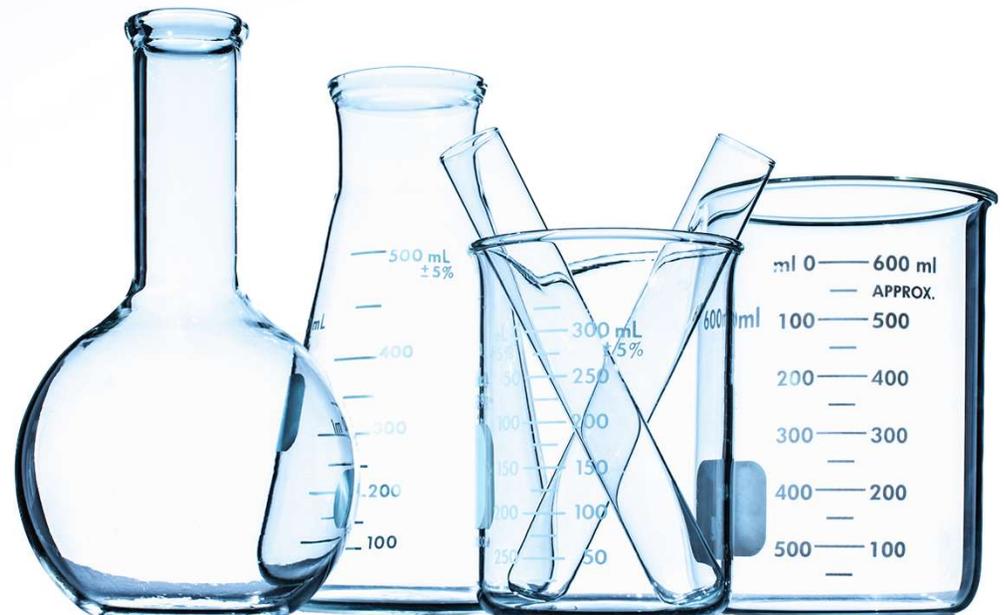
- Supports researchers at any career stage after obtaining the PhD degree
- Grant can cover applicant's own salary (time limited only)
- First evaluation of all applications is **anonymous**
- Grant portfolio **cap of DKK 4.0 million/year as PI** (in first funding year)

Research areas

- Fundamental research within **the natural and technical sciences**, e.g., physics, chemistry, mathematics, computer science, and technical sciences.
- Not eligible: Projects within biotechnology, biomedicine or health science.
- Explicitly describe how the outcome of the project may have potential future applications in the life sciences, health sciences, or sustainability.

Grant budget

- Grant budget: **Up to DKK 16.6 million over 7 years**
- Expected application deadline: **February 2026**



Start Package Grant - For faculty recruitment

To increase researchers' mobility and make Danish universities more competitive when recruiting top researchers of any nationality to time-unlimited research positions

Key Information

- Recruitment from abroad, from another Danish institution (with career progression), or from industry
- The candidate must be offered a time-unlimited faculty position
- **Applications must be submitted by the recruiting institution** (the person with appointment authority)

Research areas

Areas in alignment with the Foundations 2030 strategy including:

1. Medical Sciences
2. Lifesciences
3. Sustainability
4. Natural and technical sciences including data science

Grant budget

- Duration: **4 years**
- Up to DKK 5 million at the **assistant professor level in a tenure-track position**
- Up to DKK 8 million at the **associate professor level**
- Up to DKK 10 million at the **full professor level**
- Up to DKK 10 million for a **clinical- or clinical chair professor position**

Application deadline: **Quarterly (4 per year) – 3 February 2026**



International recruitment & retainment programmes

career



Laureate Research Grant

For outstanding established scientists to either **come to Denmark** or **stay in Denmark** to carry out their ground-breaking research

Key Information

- Independent research programme for 7 years or more
- Applicants must demonstrate strong support from the host institution

Research areas

- Biomedicine, incl. basic, translational, clinical and/or epidemiological research

Grant budget

- Grant budget: Up to **DKK 60 million over 7 years** (potential continuation of up to 7 years and DKK 35 million)
- Application deadline: **Autumn 2026**

RECRUIT

Recruitment of the most talented or leading researchers internationally

Key Information

- Recruitment from abroad **across all career levels**
- Applicants must be endorsed by the recruiting universities according to a **nomination quota**

Research areas

- Natural and Technical Sciences, incl. data science
- Sustainability and biotechnology

Grant budget

- Up to DKK 22 million over 7 years at the **assistant professor level**,
- Up to DKK 40 million over 7 years at the **associate professor level**,
- Up to DKK 55 million over 7 years at the **full professor level**.
- **Potential extension grant of up to DKK 10 million over 5 years**
- Application deadline: **Expected March 2026**

Slide 24

- CI1** We made some changes to this slide:
1. The applicants don't need to be nominated by the host, but they need to have a very strong support host letter demonstrating strategic fit and local synergies.
 2. The grant budget has been increased to up to 60million.
 3. The call just closed, so it is probably going to close again at the same time next year
 4. It was suggested for the programmes to switch sides - somehow the slide looks a little more symmetrical like this

Cordelia Imig, 2025-10-31T13:16:56.387

UG1 0 Looks good, thank you

Ulla Gro Nielsen, 2025-10-31T14:08:54.432

RECRUIT - Sabbatical grants

Sabbaticals to advance researcher's continuous development and benefit the Danish research ecosystem

Key Information

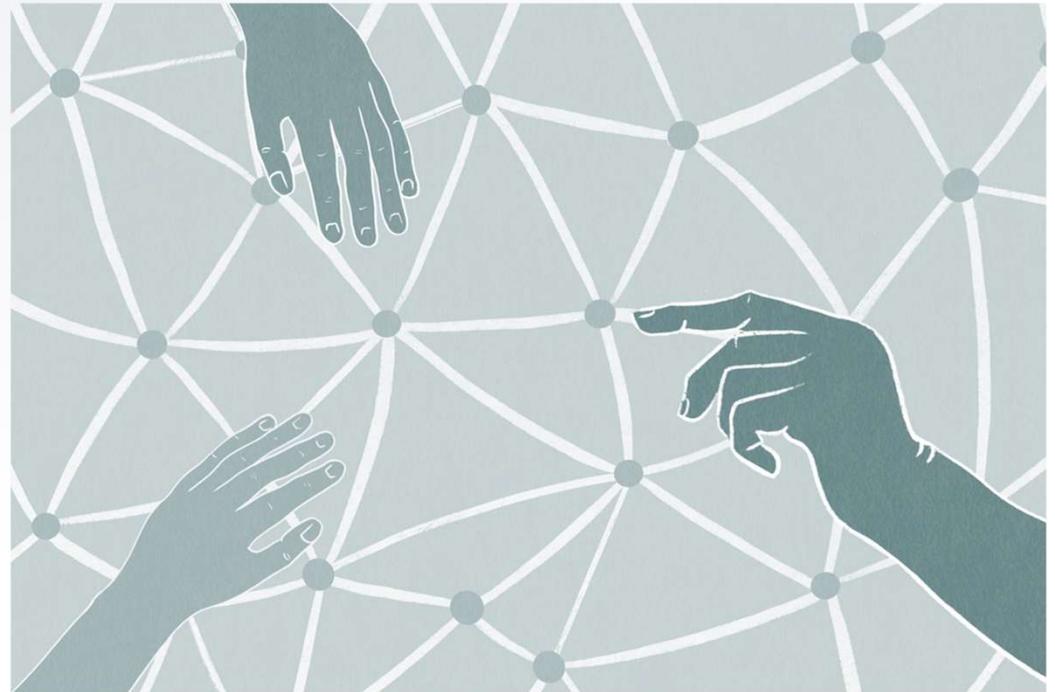
- Supports university faculty in a time-unlimited positions
- Researchers **from abroad** going to Denmark or **from Denmark** wishing to visit a foreign research group
- Grant can cover applicant's own salary
- Applicants must be endorsed by the Danish universities according to a **nomination quota**

Research areas

- Natural and Technical Sciences incl. data science
- Sustainability and biotechnology

Grant budget

- Up to DKK 1 million over 1 year
- Application deadline: **Expected March 2026**



Cleveland Clinic – Denmark: Quantum – AI Biomedical Frontiers Fellowship

Quantum Technologies and AI for biomedical and clinical applications

collaboration

NEW IN
2025

Key Information

- Postdoctoral researchers
- Degree in medicine, natural and technical sciences, biomedicine, or biotechnology.
- From Denmark to the Cleveland Clinic OR
- From the Cleveland Clinic to a Danish Research Institution
- 2 years abroad and up to 1 year return phase

Research areas

- Enhanced diagnostic precision
- Innovative drug discovery
- Optimization of clinical trials
- Personalised medicine development

Grant budget,

- Grant budget: **DKK 3.6 million over 3 years**
- Application deadline: **29 January 2026**



Cleveland Clinic

Postdoc Fellowships

Knowledge, training and research experience in an excellent international research environment

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Fellowships abroad



Key Information

- Support promising and ambitious early career researchers with a PhD, max. 5 years since PhD
- Facilitate return to the Danish research environment for up to 1 year after stay abroad

Bioscience and Basic Biomedical Research

- Up to 3 years abroad
- Grant budget: Up to **DKK 5.0 million over 3 years**
- Application deadline: **13 January 2026**

Interdisciplinary Postdoc fellowships

- 2 years at ETH Zurich, MIT, University of Oxford **OR** University of Uppsala
- Grant budget: Up to **DKK 3.6 million over 3 years**
- Application deadline: **29 January 2026**

Fellowships at Nordic host institution



Key Information

- Support young promising and ambitious researchers, max. 6 years from having obtained a PhD
- **Minimum 1 year at a Nordic research institution**
- Additional stay abroad for 6 – 24 months is encouraged

Research areas

- Plant Science, Agriculture and Food Biotechnology
- Industrial Biotechnology and Environmental Biotechnology

Grant budget

- Grant budget: Up to **DKK 3.3 million for up to 3 years**
- Application deadline: Expected **August 2026**

Slide 27

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Ulla Gro Nielsen, 2025-10-25T14:23:40.734

CI1 0 Hi Ulla, The BBM project grants are slightly special and I don't know how best to summarize this on the slide.

BBM postdoc projects are 3 grants up to 5M DKK with 3-years abroad + 1 final year at a Danish University

Our Application Deadline is on 13 January
Cordelia Imig, 2025-10-31T13:18:39.144

UG1 1 [@Cordelia Imig] revised, I have made a column for each postdoc programme
Ulla Gro Nielsen, 2025-10-31T14:05:55.615

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The Research Infrastructure Programme

Develop, establish and upgrade state-of-the-art research infrastructures to achieve excellence in research and innovation

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Exploratory Research Instrumentation Programme

Develop new instrumentation and methodologies from idea to prototype

Key Information

- Bridge the gap between fundamental research and innovation
- Applicants must hold a PhD (both academic and AC-TAP can apply)
- Applicant must have **documented interest and expertise** in instrument/methods development

Grant budget

- Grant budget: **DKK 2-7.6 million over 4 years**
- Application deadline: **8 January 2026**

Large Equipment and Facilities

Open-access research infrastructure with technical support

Key Information

- Open-access user community incl. academia and industry
- Large equipment, operating expenses, and technical staff
- Applicant holds a time-unlimited academic (VIP) or technical (AC-TAP) position

Grant budget

- Grant budget: **DKK 5-25 million over 6 years**
- Application deadline: **8 January 2026**

Equipment Upgrade Programme

Extend the lifetime of a NNF funded research infrastructure

Key Information

- Invited applicants only
- Sustainable business plan
- Equipment upgrade and partial technical staff

Grant budget

- Grant budget: **up to DKK 3 million over 4 years**
- Application deadline: **8 January 2026**

Research areas: Health science, biomedicine, biotechnology, data science, natural and/or technical sciences

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NNF Innovation Grants

Aim: To accelerate translation and thereby commercialisation of research findings and the development of novel solutions and technologies

About innovation grants

Project maturation: Project activities up to Proof-of-Concept (pre-CVR)

Eligibility: Faculty members & researchers employed at Nordic universities, hospitals or other research institutions



Pioneer Innovator

Key Information

Emphasis on project and impact - less focus on PI and team

Grant budget

- Grant budget: **Up to DKK 1.1 million over 1 year**
- Grant cycles per year: **2**
- Expected application deadline: **March & August**

Distinguished Innovator

Key Information

Emphasis on the main applicant's proven track record within innovation, *i.e.* experience with innovation projects / establishing spin-outs

Grant budget

- Grant budget: **Up to DKK 6.8 million over 3 years**
- Grant cycles per year: **2**
- Expected application deadline: **March & August**

Research Areas

- Pharma, Medtech & Healthtech (particular focus on CMD and Infectious diseases)
- Industrial/environmental biotechnology
- Sustainable agriculture and food
- Carbon capture (CC+U+S)
- N₂O and methane emissions
- Quantum technologies

At BII, we bring science to life by accelerating research into real-world solutions



Scan the QR code or reach out to Iben Nikolajsen at INI@BII.dk to speak us about your project. No idea is too early.

Knowledge

Our community members benefit from our educational programs, start-up experts, and events aimed at educating the next generation of entrepreneurs.

Network

Our community members benefit from our extensive ecosystem network, with investors and collaboration partners engaging throughout the project.

Infrastructure

Our community members have access to our Infrastructure, including office space, laboratory facilities, and technical platforms.

Funding

Our community members have access to funding via our programs to help them accelerate their business idea.



Our focus areas



Human Health

With cutting-edge research and development, we strive to deliver meaningful therapeutic and health tech solutions that improve health outcomes for people worldwide.

Planetary Health

We aim to support projects that develop innovative solutions to tackle the world's most pressing environmental challenges.

Societal Resilience

Supporting world-class innovation based on quantum information science that drives the development of new solutions for the benefit of people and society.

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Green Chemistry Challenge

BII aims to accelerate research into real-world solutions. Our current Bio Studio open call seeks entrepreneurial and innovative Principal Investigators to take on our Green Chemistry challenge.

PROGRAM	Bio Studio
DURATION	Up to 3 years
FUNDING	DKK 5.35M (€0.72M) per year
SUPPORT	State of the art lab facilities, business development coaching, intellectual property protection

DEADLINE TO APPLY 1st DECEMBER 2025

BioInnovation
Institute

THE PROBLEM

Many industries, and particularly the cosmetics sector, face an **urgent need for scalable, high-performance, cost-effective solutions** that seamlessly integrate with existing systems. Current sustainable alternatives are often **costly, underperforming, and lack true drop-in compatibility.**

Interested in applying?

Reach out to Senior Associate,
Taylor Cooney via email:
biostudioprogram@bii.dk

BII WELCOMES PROPOSALS TO DEVELOP SOLUTIONS THAT...

Exhibit superior performance including color, odor, and demonstrated chemical compatibility

Have competitive cost margins or potential to reach cost-parity with existing solutions

Are biodegradable or biocompatible, sustainable, non-toxic, and exhibit thermal stability

Scan the QR code or visit
www.bii.dk/programs/bio-studio for the
criteria of the Green Chemistry Challenge
Call and the Bio Studio application process.



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Conferences, symposia and workshops

Promote knowledge sharing and networking activities

Key Information

- Support medium-sized events with a duration of a few days
- Events in the Danish Realm only
- Opportunities to present and discuss the newest research and innovation activities with peers
- Applicants must be anchored at a university, museum or other research institution in Denmark.
- Events are organised by the researchers (not professional agencies)

Research areas

1. Biomedicine and health science
2. Sustainability and biotechnology
3. Natural and Technical Sciences
4. Innovation
5. Research in Art History
6. Education and Outreach

Grant budget

- Grant budget: **DKK 50,000 - 500,000**
- Expected application deadline(s): **March and October 2026 (biannual)**

conferences



Project Grants – NNF PREPARE

Better PREPARE students to provide society with solutions to complex problems within Life Science and Sustainability.

Check 2026 guidelines: possibly new areas and quotas

Key Information

- Target of development: students at Natural and Technical Science educations at universities.
- Improve and increase ways to train students' creative and critical skills through science or engineering research activities.
- The prodean(s) for education or equivalent leader at university must endorse the application

Avenues of development

Digital learning platforms, computer science aids to learning



Upgrade/develop courses on emerging science or technology topics

Research in practice in makerspaces or laboratories, research training at external facilities



Grant budget

- Each university can submit up to 5 projects with a total budget of up to:
 - **UCPH, DTU:** up to DKK 15mill
 - **SDU, AAU, AU:** up to DKK 10mill
 - **RUC, ITU:** up to DKK 8mill
 - **Faroe Islands U:** up to DKK 5mill
 - **A cluster of two or more universities:** up to DKK 15mill
- **Total grant budget:** approx. DKK 30mill per year
- Duration of projects: up to 3 years
- Call opens January 2026. Application deadline: **Expected Spring 2026**
- Two phase process: In Phase I universities prioritise submissions. In Phase II NNF evaluates with help of international experts

2 Project Grants – Education and science capital

Strengthen scientific and technical aspirations, knowledge and competencies in Denmark through education

Key Information

- Increase interest and quality of learning in STEM-related subjects in the area of Technology, Sustainability and Health
- Develop continued education offers of teachers

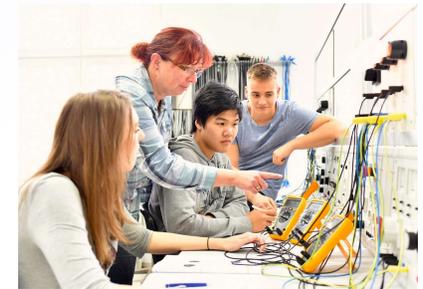
Education areas

- Vocational education and training (EUD, EUX, EA)
- Technical professional bachelor education

Grant instrument

- Grant budget: Up to **DKK 6.6 million for up to 6 years**
- Application deadline: **September 2026**
- Benefits Danish society and inspires internationally
- Universities are eligible applicants

Grants for strengthening Vocational- and Profession-oriented Education



Key Information

- School activities within science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education
- Research on the didactics of natural science
- Experiences with natural science and technology in leisure time
- Develop continued education offers of teachers

Education areas

- Day care
- Primary and secondary school

Grant instrument

- Grant budget: Up to **DKK 6.0 million for up to 6 years**
- Application deadline: **September 2026**
- Benefits Danish society and inspires internationally
- Universities are eligible applicants

Grants for natural science education and informal learning environments



2 Project Grants – societal learning about science and sustainability

1. Strengthen scientific and technical aspirations, knowledge and competencies through science communication and public dialogue
2. Build knowledge, networks and systems to help support the green transition in society

Grants for societal learning for the green transition



Key Information

- Promote innovation, implementation and/or scaling up of sustainable behaviour and practices through social experimentation, knowledge generation and collective learning

Who should benefit?

- Communities
- Organisations
- Institutions

Grant instrument

- Grant budget: **Up to DKK 6.0 million over up to 3 years**
- Application deadline: **September 2026**
- Benefits Danish society and inspires internationally
- Universities are eligible applicants

Grants for novel science communication and public dialogue



Key Information

- Contribute to engagement and interest in natural science and technology and facilitate communication and qualified public debates on topics within natural and technological science including health and sustainability.

Who should benefit?

- Children, young people and the general public

Grant instrument

- Grant budget: **Up to DKK 4.3 million over up to 6 years**
- Application deadline: **September 2026**
- Benefits Danish society and inspires internationally
- Universities are eligible applicants

Agenda

Large Collaborative Research Programmes
Project Grants
Research Career Programmes
Research Infrastructure Programme
Innovation Grants
Education and Outreach

● Before You apply

before



Project supplement

- Agreement between 6 private foundations and the Danish Universities based on analysis of data from the Danish Universities by Deloitte Consulting
- Replaces bench fee and direct administrative costs for Danish universities
- Applies to grants under DKK 50 million awarded in open competition
- **Follow the agreement, guidelines and FAQ:** <https://dkuni.dk/aftale-om-en-faelles-model-for-finansiering-af-forskningsprojekter/>
- Applicable to academic staff in time-limited positions e.g., PhD students, postdocs, research assistants. (*VIP-group B and C in appendix B in Danish Universities guideline*).
- NOT applicable for technical and administrative staff as well as time-unlimited academic staff e.g., tenure track assistant professors, associate professors, and professors. (*VIP-group A and TAP in appendix B in Danish Universities guideline*)
- Staff category budget revisions may affect project supplement
- In NORMA a choice to add project supplement category on a salary will be available in the budget form and then be added automatically.

Categories

Wet research

*Natural sciences, health sciences
and technical sciences*

DKK 250.000
per project-employed FTE

Dry research

*Humanities, social sciences, law
and theology*

DKK 200.000
per project-employed FTE

Time spent **abroad** + **non research** projects

DKK 0
per project-employed FTE



NOTE: *NNF only answers questions regarding how to enter project supplement in NORMA.* For all other questions we refer to funding support at each university and the agreement with Danish Universities: <https://dkuni.dk/aftale-om-en-faelles-model-for-finansiering-af-forskningsprojekter/>

When you apply for competitive funding at NNF

DO:

- ✓ Start early!
- ✓ Read the application **guidelines** carefully *and* follow the instructions
- ✓ Consider the **committee** you are addressing
- ✓ Have peers/colleagues to **review** your application before submission
- ✓ Make sure you submit all the required **letters/documents**
- ✓ Ensure that you include **project supplement** or bench fee based on the call guidelines
- ✓ **Contact** the foundation if in doubt well before the deadline
- ✓ **Proof-read** you application before submission; check the PDF generated by NORMA

DO NOT:

- ✗ Finish the application right before **deadline**
- ✗ Artificially **inflate the budget**
- ✗ Upload **unrequested documents**
- ✗ Make **pseudo-collaborations**
- ✗ Expect evaluators to “**read between the lines**”
- ✗ Expect all evaluators to be **experts**

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