

Call for Lundbeck Foundation Fellowships

Background

The Lundbeck Foundation's ambition is to make Denmark leading in neuroscience research by funding relevant biomedical, health, clinical and other sciences in Denmark. The goal is to foster world-class research at Danish universities and Danish university hospitals. At the same time, our grants must help provide an environment that stimulates the best graduates and scientists at all career levels.

The purpose of the Lundbeck Foundation Fellows programme is to support highly promising young researchers in their efforts to establish an independent profile and research group. With these grants, we aim to support some of tomorrow's most important contributors to research breakthroughs, significantly impacting research and society.

Lundbeck Foundation believes that diversity strengthens science and for this reason diversity, including, but not limited to, gender and ethnic origin, is encouraged. It is therefore important that we receive applications from as many qualified scientists as possible, from all backgrounds.



Research theme

The proposed research must be within the fields of biomedical, clinical or health science, or must facilitate research within these fields.



Who can apply?

Lundbeck Foundation fellowships are granted to outstanding and promising young researchers who are establishing or expanding their own research groups at non-commercial Danish research institutions. This applies to Danish-based researchers, to researchers from abroad who wish to move to Denmark and continue their research here and to researchers already employed at Danish universities and university hospitals.

Applicants must:

- Have obtained their PhD no more than eight years ago¹ (rules for leave of absence apply²).
- Work within the fields of biomedical, clinical and health science, or related fields with a clear biomedical angle to the project.

Applicants may not:

- Already hold, or receive within the same year as this grant is awarded, a major Danish or international starting grants similar to a Lundbeck Foundation Fellowship



Which proposals are eligible?

Your project proposes frontline clinical, translational or basic research within the fields of biomedical, clinical or health science, or facilitates research within these fields.

¹ PhD age is calculated from day of graduation to the application deadline.

² The PhD seniority of applicants who have taken maternity or paternity leave after gaining their PhD will be reduced by the actual number of weeks of leave multiplied by 1.5. In the case of illness or family care leave, the exact period will be deducted. The start and end dates of the maternity/paternity leave or other leave periods must be stated in the applicant's CV. The PhD seniority of applicants who have taken leave from research for their clinical postgraduate education (Klinisk Basisuddannelse) after gaining their PhD will be reduced by 12 months.



How much?

The Lundbeck Foundation is allocating up to DKK 70 million to this call. Grants are DKK 10 million each and cover five years. The budget may include all staff and non-staff costs related to the project, including your own salary. Up to 10% of the budget can be reserved for indirect costs if appropriately justified.



How to apply?

You must submit your application, written in English, via the Lundbeck Foundation's application system at <https://lanas.lundbeckfonden.com/>

Please note that the Foundation will not consider or assess any application material which is not submitted via the application system.

Your application must include the following:

- Research plan
- Publication list
- CV
- Budget
- A letter of support from the Danish host institution
- A Letter of Intent from a resident researcher at the host institution who will mentor you during the process of establishing a research group as an integral part of the research environment there

There are further details in the application guide. Please follow the guidelines on the application form.

You are welcome to contact Science Manager Ulla Jakobsen, uj@lundbeckfonden.com, or Programme Manager Lars Torup, lt@lundbeckfonden.com, if you have any questions regarding your application.

Evaluation process

The evaluation will be based on the scientific excellence characterised by the criteria below:

- Applicant (scientific creativity, scientific achievements, scientific collaboration and network, commitment, level of independence as a researcher)
- Research project (ground-breaking nature, potential impact, scientific approach, feasibility)
- Host environment (scientific skills, facilities, commitment)
- Expected implications for human health

Each application is given an overall rating according to the definitions below:

Score A: Internationally outstanding; has exceptional novelty, quality and innovativeness; fully meets all scientific standards and excels in many or all of these. Recommended for funding or to continue to the next phase.

Score B: Very good since the applicant meets all scientific standards; or good quality in terms of overall scientific standards; or the reviewer has concerns about one or more aspects of the application.

Score C: Meets some of the scientific standards; or needs significant changes and improvements; or has serious flaws and does not meet the scientific standards. Not recommended for funding.

The assessment will be divided into two steps:

Step 1.

Applications are evaluated by the Lundbeck Foundation Grants & Prizes Panel (<https://www.lundbeckfonden.com/en/grants/review-panels/>) who select the applications to continue to the next step.

Step 2.

Selected applications are peer reviewed by three external, international experts who then provide the Foundation with a written report. Applicants will be invited to comment on the written reports. Selected applicants will be invited to an interview by the Grants & Prizes Panel. Based on the application, three independent peer reviews, the applicants' written reply to the peer review and interviews with applicants, the Grants & Prizes Panel will make recommendations for funding or rejection to the Foundation's Board of Trustees, who will make the final decision.

Important dates:

- Deadline for application: 13:00, 2 September 2020
- Decision on step 2: November 2020
- Interviews of selected applicants: 2-3 March 2021
- Final decision: April 2021



What are the grant conditions?

If your proposal is successful, a contract will be drafted. As part of this process, you and your host institution will be required to accept the Lundbeck Foundation's general grant conditions (https://www.lundbeckfonden.com/wp-content/uploads/General_Terms_and_conditions_for-Research-Grants.pdf) as well as individual, project-specific amendments, including requests for indirect costs, which will be subject to negotiation.

The purpose of the Lundbeck Foundation is *to create powerful ripple effects that bring discoveries to lives through investing actively in business and science at the frontiers of their fields.*