

Call for Lundbeck Foundation Collaborative Projects

Background

The Lundbeck Foundation aspires for its grants to make a significant contribution to advances in research-based knowledge and experience in the field of biomedical, clinical and health sciences in Denmark. At the same time, our grants must help ensure that Denmark always has the best graduates and scientists at all career levels in these fields.

The purpose of Lundbeck Foundation Collaborative Projects is to develop and support the Danish research environment within neuroscience. We welcome you to propose scientific issues which can only be resolved through integrated, interdisciplinary and collaborative efforts. With this programme we aim to create synergy between neuroscience and other research fields or between different subfields of neuroscience. The ambition is to foster collaborations that will significantly impact neuroscience and have potential implications for human health. The grants are intended to add significant value to the existing research environments.

The 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 research should be related to basic or clinical neuroscience, or science with clear relevance to neuroscience. The term 'neuroscience' is used here in its broadest sense, and thus includes medical, technical, natural and social sciences as well as humanities. In rare cases, and only after dialogue with the applicant, the Foundation will accept applications from outside the field of neuroscience.



Who can apply?

We expect you and your co-applicants to be internationally recognised researchers with a track record of significant and excellent research achievements during the last 10 years. The collaboration may be between Danish research groups or Danish and international research groups. You should have demonstrated impactful research leadership and have proven experience with collaborative research. To ensure that the project adds significant value to existing research environments, the applicant and co-applicant must hold tenure. The main applicant must be affiliated to a Danish host institution.



Which proposals are eligible?

Your project proposes frontline clinical, translational or basic research, and the research must be based at either 1) one or more non-commercial Danish research institutions or 2) one or more non-commercial Danish research institutions and one or more non-commercial international research institutions. The Foundation prefers proposals with one applicant and one co-applicant but accepts up to three co-applicants. It is not permitted for a single applicant or co-applicant to hold Lundbeck Foundation grants worth more than DKK 10 million lasting beyond 2021.



How much?

You can apply for up to DKK 60 million for a period of five years. We expect to award 3-5 grants. The budget may include all staff and non-staff costs related to the project, including project-specific research equipment and infrastructure. Up to 10% of the budget may be reserved for project-related, indirect costs if appropriately justified and based on a negotiation with the Foundation. When funding for a collaborative research partner outside Denmark is requested, payment must take place through the Danish host institution of the main PI.



How to apply?

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

Your expression of interest must include the following:

- Outline of the research plan
- Publication list
- CV of applicant and co-applicants
- Budget

Further guidance is provided in 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 scientific excellence characterised by the criteria below:

- Collaborative research project (groundbreaking nature, potential impact, scientific approach, synergy, interdisciplinarity, feasibility)
- Applicants (scientific achievements, creativity, commitment, leadership skills/capacity development, collaboration and network)
- Research environment of PI and co-PIs (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 minor 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.

Expressions of interest are evaluated by the Lundbeck Foundation's Grants & Prizes Panel (<https://www.lundbeckfonden.com/en/grants/review-panels/>) who select the applicants to be invited to submit a full application.

Step 2.

The full 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 Expression of Interest: 1 pm on 6 January 2020
- Decision on step 2: March 2020
- Deadline for full application: June 2020
- Interviews of selected applicants: October 2020
- Final decision: December 2020



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](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.*