



Call for Lundbeck Foundation Experiment

Background

Lundbeck Foundation's vision is to create better lives through new knowledge. We wish our grants to make a significant contribution to increasing research-based knowledge and experience in the field of biomedical 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. 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.

The purpose of this grant instrument is to support extraordinary research ideas that challenge the norms and prevailing ideas within the fields of biomedical, clinical or health science. We are seeking unique, high-risk ideas which may have a limited chance of succeeding but which have great potential to transform our understanding of an important research field if they do.



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?

Applicants must hold a PhD degree or have similar experience.



Which proposals are eligible?

Your project proposes breakthrough ideas which hold the potential to fundamentally change its field of research. This programme is not intended to fund PhD projects. The research must be based at a non-commercial Danish research institution.



How much?

Lundbeck Foundation is allocating up to DKK 60 million to this call for proposals. You can apply for up to DKK 2 million for a period of up to two years. The budget may cover staff and non-staff costs related to the project, including your own salary if not already covered by the institution. Up to 10% of the budget can be reserved for project-related, indirect costs if appropriately justified.



How to apply?

You must submit your application, written in English, via [Lundbeck Foundation's application system](#) no later than 1.00 pm CET (GMT+1), 15 August 2019.

Your application must include the following:

- Research proposal
- CV
- Budget
- Letter(s) of support from the Danish host institution

There are further instructions on the application form. Since the review process is anonymised, it is of utmost importance that the research proposal and budget do not contain any indication of the applicant or affiliation. Applications in which the applicant is identified will not be considered.



You are welcome to contact Science Liaison Line V. Kristensen, lvk@lundbeckfonden.com, if you have any questions regarding your application.

☑ **Evaluation process**

All proposals will be reviewed in a two-step process.

Step 1

The first step is evaluation by the Lundbeck Foundation's Talent Panel. The panel members will score the applications based on the criteria below and then give the proposal an overall score.

- Originality of the idea
- Impact of the idea
- Appropriateness of the research proposal for this type of programme

Applications are scored according to the scale below:

1 – outstanding, 2 – excellent, 3 – very good, 4 – unsuitable

Each reviewer has the option to cast a decisive vote, which may only be used once. The decisive vote is used for an extraordinary application that deserves the highest priority. Applications will be ranked according to overall score, and applications with decisive votes will be ranked highest.

Note that all research proposals will be anonymous to the panel.

Step 2

In step two, the Foundation's Research and Prize Committee will assess the CVs of the applicants whose applications have been chosen by the Panel. This is to ensure that each applicant has the necessary qualifications to perform the research project. The Research and Prize Committee may decline funding for an application if it is obvious that the experience and qualifications of the applicant do not match the proposed research project. All other applications chosen by the Panel will be funded. Applicants will be notified of approval of a grant or rejection after the Research and Prize Committee's review.

Important dates:

- Deadline for application, 1.00 pm CET (GMT+1), 15 August 2019
- Rejection or approval of grants, 1 December 2019



What are the grant conditions?

If your proposal is successful, you must accept [Lundbeck Foundation's General Terms and Conditions for Research Grants](#).