



Call for Lundbeck Foundation Ascending Investigators

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 established and talented biomedical scientists at Danish non-commercial research institutions and to further develop their careers and potentially make a significant contribution to biomedical science.



Research theme

The research should be within the fields of neuroscience or biomedical, clinical or health science, or should facilitate research within these fields. The term 'neuroscience' is used here in its broadest sense, hence including medical, technical, natural and social sciences as well as humanities.



Who can apply?

We expect you to be an experienced researcher and to have already established your own research field and demonstrated the ability to conduct original research at a high international level, typically an associate professor on the permanent staff at a university or an equivalent post at a university hospital in Denmark (*klinisk lektor / forskningslektor / seniorforsker*). Researchers should have a track record of significant and excellent research achievements over the past five to ten years and must have obtained their PhD no more than 15 years ago (rules for leave of absence apply¹). We welcome applications from Danish-based researchers and researchers from abroad who wish to move to Denmark and continue their research here.



Which proposals are eligible?

Your project proposes frontline clinical, translational or basic research, and the research must be based at a non-commercial Danish research institution.



How much?

Lundbeck Foundation is allocating up to DKK 100 million to this call for proposals. You can apply for DKK 5 million for a period of four years. The budget may include all staff and non-staff costs related to the project apart from your own salary. 10% of the budget can be reserved for project-related, indirect costs if appropriately justified.

¹ 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.



How to apply?

You must submit your application, written in English, via [Lundbeck Foundation's application system](#).

Your application must include the following:

- Research plan
- Publication list and CV
- Budget
- Letters of support from the Danish host institution

There are further details in the application guide on the application form.

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

Evaluation process

All proposals will be reviewed by Foundation's Talent Panel in a one-step process, based on the criteria below:

- Excellence of the applicant (scientific achievements, creativity, commitment, leadership skills / capacity development, collaboration and network)
- Excellence of the research project (ground-breaking nature, potential impact, scientific approach, feasibility)
- Excellence of the host environment (scientific skills, facilities, commitment)
- Expected implications for human health

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

1 – excellent, 2 – very good, 3 – good, 4 – fair and 5 – weak.

Important dates:

- Deadline for application: week 18, 2019
- Rejection or approval of grants: week 40, 2019



What are the grant conditions?

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