



Call for Lundbeck Foundation Ascending Investigators

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 this grant instrument is to support established and talented scientists at Danish non-commercial research institutions to further develop their careers and to make significant research contributions with a potential benefit for neuroscience and therapies for nervous system disorders.

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

Advancements in neuroscience often develop from cross-disciplinary interaction, leading to novel insights into biological mechanisms, trial design, emerging technologies, etc.

With this call, we invite applicants to submit proposals from any research field with potential benefit for the advancement of neuroscience and/or therapies for nervous system disorders. The term 'neuroscience' is used here in its broadest sense, including medical, technical, natural and social sciences as well as humanities.



Who can apply?

We expect you to be an experienced and independent researcher within an established research field and with a demonstrated ability to conduct original research at a high international level, either as a permanent staff member at a university or in an equivalent position at a university hospital in Denmark. Researchers should have a track record of significant research achievements over the past five to ten years. We welcome applications from Danish-based researchers and researchers from abroad who wish to move their research to Denmark.



Which proposals are eligible?

Your project proposes frontline clinical, translational or basic research with a potential benefit for neuroscience, and the research must be based at a non-commercial Danish research institution. At the time of the submission deadline 15 May, you must not have an active grant portfolio for the calendar year 2020 exceeding an annual total of DKK 3.0 million for which you are principal investigator (PI). Only grants for which you are lead PI should be included in this total. If changes in the active grant portfolio for 2020 occur after 15 May, a revised research grant summary must be submitted at the latest September 15, 2020.



How much?

Lundbeck Foundation expect to allocate DKK 70 million to this call. You can apply for up to 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. If relevant to the proposed research project, the Foundation encourages applicants to use this grant as an opportunity for prolonged research visits to other research environments. Thus, in addition to the DKK 5 million grant, travel and housing expenses of up to DKK 100,000 will be allocated for research visits of at least five months' duration.

For applicants that plan for a prolonged research visit additional funding can be applied for in the programme "STIPENDS FOR SABBATICAL LEAVE".

Please see: <https://www.lundbeckfonden.com/en/grants/what-you-can-apply-for/>



How to apply?

You must submit your application, written in English, via the Lundbeck Foundation's application system at <https://lanas.lundbeckfonden.com/> no later than 13.00, 15 May 2020.

Your application must include the following:

- Research plan
- Publication list
- CV
- Budget
- Letter(s) of support from the Danish host institution, including a signed letter from the host institution confirming that the applicant does not have a grant portfolio exceeding an annual total of DKK 3.0 million (including possible overheads) at the time of the application deadline (15 May 2020).

Ascending Investigator grants are individual grants. If the project in question involves collaboration, the collaboration and its nature should be described in the section on collaborations and recruitment of junior and senior researchers in the application system. The applicant must be the clear driver of the project.

There are further instructions on the application form.

You are welcome to contact Head of Talent Programmes Thomas Sinkjær, ts@lundbeckfonden.com, or Science Manager Ulla Jakobsen, uj@lundbeckfonden.com, if you have any questions regarding your application.

Evaluation process

All proposals will be reviewed by the Foundation's Talent Panel (<https://www.lundbeckfonden.com/en/grants/review-panels/>) in a one-step process, based on the criteria below:

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

In the event of fundable applications of equal standing, the Talent Panel will in its final assessment give priority to applicants from abroad who wish to move to Denmark and to applicants that want to use the grant as an opportunity for prolonged research visits to other research environments.

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

- 1 – excellent
- 2 - very good
- 3 – good
- 4 – fair
- 5 – weak



Important dates:

- Deadline for application: 13.00, 15 May 2020
- Rejection or approval of grants: 1 November 2020



What are the grant conditions?

If your proposal is successful, you must accept by signing the Lundbeck Foundation's general grant conditions, which will be sent to you. The current version can be seen here

<https://www.lundbeckfonden.com/en/grants/terms-and-conditions-for-research-grants/>

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.

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