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**CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

# **INGE LEHMANN PROGRAMME**

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SUPPLEMENT TO CALL FOR PROPOSALS -  
INDEPENDENT RESEARCH A2019 & S2020



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This call is a supplement to Independent Research Fund Denmark's (DFF) Call for proposals – Independent research - A2019 & S2020 with a description of the Inge Lehmann programme. The Fund recommends that applicants read this call in conjunction with [DFF's current call A2019 & S2020](#).

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## INTRODUCTION

As part of the political agreement of 6 November 2019 on the Research Reserve for 2020, DKK 19.7 million have been allocated to a new funding instrument: The Inge Lehmann programme. According to the agreement the programme must strengthen the talent development within Danish research by promoting a more even gender ratio in the research milieus in Denmark.

With this supplement to DFF's Call for proposals – Independent research - A2019 & S2020 applications for the Inge Lehmann programme are hereby invited. This document is a translation into English of the Danish Call for proposals. In case of any inconsistencies between the two versions, the information in the Danish version shall apply.

The Inge Lehmann programme is offered by all DFF councils and can **only** be applied for in connection with an application for Sapere Aude: DFF-Starting Grant.

## OVERVIEW OF THE INGE LEHMANN PROGRAMME

Programme	Budget framework	Research council/s and application deadline	Time of processing	Earliest and latest starting dates for the project
Inge Lehmann	DKK 2.2m - 3.4m excl. overhead	All councils: 26 March 2020, at 12:00 (noon)	November 2020	Earliest: 1 January 2021 Latest: 1 December 2021

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## DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAMME

### 2.1 OBJECTIVE

The Inge Lehmann programme is a part of the political agreement of 6 November 2019 on allocation of the Research Reserve for 2020.

According to the agreement the objective of this specific programme is to strengthen the talent development within Danish research by promoting a more even gender ratio in the research milieus in Denmark. The programme covers all scientific areas, and it is open to men as well as women. However, through exemption pursuant to section 3 of the Equal Opportunities Act, DFF will, as a general rule, choose female applicants over male in case of equal qualifications between two applicants. However, an objective assessment will be made, taking into consideration all specific criteria regarding applicants, regardless of gender.

DKK 19.7 million incl. overhead have been allocated for this programme in the year 2020.

An Inge Lehmann grant has a budget framework between DKK 2.2 million and DKK 3.4 million excl. overhead. DFF expects to award 4 – 6 grants in 2020. An Inge Lehmann grant is awarded as an additional grant to recipients of Sapere Aude: DFF-Starting Grant, who have a very extraordinary potential for research and project management at the highest international level.

## 2.2 APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS

An Inge Lehmann grant can **only** be applied for in connection with a Sapere Aude: DFF-Starting Grant application. The object of Inge Lehmann grants is to strengthen the talent development in Danish research. The target group is the most capable young researchers, typically at assistant professor or associate professor level, who perform research at the highest international level, and who through the management of a research group can develop their potential as excellent research leaders.

The aim of an Inge Lehmann grant is to strengthen your opportunities for future employment as professor at a Danish research institution significantly. Through exemption, pursuant to section 3 of the Equal Opportunities Act, DFF will as a general rule choose female applicants over male in case of equal qualifications between two applicants. However, an objective assessment will be made, taking into consideration all specific criteria regarding applicants, regardless of gender, cf. the assessment criteria stated in section 3 in DFF's Call for proposals – Independent research - A2019 & S2020.

When applying for Sapere Aude: DFF-Starting Grant and the Inge Lehmann programme you must have obtained a PhD degree or achieved equivalent qualifications (e.g. a positive assistant professorship evaluation (“adjunktbedømmelse”), within the last 8 years at the time of the application deadline. The precise date for obtaining the PhD degree, as it appears on the PhD diploma, is to be stated in the application form in e-grant (cf. section 4.3.5 in DFF's Call for proposals – Independent research – A2019 & S2020) concerning calculation of the PhD age with regard to maternity leave, etc.).

There are no requirements as concerns nationality, but you must have an agreement with a Danish research institution about employment throughout the project period.

## 2.3 APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The grant can **only** be applied for in connection with an application for a Sapere Aude: DFF-Starting Grant. In the Inge Lehmann application, you only have to explain the extra activities you want to carry out, if you also receive an Inge Lehmann grant. Thus, it is important that your Sapere Aude: DFF-Starting Grant application is a complete project and does not depend on receiving an Inge Lehmann grant.

A grant may be used concurrently with a Sapere Aude: DFF-Starting Grant within a period of up to 4 years. Timewise, the grant may have a partial overlap with a Sapere Aude: DFF-Starting Grant, so that a Sapere Aude: DFF-Starting Grant and an Inge Lehmann grant may have a duration of up to 5 years in total.

You need to draw up an ambitious and realistic research plan, which clearly shows how an Inge Lehmann grant, as an extraordinary supplement to a Sapere Aude: DFF-Starting Grant, will help to significantly boost your research leader competencies and your research career with an excellent international profile.

Great importance is attached to your participation in international research activities, and that you focus on strengthening your leadership abilities, e.g. through management courses. You must describe the specific activities you are planning and include the actions you want to prioritise in connection with the management of your research team.

You may apply for funding for PhD and postdoctoral scholarships, if they have a clear independent function within, and form an integral part of, the research project. Postdoctoral candidates must have obtained their PhD or achieved equivalent qualifications (e.g. a positive assistant professorship evaluation “adjunktbedømmelse”) within the last four years at the time of the application deadline (see section 4.3.5 in DFF's Call for proposals – Independent research – A2019 & S2020 for calculation of the PhD age in consideration of maternity leave, etc.).

When applying for research funding for PhD scholarships, there must be a sufficiently balanced relationship between the contribution of senior researchers and PhD scholars to the project, so that all registered participants have a concrete role in the project. An account for the planned recruitment process must be provided if the application includes requests for funding for unnamed PhD students and/or unnamed postdoctoral participants.

## 2.4 APPENDICES

Since the application is being processed at the same time as the application for Sapere Aude: DFF-Starting Grant, only appendices that are not already included in your Sapere Aude: DFF-Starting Grant application are to be attached.

The following appendices are to be enclosed:

- Project description of maximum 3 A4 pages, (including figures and tables, etc.) excluding references/bibliography. It is obligatory to use the DFF project description template, which is accessible here <https://dff.dk/en/application/forms-for-application>. You must use the font Times New Roman, font size 12, at least 2 cm margin on the left, right, top and bottom, and line spacing of 1.5. DFF's project description template meets these requirements. In tables, figure texts, and footnotes, font size 10 and line spacing 1.0 may be used.
- Budget for the Inge Lehmann project. You must fill in DFF's mandatory budget template for the instrument. The correct budget template must be downloaded in the e-grant application form. The template is only available in English. When you have drawn up the budget, please upload it to the e-grant application form under the "Upload Budget" step in the application form. You will find the general DFF rules concerning budgets, which also apply to the Inge Lehmann programme, in section 4.3.7 in DFF's Call for proposals – Independent research – A2019 & S2020.
- Documentation from the employing research institution of employment during the project period.
- Budget signature from the employing institution confirming the budget and the institution's willingness to host you during the project period on the template "DFF Budget Confirmation" (cf. section 4.3.8 in DFF's Call for proposals – Independent research – A2019 & S2020).
- CV and publication lists for additional, salaried academic project participants, if any, who are not already included in the Sapere Aude: DFF-Starting Grant application.
- In case the project involves named PhD fellowships, who are not already included in the Sapere Aude: DFF-Starting Grant application, academic transcript/diploma, CV and publication list must be attached.
- In case the project involves named Postdocs, who are not already included in the Sapere Aude: DFF-Starting Grant application, their CV, publication list, and PhD diploma must be enclosed. Alternatively, documentation of: a) acceptance of the thesis for defence, b) a positive assistant professorship evaluation ("adjunktbedømmelse"), c) qualifications equivalent to a PhD, achieved in another way, or d) a declaration from the PhD supervisor stating the expected date of submission of the thesis within 6 months after the application deadline (PhD students).

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### ASSESSMENT AND ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

In the evaluation of your application, DFF will take the criteria from section 3 in DFF's Call for proposals – Independent research – A2019 & S2020 into account.

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### GENERAL APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The Inge Lehmann programme can **only** be applied for in connection with an application for a Sapere Aude: DFF-Starting Grant. The requirements for a Sapere Aude: DFF-Starting Grant can be found in section 4 in DFF's Call for proposals – Independent research – A2019 & S2020.

A separate application for the Inge Lehmann programme must be completed. Since the application is being processed at the same time as the application for Sapere Aude: DFF-Starting Grant, only appendices that are not already included in your Sapere Aude: DFF-Starting Grant application are to be attached.

The project description for the Inge Lehmann programme, as well as for the Sapere Aude: DFF-Starting Grant, must be written in English. In your application for the Inge Lehmann programme you will be asked to state the case number of your Sapere Aude: DFF-Starting Grant application. Consequently, you cannot submit your Inge Lehmann application until you have submitted your Sapere Aude: DFF-Starting Grant application.

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### HOW IS THE APPLICATION PROCESSED AND ASSESSED?

The requirements for active consideration of your application are the same as the requirements for your Sapere Aude: DFF-Starting Grant application. The requirements can be found in full in section 5.1. of DFF's Call for proposals – Independent research – A2019 & S2020.

Applications for the Inge Lehmann programme will be processed together with the applications for the Sapere Aude: DFF-Starting Grant, which after the first processing of the councils are submitted for external review, cf. section 5.4 in DFF's Call for proposals – Independent research – A2019 & S2020. The applications for the Inge Lehmann programme will be processed in October together with the applications for Sapere Aude: DFF-Starting Grant, which have been submitted for external review. A number of applicants will then be invited to an interview in order for the fund to decide in November, which applicants will receive a Sapere Aude: DFF-Starting Grant, and which of these recipients will also receive an Inge Lehmann grant. The process for processing applications in DFF is described in sections 5.3 - 5.7 in DFF's Call for proposals – Independent research - A2019 & S2020.

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### YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AS AN APPLICANT

Your responsibility as an applicant is the same as for your application for Sapere Aude: DFF-Starting Grant and the text in full can be found in section 6 of DFF's Call for proposals – Independent research - A2019 & S2020.

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### SUPPORT FOR YOUR APPLICATION

In section 7 of DFF's Call for proposals – Independent research – A2019 & S2020 you will find information about the possibilities of support for your application.