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1 FRAMEWORK FOR INDEPENDENT RESEARCH FUND DENMARK'S SUPPORT FOR RESEARCH

Independent Research Fund Denmark's (DFF) main task is to provide financial support to concrete and fixed-term research activities based on researchers' own ideas. The fund considers its primary task to be one of supporting the growth layer and the continued development within independent, researcher-initiated research. DFF puts decisive weight on the scientific research quality being maintained in the projects it supports.

DFF's strategy and policies can be found on the fund's website dff.dk.

The legislative basis for DFF is Consolidation Act no. 152 of 13 February 2025 on the Danish Council for Research and Innovation Policy and Independent Research Fund Denmark.

The 2017 legislation introduced the possibility for DFF to award grants for concrete research activities within politically determined themes or funding instruments, when special funding has been provided for this purpose in the National Budget. The present call for proposals is a consequence of this opportunity.

1.1 GUIDE TO THIS CALL

In this call you can read about the application options available to you as an applicant as well as the requirements that apply to you and your application. As a rule, you should read the entire call.

1.2 DFF'S THEMATIC CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2025

With this call for proposals, DFF invites applications for funding for research activities within politically determined themes, which can be found in section 2. The call applies to applications submitted by the application deadlines for these themes in the spring of 2025. The exact application deadlines are stated in section 2.1 of this call.

This document is an English translation of the fund's Danish call for proposals. In case of any inconsistencies between the two versions, the information in the Danish version applies.

1.3 INTERNATIONALISATION

DFF strives to strengthen and further develop the internationalisation of Danish research and therefore encourages applicants to submit applications encompassing international activities. The objective is to provide the best researchers and research groups with the opportunity to coordinate and develop their international research collaboration, and to offer talented researchers the opportunity to spend a period of their research career abroad. Aspects of internationalisation can therefore be included in applications to all of DFF's funding instruments. In all cases, the applications are required to relate to the international *state of the art* within their area.

1.4 GENDER BALANCE

DFF strives to support gender balance at Danish research institutions and would like to see this taken into consideration in applications to DFF. For this reason, DFF encourages applications that, to the extent possible, demonstrate an approach to scientific practice that can act as a driving force for professional diversity and equal opportunities for researchers regardless of gender. For applications seeking support for research groups or similar collaborative projects, the applicant must account for their considerations in relation to the gender composition of the research group or collaborative team in the application form. Such an account is a requirement, but the actual gender composition of the group will not factor into the assessment of the application. The required account has been introduced to ensure the applicant's focus on contributing to equal opportunities for everyone, regardless of gender, in research.

1.5 OPEN ACCESS

DFF seeks to strengthen the societal effect of research by ensuring unrestricted and cost-free digital access to all the latest research results in scientific articles. For this reason, Independent Research Fund Denmark, the Danish National Research Foundation, and Innovation Fund Denmark adopted the "Open Access Policy for public research funds and foundations" in April 2019, which requires parallel publishing of published scientific articles resulting from full or partial funding from these foundations. However, DFF does not provide financial support for Open Access publishing as the fund allows for a quarantine period of 6-12 months. For further information on DFF's Open Access policy, see DFF's website.

1.6 RESEARCH INTEGRITY AND RESEARCH SECURITY

DFF expects grant recipients to follow the Danish Code of Conduct for Research Integrity.

Furthermore, DFF expects that applications to the fund comply with the administrating institution's implementation of the recommendations by the *Committee on Guidelines for International Research and Innovation Collaboration* (URIS). The administrating institution's management confirms this by signing the budget confirmation, which must be attached to the application (see section 5.3.8 for further information).

In the application form, the applicant must account for the potential security-related risks that may be associated with the research project. Security-related risks may, e.g., relate to the criticality of the specific technology, which the project involves, as well as the international collaborations involved, and especially the combination of these (see section 5.2.1 for a more detailed description).

Due to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, DFF does not accept applications from applicants or with participants employed at Russian or Belarussian institutions, or applications encompassing research activities in Russia or Belarus as of 22 March 2022.

In the event of a grant being awarded, you will receive an appendix to the grant letter, where these and similar expectations are described further.

1.7 SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO THE FUND'S THEMATIC CALL 2025

With this thematic call, DFF has introduced a new framework for applications for thematic research. The fund has thus introduced a new thematic funding instrument, DFF-Thematic, which establishes the general framework for your application and constitutes the only funding opportunity across all of the themes (cf. section 3.3.1). The purpose of the new funding instrument is to better support the research needs that typically characterise the thematic research areas to which the fund offers funding, including, among others, practice-oriented research.

The only exception is the theme "Postdoctoral exchange programme in quantum research", where the funding instrument DFF-International Postdoctoral Grant (thematic) must be used (cf. section 2.3 and section 3.3.2).

In the following, you can read more about the politically determined themes and the general framework for your application. It is important that you read both the theme-specific requirements, applicable to the specific theme you wish to apply for (cf. section 2), and the general requirements, which apply across the themes (cf. section 3). In addition, you must pay attention to the fund's assessment criteria, including the theme-specific assessment criteria for certain themes (cf. section 4).

2 POLITICALLY DETERMINED THEMES - 2025

As part of the political agreement of 1 November 2024 on the distribution of the research reserve in 2025, DFF has been given the task, among other things, of allocating funds for thematic research.

These funds are described in: "Agreement on the research reserve, etc., 2025 of 1 November 2024 between the Danish Government (the Social Democrats, the Liberal Party, and the Moderates), and the Denmark Democrats, the Green Left, the Liberal Alliance, the Conservative Party, the Red-Green Alliance, the Danish People's Party, the Social Liberal Party, and the Alternative" (only available in Danish).

In 2025, DFF will allocate funds for the following politically determined themes:

- Green research (see section 2.2)
- Postdoctoral exchange programme in quantum research (see section 2.3)
- Research on artificial intelligence (see section 2.4)
- Strengthened clinical and independent research (see section 2.5)
- Research in psychiatry (see section 2.6)
- Research on elderly and ageing (see section 2.7)
- Research on vulnerability and poor well-being (see section 2.8)
- Research on learning and well-being in primary schools (see section 2.9)
- Research on antisemitism (see section 2.10)
- Strengthened research in specialized social services (see section 2.11)

Furthermore, DFF will allocate funds for the theme "Arctic research – Climate change and sustainable arctic communities". DFF will publish a separate call for this theme, meaning that it is *not* included in this call for proposals.

To allocate the funds and to assess the applications, DFF will establish a number of thematic committees. In section 6.2, you can find an overview showing which thematic committee or research council will process the applications for the respective themes.

Thematic research aims particularly to generate knowledge and/or contribute to new solutions for significant societal challenges. DFF places great emphasis on ensuring that applications to the fund are based on the researchers' own original ideas and initiatives.

DFF emphasises that the call is open to all types of research and that there is an opportunity for research within and across all academic disciplines, which can, in various ways, contribute to relevant and innovative knowledge and/or new solutions to the specific, thematised societal challenges.

In the following, you can read about application deadlines, themes, general framework for your application, assessment criteria, general requirements and procedures, etc.

2.1 APPLICATION DEADLINES

Application deadlines for each of the politically determined themes are listed in the overview below. All applications must be uploaded in the application system www.e-grant.dk before the stated application deadline. **Please note that the deadline is 12:00 noon on all application deadline days**.

Politically determined theme	Budget framework for DFF grant	Collective budget framework for the theme[1]	Application deadline	Time of processing
Strengthened clinical and independent research	Up to DKK 5,000,000 excluding overhead/ administration expenses	DKK 229,000,000	27 May 2025 at 12.00 noon	September 2025
Green research	Up to DKK 5,000,000 excluding overhead/ administration expenses	DKK 148,400,000	27 May 2025 at 12.00 noon	October 2025
Research on elderly and ageing	Up to DKK 5,000,000 excluding overhead/ administration expenses	DKK 14,800,000	3 June 2025 at 12.00 noon	September 2025
Research on vulnerability and poor well-being	Up to DKK 5,000,000 excluding overhead/ administration expenses	DKK 34,600,000	3 June 2025 at 12.00 noon	September 2025
Research on learning and well-being in primary schools	Up to DKK 5,000,000 excluding overhead/ administration expenses	DKK 34,600,000	3 June 2025 at 12.00 noon	September 2025
Strengthened research in specialized social services	Up to DKK 8,000,000 excluding overhead/ administration expenses	DKK 39,600,000	3 June 2025 at 12.00 noon	September 2025
Research on artificial intelligence	Up to DKK 5,000,000 excluding overhead/ administration expenses	DKK 59,300,000	3 June 2025 at 12.00 noon	October 2025
Research in psychiatry	Up to DKK 5,000,000 excluding overhead/ administration expenses	DKK 148,400,000	3 June 2025 at 12.00 noon	October 2025
Postdoctoral exchange programme in quantum research	Up to DKK 1,500,000 excluding overhead/ administration expenses	DKK 19,800,000	3 June 2025 at 12.00 noon	November 2025
Research on antisemitism	Up to DKK 11,900,000 **including** overhead/ administration expenses	DKK 11,900,000	3 June 2025 at 12.00 noon	November 2025

2.2 GREEN RESEARCH

The politically determined agreement states that ”DKK 148.4 million has been allocated to DFF with the purpose of supporting green, independent, and curiosity-driven research. The prioritisation must promote researchers’ own original ideas that can contribute to the green transition. At the same time, the prioritisation must work to support the career development of the growth layer in Danish research environments, e.g. early career researchers.”

DFF emphasises that the call encompasses the possibility for research within and across all main research disciplines.

Career development of the growth layer in Danish research environments can be supported in various ways. Applications for this theme must include at least one PhD student or postdoctoral candidate, as specified in the theme-specific requirements below. Additionally, career development can also be

[1] The stated amounts are deducted by an administration fee, which as a rule is reserved for the administration of the funds. The total budget framework also covers expenses related to the processing of applications.

supported if the applicant or Co-PI is an early career researcher (e.g. at assistant professor level) and a grant would contribute to establishing them as an independent research leader. Career development can also be supported by strengthening international collaborations and networks, including mobility for the project's younger researchers, or other initiatives that contribute to career development and support the growth layer. The appendix must, among other things, account for the ways in which the application supports career development of the growth layer in Danish research.

DFF's Board of Directors may decide to use part of the allocated funds to support international research collaboration. The stated amount of DKK 148.8 million may therefore be reduced in connection with the committee's final implementation of the funds.

It is possible to apply for research projects within a budgetary framework of up to DKK 5,000,000 excluding overhead/administration expenses. Within the upper budget limit of DKK 5,000,000 excluding overhead/administration expenses, research projects of various sizes can be applied for and granted.

The following theme-specific requirements apply to your application:

- Your application must include at least one PhD student or postdoctoral candidate. This requirement is intended to support the growth layer in Danish research.
- In the appendix to your project description, you must account for the ways in which your application can contribute to the green transition as well as how your application supports career development for the growth layer in Danish research.

The general requirements and conditions for your application are described in section 3.3.1 of the call, while the assessment criteria are described in section 4.

2.3 POSTDOCTORAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME IN QUANTUM RESEARCH

The politically determined agreement states that "DKK 19.8 million has been allocated to DFF with the purpose of establishing a new researcher exchange programme for young researchers with a focus on strengthening the internationalisation of Danish research in the field of quantum research. The programme aims to provide talented researchers at the postdoctoral level with the opportunity to spend a period of their research career at leading research institutions abroad."

The field of quantum research encompasses a range of different research areas, cf. the Danish Agency for Higher Education and Science's *Mapping of research in the field of quantum research. Including the interaction between universities and companies* from 2022 (only available in Danish).

According to the national *Strategy for Quantum Technology: Part 1 – World-Class Research and Innovation* from 2023, international collaboration on the development of quantum technology is associated with security risks. The strategy emphasises international cooperation with countries in the EU as well as non-EU countries that have established strong quantum research environments, such as Canada, Japan, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States of America, or in relation to the Danish innovation centers (see below). In the application form, you must account for the potential security-related risks associated with the research project and your stay abroad (see section 1.6 and section 5.2.1).

DFF further refers to Innovation Centre Denmark in Boston, Munich, Seoul, Silicon Valley, and Tel Aviv, which can provide information on collaboration opportunities with relevant research institutions in the field of quantum research. Contact information can be found at www.icdk.dk. Questions regarding the call should be directed to the office of Independent Research Fund Denmark (cf. section 8.1).

It is possible to apply for postdoctoral projects within a budgetary framework of up to DKK 1,500,000 excluding overhead/administration expenses over a period of two years.

As part of the assessment process, the fund expects to submit your application for individual external peer review (see section 6.3 for further information).

The following theme-specific requirements apply to your application:

- Your postdoctoral project must be of two years' duration, out of which you spend 12 consecutive months abroad at a foreign research institution outside of Denmark. You must spend a total of 12 months at the project's administrating institution in Denmark. You can choose to either spend up to 6 months at the beginning and/or up to 12 months at the end of the project period at the administrating institution. This requirement is intended to support the theme's reintegration element, where you bring your new knowledge and your project into play in a research environment at the administrating institution.
- In the appendix to your project description, you must account for the ways in which your application addresses the call's theme of quantum research as well as how you and your project will be reintegrated at the administrating institution after the stay abroad.

The general requirements and conditions for your application are described in section 3.3.2 of the call, while the assessment criteria are described in section 4.

2.4 RESEARCH ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

The politically determined agreement states that "DKK 59.3 million has been allocated to DFF with the purpose of supporting research on artificial intelligence with a special focus on responsible development and use of the technology. The funds are intended to strengthen research efforts in Denmark in the field, including early, basic research – among other things with the aim of influencing the development of artificial intelligence. The overall initiative must, inter alia, support research projects that address ethical issues and research projects that focus on explainability in mathematical models to better understand their application (and/or research projects that manage to address both aspects).

Overall, the initiative aims to contribute to Denmark being able to maintain and attract research talent in an increasingly intensified international competition for technological development, including in relation to responsible artificial intelligence. Moreover, the initiative must support the development of research-based solutions with a focus on citizens' rights, dignity, and independence."

According to *The Danish National Strategy for Artificial Intelligence* from 2019, artificial intelligence can be briefly described as systems based on algorithms (mathematical formulae) that, by analysing and identifying patterns in data, can identify the most appropriate solution. The vast majority of these systems perform specific tasks in limited areas, for example control, prediction, and guidance. The technology can be designed to adapt its behavior by observing how the environment is influenced by previous actions.

It is possible to apply for research projects within a budgetary framework of up to DKK 5,000,000 excluding overhead/administration expenses. Within the upper budget limit of DKK 5,000,000 excluding overhead/administration expenses, research projects of various sizes can be applied for and granted.

The following theme-specific requirements apply to your application:

- Your application must include at least one PhD student or postdoctoral candidate. This requirement is intended to support the political intention to maintain and attract research talent.

- In the appendix to your project description, you must account for the ways in which your application addresses the call's theme of artificial intelligence as well as how your application supports the intention to maintain and attract research talent.

The general requirements and conditions for your application are described in section 3.3.1 of the call, while the assessment criteria are described in section 4.

2.5 STRENGTHENED CLINICAL AND INDEPENDENT RESEARCH

The politically determined agreement states that "DKK 229.0 million is allocated to DFF with the purpose of strengthening researchers' own ideas within point of care clinical and independent research, and in areas where there is limited commercial interest and/or opportunities for external funding (e.g. from research foundations).

The effort can, among other things, contribute to generating new knowledge about prevention, the effects of existing standard forms of treatment and their side effect profile, and research in the prioritisation in the health care sector (prioritisation research). Furthermore, it can contribute to new knowledge on application, implementation and effect of existing and time-saving forms of care and treatment.

Moreover, the effort must strengthen research in prevention, assessment and treatment of dementia and research in nursing and care for patients with dementia and their next of kin as well as coherence in the health care system and citizen involvement in this area.

In addition, the effort must contribute to research on women's diseases and side effects related to contraception, including in light of the publication *Illumination of gender representation in clinical research* (only available in Danish).

Furthermore, this effort must strengthen research on inequality in health on the basis of, among other things, gender, disability, working environment and socio-economic conditions, chronic disease, antibiotic resistance and stress. The funds must also support research on citizen-centred primary healthcare services, including local and municipal healthcare services."

As part of the framework of DKK 229.0 million for "Strengthened clinical and independent research" the parties behind the political agreement on the distribution of the research reserve agree to prioritise two specific subthemes. A part of the financial framework has thus been designated (earmarked) for these. DFF remarks that these are minimum amounts, i.e., in relation to the final implementation of the funds additional funding may be allocated to the specially prioritised subthemes compared to the framework outlined below.

Earmarking of funds for research in fertility:
"The parties agree on prioritising DKK 19.7 million of the collective framework for research on fertility of men and women, including research in biological causes and prevention, assessment and treatment of reduced fertility and involuntary childlessness. Thus, the effort must contribute to investigating the fertility of the Danish population. Furthermore, the effort must also support research on societal conditions which influence birth rates."

Earmarking of funds for research in drug use, opioids and intoxicants:
"The parties agree on prioritising DKK 14.8 million of the collective framework for research on drug use, including intoxicants and opioids in a societal perspective. The research can be interdisciplinary and must address treatment, prevention of substance use and addiction as well as damage control in relation to drug use, including intoxicants and opioids."

DFF encourages that applications for research on drug use, opioids, and intoxicants are interdisciplinary.

Cf. the Danish Agency for Higher Education and Science's *Mapping of clinical research and its funding* from 2021 (only available in Danish), clinical research can be briefly described as the practically oriented part of health science research, which deals, amongst other aspects, with the description of patients' pathological pictures and course of the disease, assessment of diagnostic methods, and thorough testing of various forms of treatment.

With the DKK 148.4 million, which has been prioritised for research in psychiatry, it is the intention that funds will not be allocated for psychiatric research under the theme "Strengthened clinical and independent research". Applications within clinical research on psychiatry are therefore referred to the theme "Research in psychiatry" (see section 2.6).

It is possible to apply for research projects within a budgetary framework of up to DKK 5,000,000 excluding overhead/administration expenses. Within the upper budget limit of DKK 5,000,000 excluding overhead/administration expenses, research projects of various sizes can be applied for and granted.

The following theme-specific requirements apply to your application:

- In the appendix to your project description, you must account for how your application addresses the call's theme of strengthened clinical and independent research, including how the research area has limited commercial interest and/or limited opportunities for external funding (e.g. from research foundations).

The general requirements and conditions for your application are described in section 3.3.1 of the call, while the assessment criteria are described in section 4.

2.6 RESEARCH IN PSYCHIATRY

The politically determined agreement states that "DKK 148.4 million has been allocated to DFF with the purpose of supporting research in psychiatry, including areas such as prevention, causal relationships, differences between genders in relation to diagnosing etc., early efforts, effective treatment methods, quality, connection and involvement of users and next of kin, poor mental well-being, loneliness, methods for reducing coercion, drug-free alternatives such as art, culture and nature, digital forms of treatment, and virtual reality."

The funds have been allocated as follow-up on the intentions concerning research in *Agreement on a 10-year plan for psychiatry and mental health* from 2022 (only available in Danish). The initiative is aimed at creating a better framework for research into the prevention and treatment of mental disorders, including ensuring that people who suffer from mental illnesses benefit from efforts of a high professional quality and strengthening research into the prevention of poor mental well-being and mental illness as well as the treatment of mental illness. Furthermore, the initiative will contribute to strengthening the research environments as well as the opportunity of recruiting and retaining employees across the field of psychiatry as a whole. The initiative should also be seen in the context of the national research strategy *Research for the benefit of people with mental illnesses – a national strategy* from 2015 (only available in Danish).

It is possible to apply for research projects within a budgetary framework of up to DKK 5,000,000 excluding overhead/administration expenses. Within the upper budget limit of DKK 5,000,000 excluding overhead/administration expenses, research projects of various sizes can be applied for and granted.

The following theme-specific requirements apply to your application:

- Your application must include at least one PhD student or postdoctoral candidate. This requirement is intended to support the political intention to recruit and retain employees with research competencies within the field of psychiatry and thus ensure capacity building of research within the area.
- In the appendix to your project description, you must account for how your application addresses the call's theme of research in psychiatry.

The general requirements and conditions for your application are described in section 3.3.1 of the call, while the assessment criteria are described in section 4.

2.7 RESEARCH ON ELDERLY AND AGEING

The politically determined agreement states that "DKK 14.8 million is allocated to DFF with the purpose of supporting multidisciplinary and practice-oriented research on nursing and care for the elderly citizen, which is to illuminate elderly citizens' social, psychological and physical robustness, including and among other things within the context of nursing and care in the local healthcare system. It could, e.g., be in areas such as rehabilitation, care, prevention and research on self-determination of eldercare, including the interaction between the public and other communities within the elderly area. Furthermore, the research can illuminate inequality and challenges in relation to compassion fatigue within the elderly care."

DFF requires that applications for this theme are multidisciplinary, i.e. they must contain at least two different research disciplines in one combined project, and the applicant and Co-PI must be from different research disciplines. In the appendix to your project description, you must account for the multidisciplinary approach of the project, including how to ensure sufficient participation from and integration of the different research disciplines to reach the joint objective of the project. There are no requirements to institutional affiliation of the applicant or Co-PI, i.e. it is possible to apply with a project where the applicant and the Co-PI are employed at the same institution.

DFF requires that applications for this theme are practice-oriented projects, i.e. research aimed at solving specific problems in real situations and that involves collaboration between researchers and practice to develop knowledge that is both theoretically founded and practically applicable. Practice-oriented research can be conducted using different methods pertaining to the local and specific practice that the research concerns. DFF does not hold a specific definition of which methods should be used to conduct practice-oriented research, and the call is open for theoretical and empirical practice-oriented projects. In the appendix to your project description, you must account for how the project is oriented towards practice and argue for the relevance of the project for the specific practice area that it concerns. The project should to the greatest extent possible include collaboration with relevant actors from practice before, during and after the project so that the results of the research can be embedded and applied – and thereby potentially change – the practice area. Examples of relevant actors could be authorities (e.g., municipalities), educational institutions, or professionals and leaders that work in the specific practice area.

It is possible to apply for research projects within a budgetary framework of up to DKK 5,000,000 excluding overhead/administration expenses. Within the upper budget limit of DKK 5,000,000 excluding overhead/administration expenses, research projects of various sizes can be applied for and granted.

The following theme-specific requirements apply to your application:

- Your application must be multidisciplinary research. To support this, the applicant and the Co-PI must be from different research disciplines, as described above. Please note the additional assessment criterion in section 4.
- Your application must be practice-oriented research and include collaboration with a relevant practice area as described above. Please be aware of the additional assessment criterion in section 4.
- In the appendix to your project description you must account for how your application addresses the call's theme of research on elderly and ageing as well as how your application meets the requirements on multidisciplinary and practice-oriented research.

The general requirements and conditions for your application are described in section 3.3.1 of the call, while the assessment criteria are described in section 4.

2.8 RESEARCH ON VULNERABILITY AND POOR WELL-BEING

The politically determined agreement states that "DKK 34.6 million has been allocated to DFF to support research, including practice-oriented research, on vulnerability amongst children and youth as well as the well-being/poor well-being of children and youth. The research can, amongst other things, contribute to increased knowledge on the causes for poor well-being amongst children and youth, including a focus on, e.g., safer digital environments for children and youth as well as the positive and negative consequences and effects that digital media has on the communities of children and youth.

The funds must support capacity building in the research environments and coordination of research as well as contribute to increased knowledge on causal relationships, the interplay with pedagogical-psychological counselling (PPR), etc."

According to the Danish Agency for Higher Education and Science's *Mapping of research on vulnerability among children and youth* from 2022 (only available in Danish), there is a wide need for research in the area. Therefore, DFF emphasises that "vulnerability" and "poor well-being" is not firmly defined and that the field of research can be described and approached differently within different areas of research.

To ensure capacity building, DFF requires that all applications must include at least one PhD student or postdoctoral candidate, as specified in the theme-specific requirements below. Furthermore, DFF encourages that projects include collaboration and/or coordination between different research institutions or research environments. Capacity building can further be supported more generally by, e.g., development/expansion of research environments and/or research infrastructure.

DFF emphasises that applications for this theme can be practice-oriented projects, i.e. research aimed at solving specific problems in real situations and that involves collaboration between researchers and practice to develop knowledge that is both theoretically founded and practically applicable. Practice-oriented research can be conducted using different methods pertaining to the local and specific practice that the research concerns. DFF does not hold a specific definition of which methods should be used to conduct practice-oriented research, and the call is open to theoretical and empirical practice-oriented projects. If relevant for your project, you must account for, in the appendix to your project description, how the project is oriented towards practice and argue for the relevance of the project for the specific practice area that it concerns. Practice-oriented projects should to the greatest extent possible include collaboration with relevant actors from practice before, during and after the project so that the results of the project can be embedded and applied – and thereby potentially change – the practice area. Examples of relevant actors could be authorities (e.g., municipalities), educational institutions or professionals and leaders that work within the specific practice area.

It is possible to apply for research projects within a budgetary framework of up to DKK 5,000,000 excluding overhead/administration expenses. Within the upper budget limit of DKK 5,000,000 excluding overhead/administration expenses, research projects of various sizes can be applied for and granted.

The following theme-specific requirements apply to your application:

- Your application must include at least one PhD student or postdoctoral candidate. This requirement is intended to support the political intention of capacity building in the research environments within the area.
- In the appendix to your project description, you must account for the ways in which your application addresses the call's theme of research on vulnerability and poor well-being as well as how your application meets the requirement to support capacity building and coordination of the research.

The general requirements and conditions for your application are described in section 3.3.1 of the call, while the assessment criteria are described in section 4.

2.9 RESEARCH ON LEARNING AND WELL-BEING IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS

The politically determined agreement states that "DKK 34.6 million has been allocated to DFF with the purpose of strengthening practice-oriented research and to provide new knowledge on learning and well-being in primary schools.[2]

The funds must, amongst other things, support application-oriented research aimed at ways for inclusive learning environments that can support the transformation process towards a more inclusive primary school, and research on how digitalisation and screen use affect pupils' learning processes and outputs as well as well-being. Furthermore, the funds must support research on mathematics difficulties and dyscalculia. At the same time, the initiative must contribute to supporting a strengthened foundation of knowledge for the teacher education by fostering a closer connection between the research, the content of the teacher's education, and primary school practice.

The initiative can also support research in sustainable didactics, pedagogy, and teaching (i.e. in relation to climate related sustainability, etc.). Furthermore, it can support research in inequality between genders related to, among other things, learning, well-being, and choice of education."

DFF requires that applications for this theme are practice-oriented projects, i.e. research aimed at solving specific problems in real situations and that involves collaboration between researchers and practice to develop knowledge that is both theoretically founded and practically applicable. Practice-oriented research can be conducted using different methods pertaining to the local and specific practice that the research concerns. DFF does not hold a specific definition of which methods should be used to conduct practice-oriented research, and the call is open for theoretical and empirical practice-oriented projects. In the appendix to your project description, you must account for how the project is oriented towards practice and argue for the relevance of the project for the specific practice area that it concerns. The project should to the greatest extent possible include collaboration with relevant actors from practice before, during and after the project so that the results of the research can be embedded and applied – and thereby potentially change – the practice area. Examples of relevant actors could be authorities (e.g., municipalities), educational institutions, or professionals and leaders that work within the specific practice area.

[2] The primary school covers the part of the school system that teaches school-aged children, i.e. the nine year long primary school course as well as preschool class and 10th grade. The research can concern teaching, learning and well-being in relation to public as well as private schooling.

It is possible to apply for research projects within a budgetary framework of up to DKK 5,000,000 excluding overhead/administration expenses. Within the upper budget limit of DKK 5,000,000 excluding overhead/administration expenses, research projects of various sizes can be applied for and granted.

The following theme-specific requirements apply to your application:

- Your application must be practice-oriented research and include collaboration with a relevant practice area as described above. Please be aware of the additional assessment criterion in section 4.
- In the appendix to your project description, you must account for the ways in which your application addresses the call's theme of learning and well-being in primary schools as well as how it meets the requirement on practice-oriented research.

The general requirements and conditions for your application are described in section 3.3.1 of the call, while the assessment criteria are described in section 4.

2.10 RESEARCH ON ANTISEMITISM

The politically determined agreement states that "DKK 11.9 million has been allocated to DFF with the purpose of supporting research on antisemitism in Denmark. The funds must support increased and better knowledge on how antisemitism emerges, where it can be found, and how it disseminates. The funds are targeted underexplored areas and themes related to antisemitism in Denmark, especially "the new antisemitism" where antisemitism generates from a contempt for the state of Israel as well as antisemitism on online platforms, including social media. The funds can also be allocated to research on antisemitism in general, including for example research on Holocaust or the history of antisemitism in Denmark. The funds could for instance be granted to projects that contribute to capacity building of the research on antisemitism."

As pointed out in the *Mapping of current Danish research on antisemitism* by the Danish Agency for Higher Education and Science from 2022 (only available in Danish), research on antisemitism in Denmark is, among other things, characterised by a lack of consolidation and coordination across researchers and research environments, and there is a need for capacity building within the field.

To ensure capacity building, DFF requires that all applications include at least one PhD student or postdoctoral candidate as specified in the theme-specific requirements below. Capacity building can further be supported more generally by, e.g., development/expansion of research environments and/or research infrastructure.

DFF emphasises that all applications to this theme must include collaboration between different research environments and/or research institutions. To support this and in order to strengthen the coordination of the research in the area, it is required that the applicant and the Co-PI are from different research environments and/or different research institutions. It is possible to apply with a research project that includes collaboration between two different research environments, departments, etc., at the same research institution, e.g., different departments at the same university as specified in the theme-specific requirements below.

It is possible to apply for research projects within a budgetary framework of up to DKK 11,900,000 **including** overhead/administration expenses. Thus, the entire financial framework can be granted to one larger project (e.g., with the construction of a centre or consortium). Within the upper budget limit, however, research projects of various sizes can be applied for and granted.

As part of the assessment process, the fund expects to submit your application for individual external peer review (see section 6.3 for further information).

The following theme-specific requirements apply to your application:

- Your application must include at least one PhD student or postdoctoral candidate. This requirement is intended to support the political intention of capacity building of the research within the area.
- Your application must include collaboration between different research environments and/or research institutions. In order to support this, it is required that applicant and the Co-PI are from different research environments and/or research institutions. It is possible to apply with a research project that include collaboration between two different research environments, departments, etc., at the same research institution. This requirement is intended to support the need for coordination of the research within the area.
- In the appendix to your project description, you must account for the ways in which your application addresses the call's theme of research on antisemitism as well as how your application meets the requirements regarding capacity building and collaboration between different research environments and/or research institutions.

The general requirements and conditions for your application are described in section 3.3.1 of the call, while the assessment criteria are described in section 4.

2.11 STRENGTHENED RESEARCH IN SPECIALIZED SOCIAL SERVICES

The politically determined agreement states[3] that "DKK 39.6 million has been allocated to DFF with the purpose of strengthening practice-oriented research in specialized social services and the capacity building within the research field, e.g. through PhD scholarships.

The research must, among other things, contribute to research based knowledge building on specialized social services for adults, in particular concerning effects, consequences, and prevention. The research can contribute to increased knowledge on cost efficient efforts or prevention.

It is essential that the research is oriented towards practice, for instance through collaboration with practice before, during and after the conduction of the research, including making research results easily accessible to relevant types of educations, workplaces and associations, etc. In addition, it is essential that the research supports knowledge development on social services to the extent possible, including knowledge on the effect of social efforts, for example by using national register data.

Furthermore, the research must include relevant parties, including collaboration between different research institutions, educational institutions, the practice field and/or the managing and supervisory authorities."

The area of specialized social services is not unequivocally defined but it encompasses children, youth, and adults with physical or psychological disabilities or special social challenges. Thus, it encompasses individuals with different needs that must be met by different social efforts within the areas of disability, social psychiatry, and vulnerability. These areas are, furthermore, characterised by different professional approaches and methods to establish the needs of the individual and to improve the individual's possibilities for developing, taking care of themselves or making everyday life easier, and improve the quality of life.

In addition, DFF refers to the report *Recommendations for a sustainable professional and economic development of the social services area* by the Expert committee on the social services area from 2024 (only available in Danish).

[3] DFF remarks that changes have been made to the original politically determined description of the theme in agreement with the Ministry for Higher Education and Science.

To ensure capacity building, DFF requires that all applications include at least one PhD student or postdoctoral candidate as specified in the theme-specific requirements below. Capacity building can further be supported more generally by, e.g., development/expansion of research environments and/or research infrastructure.

DFF requires that applications for this theme are practice-oriented projects, i.e. research aimed at solving specific problems in real situations and that involves collaboration between researchers and practice to develop knowledge that is both theoretically founded and practically applicable. Practice-oriented research can be conducted using different methods pertaining to the local and specific practice that the research concerns. DFF does not hold a specific definition of which methods should be used to conduct practice-oriented research, and the call is open for theoretical and empirical practice-oriented projects. In the appendix to your project description, you must account for how the project is oriented towards practice and argue for the relevance of the project for the specific practice area that it concerns. The project should to the greatest extent possible include collaboration with relevant actors from practice before, during and after the project so that the results of the research can be embedded and applied – and thereby potentially change – the practice area. Examples of relevant actors could be authorities (e.g., municipalities), educational institutions, or professionals and leaders that work in the specific practice area.

Furthermore, DFF emphasises that all applications to this theme must include collaboration between different research environments and/or research institutions and must include other relevant parties. To support this, it is required that the applicant and the Co-PI are from different research environments and/or different research institutions. It is possible to apply with a research project that includes collaboration between two different research environments, departments, etc., at the same research institution as specified in the theme-specific requirements below.

It is possible to apply for research projects within a budgetary framework of up to DKK 8,000,000 excluding overhead/administration expenses. Within the upper budget limit of DKK 8,000,000 excluding overhead/administration expenses, research projects of various sizes can be applied for and granted.

The following theme-specific requirements apply to your application:

- Your application must include at least one PhD student or postdoctoral candidate. This requirement is intended to support the political intention of building research capacity within this area.
- Your application must include collaboration between different research environments and/or research institutions and include other relevant parties. In order to support this, it is required that applicant and the Co-PI are from different research environments and/or research institutions. It is possible to apply with a research project that include collaboration between two different research environments, departments, etc., at the same research institution. This requirement is intended to support the need for including relevant parties, in particular from different research environments and/or institutions.
- Your application must be practice-oriented research and include collaboration with a relevant practice area as described above. Please be aware of the additional assessment criterion in section 4.
- In the appendix to your project description, you must account for the ways in which your application addresses the call's theme of strengthened research in specialized social services, and how your application meets the requirements on being practice-oriented research as well as the requirements on capacity building and collaboration between different research environments and/or research institutions.

The general requirements and conditions for your application are described in section 3.3.1 of the call, while the assessment criteria are described in section 4.

3 GENERAL FRAMEWORK FOR APPLICATION TO THEMATIC RESEARCH FUNDS

3.1 ALREADY STARTED PROJECTS

DFF does not provide retroactive funding. You can therefore not apply for research funding for activities that have already begun by the time the fund makes its decision.

3.2 STARTING DATES FOR PROJECTS

The earliest possible starting date is 1 March 2026 and the latest possible starting date is 1 December 2026.

3.3 FUNDING INSTRUMENTS

3.3.1 DFF-Thematic

This funding instrument applies for all themes except "Postdoctoral exchange programme in quantum research".

3.3.1.1 Budget framework and duration

The budget framework for the individual research project depends on the applied-for theme (cf. the overview in section 2.1).

There is no fixed lower limit for the budget framework. It is up to the applicant to assess how much funding must be applied for (within the maximum allowed budget framework), and what is necesary for the completion of the specific research project. It is important to be aware of the proportionality between the costs of the project and the expected scientific output, since this will be part of the assessment of your application.

The duration of the research project is up to five years. If the application includes requests for funding for unnamed PhD students and/or unnamed postdoctoral candidates, you must take into account the proposed recruitment process as part of the total duration of the project.

3.3.1.2 Applicant and Co-PI

The project must be lead by an **applicant** and a named **Co-PI**. The applicant is main responsible towards the fund in the event of a grant (cf. section 5.1.3).

As **applicant** as well as **Co-PI** you must have obtained a PhD degree (or similar qualifications, e.g. positive assistant professorship evaluation) at the time of the application deadline.

Both the applicant's and the Co-PI's previous results will be assessed in relation to their career path and in relation to the scientific challenges of the project applied for.

If you, as the **applicant**, are not an associate professor and have not been awarded a positive associate professor assessment ("lektorbedømmelse") and the project involves the education of researchers, you must account for how the relevant supervision will be provided, and how the research student's scientific association to the project will be ensured.

The applicant and the Co-PI must enter into a relevant and binding collaboration on a joint research project. The distribution of roles between the applicant and the Co-PI in the research project must appear clearly from the application.

3.3.1.3 Application requirements

The research project must be run by multiple researchers, including both an applicant and a Co-PI. DFF emphasises that the research project involves, e.g., PhD students and postdoctoral candidates to a relevant extent. Please note that several themes specifically require the inclusion of PhD students or postdoctoral candidates in the project (cf. section 2).

The research project must be characterised as being a coordinated and mutually binding collaboration on a well-defined research question. The research activities must establish synergy among any sub-projects.

The research project must be of a high, international standard and involve international collaboration to a relevant extent. If the research project is embedded in a specific, local context, it is expected that the project argues for the potentially limited internationalisation. In all cases, DFF expects applications to relate to the international state of the art within their area.

The application must contain a project description and an appendix that describe the research project altogether. Please note that the overview of appendices (section 5.3.2) offers a complete list of the appendices that must be attached. The following restrictions apply for the project description as well as the appendix. The maximum allowed number of pages and characters includes spaces, figures, figure captions, tables, etc.:

- The project description must not exceed 6 A4 pages and must not exceed a total of 18,000 characters
- The appendix must not exceed 1 A4 page and must not exceed a total of 3,000 characters

Section 5.3 details how the character count is made, as it is e-grant's character count that applies.

The appendix must clearly account for how the project addresses the applied-for theme, including the expected, societal impact of the project. Furthermore, the appendix must address any theme-specific requirements (cf. the individual themes in section 2). It is allowed to address thematic relevance and theme-specific requirements in the project description as well.

The content of the project description and the appendix is described in more detail in section 5.3.3.

You can apply for funding for embedded PhD and postdoctoral scholarships, if these are well integrated into the project and fulfil a clear, independent function within the research project. Embedded postdoctoral candidates must have obtained their PhD or achieved equivalent qualifications, e.g., a positive assistant professorship evaluation ("adjunktbedømmelse"), within the last 4 years at the time of the application deadline. Periods of leave must be deducted (see section 5.3.5 concerning calculation of the PhD age). If a named postdoctoral candidate is a PhD student at the time of application, the application must include a declaration from the student's supervisor, stating that the student is expected to submit the PhD thesis within 6 months after the application deadline. If the application includes requests for funding for unnamed PhD students and/or unnamed postdoc candidates, the application must include an account of the proposed recruitment process.

There must be a sufficiently balanced relationship between the roles of all listed project participants (scientific/academic staff, technical/administrative staff, and whether funded or not), and the concrete role of the participants must be accounted for and justified.

3.3.2 DFF-International Postdoctoral Grant (thematic)

This funding instrument can only be applied for within the theme "Postdoctoral exchange programme in quantum research".

3.3.2.1 Budget framework, duration and requirements for stay abroad

The budget framework for the individual postdoctoral project amounts to a total of up to DKK 1,500,000 excl. overhead/administration expenses. A DFF-International Postdoctoral Grant (thematic) must be of 2 years' duration.

You must spend 12 consecutive months abroad and 12 months at a Danish research institution (the administrating institution). You may spend up to 6 months at the beginning and/or up to 12 months at the end of the project period at the administrating institution.

3.3.2.2 Applicant requirements

You must have obtained a PhD degree, expect to submit your thesis for defence within 12 months after the application deadline, or have obtained equivalent qualifications to a PhD degree, e.g., a positive assistant professor assessment ("adjunktbedømmelse"), in order to apply for a DFF-International Postdoctoral Grant. Your PhD degree must have been obtained from a Danish institution.

DFF places emphasis on the fact that you, as an applicant, are in the beginning of your research career, and therefore your PhD age must not exceed 5 years at the expiration of the application deadline. Periods of leave must be deducted (see section 5.3.5 concerning calculation of the PhD age).

If you do not have a PhD degree, you must have obtained equivalent qualifications to a PhD degree, e.g., a positive assistant professor assessment ("adjunktbedømmelse"), maximum 5 years before the expiration of the application deadline.

As a PhD student, you are able to apply if you attach a declaration from your supervisor stating that your PhD thesis will be submitted for defence within 12 months after the application deadline. If you are awarded a DFF-International Postdoctoral Grant (thematic), but subsequently fail to submit your PhD thesis within 12 months after the application deadline, the grant will be annulled. Please note that your PhD diploma must be submitted to DFF before the first instalment of the grant can be made.

You must complete and submit the application yourself.

As an applicant, you cannot apply for funding for a stay at a research institution outside of Denmark, where you have stayed for a total of 12 months or more within the last 3 years at the time of the application deadline.

3.3.2.3 Application requirements

The theme aims to strengthen the international mobility of younger talented researchers, and to develop the competencies of researchers in the beginning of their research career. The specific aim is to strengthen the internationalisation of Danish quantum research. The intention is to enable the grant recipient to consolidate their individual research profile by independently managing a concrete research project at a foreign research institution.

The application must contain a project description and an appendix that describe the research project altogether. Please note that the overview of appendices (section 5.3.2) offers a complete list of the appendices that must be attached. The following restrictions apply for the project description as well as

the appendix. The maximum allowed number of pages and characters includes spaces, figures, figure captions, tables, etc.:

- The project description must not exceed 5 A4 pages and must not exceed a total of 15,000 characters
- The appendix must not exceed 1 A4 page and must not exceed a total of 3,000 characters

Section 5.3 details how the character count is made, as it is e-grant's character count that applies.

The project description must illustrate the project's scientifically innovative quality in relation to your PhD project as well as how the project contributes to your continued competency development. DFF will place emphasis on how you consolidate your independent, scientific profile during the project, for instance through new collaborations, e.g., by not continuing to collaborate with your PhD supervisor, by making a change of environment away from the institution where you received your PhD degree, or other initiatives that may contribute to strengthening your independent research profile. Moreover, the project description must include a description of the scientific environment in which the project will be carried out, including an account of why the chosen environment is well suited to the proposed activities as well as the nature of the concrete, binding collaboration.

The appendix must clearly account for how the project addresses the theme of quantum research, including the expected, societal impact of the project. Furthermore, the appendix must address any theme-specific requirements (cf. the section 2.3).

The content of the project description and the appendix is described in more detail in section 5.3.3.

It is a requirement that the application includes a declaration from the foreign host institution (outside of Denmark, stating that the project can be carried out at the location in question, including a short comment on the scientific/academic content of the cooperation and the most important activities. The declaration must be signed by someone who has the managerial authorisation to do so. It is also required that the CV and publication list (max. 2 pages in total) of the scientific/academic host for the research stay abroad is enclosed to the application.

You are responsible for drawing up an agreement with the foreign institution (outside of Denmark concerning the research activities as well as potential questions concerning intellectual property rights and any equipment that will be used in connection with the grant.

DFF-International Postdoctoral Grants (thematic) are paid out to and administered by a Danish research institution.

As an applicant, you are expected to take up residence in the country where the research institution outside of Denmark is located during your stay abroad.

3.3.2.4 Budget

As part of your budget, you can apply for funds to cover one outbound and one inbound journey for yourself as the applicant within the margin of expenditure (cf. section 3.3.2.1). In addition, you may apply for the coverage of bench fees within the margin of expenditure. You may apply for an increase of your grant for each accompanying family member (partners and minor children) of DKK 55,000 per year for the period during which they stay with you abroad. This grant increase is expected to cover the outbound and inbound journey for accompanying children/partner.

As a general rule, it is not possible to apply for funding for salaries for technical/administrative staff as you are expected to carry out your postdoctoral project independently. If you believe that a technical/administrative staff is essential for the completion of the project, you must argue for this.

4 DFF ASSESSMENT AND ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

In its assessment of your application, the thematic committee or the research council will make a concrete scientific/academic assessment to determine whether you, as an applicant, meet the following requirements. If the committee or council finds that you do not meet these requirements, your application will be rejected:

- Applicants to DFF-Thematic must have obtained a PhD degree or equivalent qualifications.
- Applicants to DFF-International Postdoctoral Grant (thematic) must meet the PhD age requirement and thus have obtained a PhD degree or equivalent qualifications within maximum 5 years before the application deadline or expect to submit their PhD thesis within 12 months after the application deadline (see section 5.3.5 on calculation of PhD age).
- The total amount applied for must observe the specified limits that apply to the relevant funding instrument.

If your application meets the three abovementioned evaluation criteria as well as the requirements, which must be fulfilled, for your application to be given active consideration (see section 6.1), your application will be assessed based on the criteria listed below.

The three most significant assessment criteria are fulfilling the objective of the theme applied for, the project's scientific quality and the applicants' qualifications, of which the first two, however, are emphasised the most in the assessment of your application.

In the assessment, DFF emphasises that the individual criteria should be met to the greatest extent possible. The thematic committee or the research council will, however, always assess the individual application based on a concrete, overall evaluation, where the various criteria can be met to a greater or lesser extent. As such, not all criteria will be relevant to all applications. Due to the competition between applications, it is not a given that meeting the criteria will result in a grant.

In every case, DFF will assess your application based on whether the project in question benefits Danish research.

For this thematic call, DFF applies the following criteria:

Achieving the objective of the theme:

- Does the application sufficiently account for how the project addresses the theme applied for as described in the call for proposals (cf. section 2 for the description of the theme applied for and the theme-specific requirements that apply to your application)?
- Does the application sufficiently account for the expected, societal impact of the project based on the theme applied for (cf. section 2 for the description of the theme applied for)?
- If required for the theme applied for and/or relevant to the project: Does the application sufficiently account for the project's relevance to the specific practice area based on the theme applied for, including how the project supports or strengthens practice-oriented research? Please note that practice-oriented research is required for the themes described in section 2.7, section 2.9 and section 2.11 respectively.
- If required for the theme applied for and/or relevant to the project: Does the application sufficiently account for the project's interdisciplinary/multidisciplinary approach and a sufficient participation and integration of the different research disciplines with the purpose of achieving the joint objective of the project? Please note that multidisciplinary research is required for the theme described in section 2.7.

- If relevant to the project: If the project is motivated by a desire to solve a specific problem or does it have a clear application-oriented perspective: Is this sufficiently clearly described, and has there been sufficiently argued for the described solution or application?
- Is the described framework of the funding instrument (see section 3.3.1 and section 3.3.2 respectively) sufficiently met?

Scientific quality:

- Does the project description render it probable that the project contains potential for scientific progress, innovation and originality (theoretical, methodical and empirical) as opposed to being an expansion of already ongoing research?
- Does the project description contain:
  - a clear and well-defined research question and objective?
  - a description of *state of the art* and/or the scientific challenges within the project's research area, and the project's potential contribution hereto?
  - consistent and suitable hypotheses?
  - an account of the theoretical and/or methodical foundation, including an argumentation for the relevance of the proposed activities in relation to this foundation?
- Does the project description render it probable that the project contributes to internationalisation of the research, or, if the research is embedded in a specific, local context, is there argued sufficiently for the project's potentially limited internationalisation (cf. section 3.3.1.3)?
- If relevant to the project: Is there an argument for the correlation between the project's hypothesis, theory and method?
- If relevant to the project: Is there a sufficient description of the project's empirical material or data foundation, including any pilot projects and/or any preliminary data?
- If relevant to the project: Is there sufficient synergy between the individual parts of the project?

Applicants' qualifications:

- Has the applicant and Co-PI documented
  - scientific qualifications to an extent that documents the relevant competencies needed for the handling and completion of the project?
  - scientific qualifications at a level corresponding to career path and seniority?
  - scientific production at a level corresponding to career path and seniority?
  - qualifications as research leaders at a level corresponding to career path and seniority?
- Have the other central project participants documented relevant scientific qualifications that are necessary for the completion of the project, and, additionally, do they have scientific qualifications at a level corresponding to their career path and seniority?
- Are relevant local and international researchers contributing, and if relevant, is there sufficient degree of contribution from public institutions or business partners?
- Is there a strategy for the organisation and management of the project, including an account of the division of labour between the applicant and the Co-PI and any other researchers involved and a plausibility of the applicant and Co-PI being able to handle the project applied for (scientifically/academically and timewise) at the same time as their other research and management tasks?

Feasibility:

- Have sufficient resources been allocated to the project, including the research framework, personnel, and access to necessary facilities and equipment?
- Is there a realistic work plan and time-frame for the project that, among other things, takes the recruitment of any unnamed participants and the dissemination of project results into account?

- Does the project description account for the project's milestones and success criteria, and are these realistic?
- Is there proportionality between the project's costs and the expected scientific output?
- Is there proportionality between the proposed activities and the proposed budget? Does this include a good correlation between what the requested funding will finance, how the funding will be used, as well as which tasks and people will be financed?
- Are ethical aspects satisfactorily highlighted where relevant?
- If relevant to the project: Is there a plan for the management of risks which can hinder the project's completion?

Publishing and dissemination of results:

- Are the collective considerations for publishing and disseminating of the project's results described in a satisfactory manner?
- If required for the theme applied for and/or relevant to the project: Does the project sufficiently account for a satisfactory plan for how the project's results can be embedded and applied within the relevant practice area, including the project's potential for changing practice (e.g., knowledge conversion, dissemination, education, etc.)? Please note that practice-oriented research is required for the themes described in section 2.7, section 2.9 and section 2.11 respectively.
- If relevant to the project: Have the likelihood and plans for patents in the proposed project been accounted for?

Other assessment criteria:

- Do the activities benefit Danish research?
- Does the project include education of researchers in a relevant manner, and, furthermore, are potential PhD students or postdoctoral candidates well integrated into the project, and do they fulfil a clear function in it?
- Does the project contribute to improving researcher mobility nationally/internationally and – if relevant – between research institutions/companies?

5 GENERAL APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

5.1 LANGUAGE AND APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS

5.1.1 Language

The **entire** application must be written in English, including the project description and the appendix, CVs as well as lists of publications.

5.1.2 Requirements for the applicant

DFF aims to advance and strengthen Danish research, understood in a broad sense. Therefore, the fund has no requirements as to applicants' citizenship, the location of research institutions, or the specific geographic location where the research activities in question will be carried out. For a DFF-International Postdoctoral Grant (thematic), it is, however, a requirement that 12 months are carried out at a research institution abroad (see section 3.3.2.1).

The fund does not require employment prior to applying for or obtaining a grant.

The fund sees diversity as a resource, and encourages all candidates to apply, regardless of their age, gender, religion, nationality, ethnicity, or political persuasion.

DFF does not award grants to applicants, who, in the 2 years prior to the application deadline, have been found guilty of research misconduct by the Danish Committee on Research Misconduct, cf. Act 383 of 26 April 2017 on research misconduct, etc.

Grant holders are obligated to comply with the terms of the applicable version of *Terms & Conditions for Grants*. In the event of non-performance (i.e. the grant holder fails to comply with the applicable terms and conditions), DFF may, based on a specific assessment, make the processing of new applications from the grant holder conditional upon compliance with the grant conditions for the previous grant.

5.1.3 Who should submit the application

The application must be initiated and submitted in e-grant by the researcher who is main responsible for the project and responsible to the fund in relation to the submitted project (i.e. the applicant).

5.2 APPLICATION FORM

When you have determined the most appropriate politically determined theme for your research idea, and whether you meet the requirements in the call for proposals, you can begin preparing your application to DFF. Applications must be submitted through the e-grant system at www.e-grant.dk.

To submit an application to DFF, you must first register as a user in e-grant. In order to access the application form, you must choose which thematic area you wish to apply for in the "Search possibilities" tab.

When filling in the application form, you have to go through a series of steps, where you must provide various types of information about your application. For this reason, we strongly urge you to open the application form in good time in order to get an overview of the information that must be included.

It is possible to re-open and re-submit your application up until the deadline. If you have already submitted your application, subsequently made corrections and not managed to submit these corrections before the deadline, DFF will assess the most recently submitted application received before the application deadline.

5.2.1 Special fields that must be completed in the application form in e-grant

The table below offers an overview of the major fields that must be completed in the application form in e-grant. The table does not show an exhaustive list of the fields that must be completed in the application form, which also includes fields concerning information about the applicant, place of work, etc. You are advised to create your application and read the detailed description of the fields in e-grant. The stated number of characters includes spaces.

	Description	Read more in section	DFF-Thematic	DFF-International Postdoctoral Grant (thematic)
Applicant	Give an account of your most significant contributions to science (1,000 characters).		X	
PhD degree	Have you had any periods of leave since obtaining your PhD degree, if yes: State your period(s) of leave.	5.3.5	X	X
Application	Brief scientific summary in English (abstract) (max 1,000 characters).	5.2.1.1	X	X
	Popularised description of the scientific content in Danish (max 1,500 characters).	5.2.1.1	X	X
	Scientific keywords (max 5) and classification codes (OECD) (max 5).	5.2.1.2	X	X
	For statistical purposes only: If relevant, indicate an estimate in percentages of the extent to which the project falls within the following set of politically defined themes (this information will not be visible to the committee members when they assess your application).		X	X
Ethics, data and security	Which ethical issues does your research raise that should be dealt with? If no ethical issues are identified, please provide a brief account in which you justify this (max 1,500 characters).		X	X
	Does your project involve gathering or purchase of quantitative or qualitative data or a combination of these?: **If yes:** Please provide a brief description of the data gathered or purchased (max 300 characters).		X	X
	Questions on potential issues of research security: Does the project include collaboration with entities established in non-EU countries? Will some of the planned activities be carried out in non-EU countries? In case of collaboration with entities established in non-EU countries or activities in non-EU countries, do the collaboration or activities undertaken in these countries raise potential research security issues? Security self-assessment: Please describe the measures you intend to take to mitigate/solve/avoid the potential research security issues (max. 1,000 characters).		X	X

	Description	Read more in section	DFF-Thematic	DFF-International Postdoctoral Grant (thematic)
Gender composition	Description of the gender composition in the project (max 1,000 characters).	1.4	X	
Other applications	Is this application a resubmission? **If yes:** Provide title, year of application and case number of the previous version of the submission. Moreover, describe any changes made in the resubmission (max 1,000 characters).		X	X
	Have you applied for funding activities covered by this application from other sources? **If yes:** Provide source, applied amount, submission date and expected decision date.		X	X
Previous grants	Have you as a PI within the last 5 years received any funding over DKK 1 mil. from DFF or other sources for activities *related* to the present application? **If yes:** Specify grants over DKK 1 mil. (max 10 grants). Describe the results of the grant and the grant's relation to the proposed project (max 1,000 characters).		X	X
	Have you as a PI within the last 5 years received any funding over DKK 1 mil. from DFF or other sources for activities *not related* to the present application? **If yes:** Specify grants over DKK 1 mil. (max 10 grants). Describe the results of the grant and the grant's relation to the proposed project (max 1,000 characters).		X	X
	If yes to previous grants: Account for your strategy for managing the project in relation to your current projects by explaining how you will manage the DFF project in relation to time and your other research management tasks.		X	X
Supplementary information	Optional additional information regarding the application (max 1,000 characters).		X	X
	Have you used generative artificial intelligence (AI) for copy-editing tasks such as language editing, shortening the text or refining the abstracts? Have you used generative artificial intelligence (AI) for substantial research-related tasks? **If yes:** Explain how you have used generative artificial intelligence and for which parts of the application (max. 1,500 characters).	5.2.1.3	X	X

5.2.1.1 Popularised scientific description and abstract

You must write a scientific abstract and a popularised description in the "Title and scientific content" section of the application form.

The scientific abstract must be written in English, and written with the research peers, who will assess the application, in mind. It should therefore be written in a way that makes it possible for research peers to judge whether they are qualified to assess the project.

The popularised scientific description should be written for the purpose of public release, e.g. on the DFF website and in the Danish media. It should therefore be written in a way that makes it possible for a non-research audience to understand what the project is about. The description must be written in Danish.

5.2.1.2 Listing the relevant Fields of Science classification code(s) for the project

In the "Title and scientific content" section of the application form, you must list up to five Fields of Science classification codes (OECD Classification codes) in order of priority, according to the scientific field(s) that are most relevant to your project. The OECD-codes must reflect the project's scientific discipline(s). You must use the scientific codes on "Level 2" or "Level 3" from the subdivision provided in the DFF overview of scientific codes, which you will find on the DFF website. The codes are used for, e.g., identifying relevant reviewers for your application, so it is important that you select the codes carefully.

In this section, you also have the opportunity to list up to five keywords of your choosing that describe the scientific content of your project in a prioritised order corresponding to the scientific keyword(s) most relevant to the project applied for.

5.2.1.3 Use of generative artificial intelligence (AI)

If applicants use artificial intelligence (AI), DFF expects this to happen in a responsible manner. To ensure transparency in regard to the use of artificial intelligence, all applicants must declare in the application form if they have used generative AI tools. This information will not be made available to the reviewers. Furthermore, DFF refers to relevant guidelines within the area, e.g. the European Commission's guidelines on the responsible use of generative AI in research.

5.3 OVERVIEW OF APPENDICES TO THE APPLICATION

There are a number of mandatory appendices that *must* be attached to the application (X) and a number of appendices that must be attached *if* they are relevant (*). The overview below shows the appendices in question. You can read more about the individual appendices in the section following the appendix overview.

DFF recommends that you cross out any civil registration numbers (CPR) that appear in appendices.

Appendices which do not appear in the overview below will not be considered in the assessment process.

Please note: In order for the applications to be subsequently filed by the Danish National Archives, the submitted appendices must as a minimum meet the PDF/A standard.

Counting the number of characters

The appendices "Project description", "Appendix" and "Applicant's CV" must adhere to the requirements regarding maximum permitted number of pages and characters. As various text-editor programs use different methods for counting the number of characters, DFF recommends using the e-grant system to verify that the number of characters in your application is within the permitted number. DFF will always use e-grant's character count as a basis for the decision of whether a document fulfils the requirements or not. In this regard, DFF recommends that you, as the applicant, continuously generate a PDF-file of your CV, project description and appendix and upload these documents to the application. If the document exceeds the permitted length, or if the document's number of characters cannot be counted by the system, you will receive a warning that the document does not meet the requirements and have the opportunity to upload a new document. Alternatively, you can make use of e-grant's **counting tool** without needing to create and navigate through an application. The counting tool will inform you how many characters e-grant has detected in the uploaded PDF file. Please note that this component only functions as a PDF counting tool and that you will not be notified if you exceed the set requirements.

DFF will reject applications that exceed the permitted number of pages or characters in the project description, the appendix and the applicant's CV in accordance with **section 6.1**. Hence, you will not be able to upload a revised document to DFF if the document exceeds the permitted requirements when the deadline expires.

5.3.1 Definitions of roles in the project

DFF distinguishes between four overall project roles; applicant, Co-PI, participant, and collaborator, which has an influence on the appendices that must be attached.

The applicant is the person who submits the application and is main responsible for the project in the event of a grant.

Co-PI is the person who, together with the applicant, form a relevant and binding collaboration on the joint research project (cf. also section 3.3.1.2). Please note that the Co-PI must appear in the budget, regardless of whether DFF funding is applied for or not.

Participants have a *significant* role in the project and contribute with working hours. Participants must appear in the budget, regardless of whether DFF funding is applied for or not. Examples of participants: Scientific/academic project participants, including embedded PhD students and postdocs, supervisors, hosts of stays abroad for the funding instrument DFF-International Postdoctoral Grant (thematic), technical/administrative project participants, etc.

Collaborators are more peripheral actors in the project. Examples of collaborators: Advisory board member, organisations who are users of project results, e.g. companies or public actors, sparring partners, etc.

5.3.2 Appendix overview

Appendix overview	DFF-Thematic	DFF-International Post-doctoral Grant (thematic)
B10: Project description. It is recommended to use the DFF project description template (see section 5.3.3). It must include any figures, tables, etc., excluding list of references/bibliography (must be uploaded as a separate appendix B11). If the project description exceeds the maximum number of characters or pages, as outlined under the applied-for funding instrument, the application will not be given active consideration (see section 5.3 and section 6.1).	X	X
B10a: Appendix. It is recommended to use the DFF appendix template (see section 5.3.3). It must include any figures, tables, etc., excluding list of references/bibliography (must be uploaded as a separate appendix B11). If the appendix exceeds the maximum number of characters or pages, as outlined under the applied-for funding instrument, the application will not be given active consideration (see section 5.3 and section 6.1).	X	X
B11: List of references/bibliography for the project description and the appendix (one joint file).	X	X
Budget: Must be completed in the mandatory DFF budget template (see section 5.3.7) and uploaded to e-grant as a separate file. Pledges of actual financial support from other sources for the project's completion must be included in the budget.	X	X
B20: Applicant's CV. Max 2 pages (see section 5.3.4). If the 2 A4 pages exceed the allowed 6,000 characters, including spaces, figure texts, formulas, etc., the application will not be given active consideration (see section 5.3 and section 6.1)	X	X
B21: List of publications for the applicant (see section 5.3.6).	X	X

Appendix overview	DFF-Thematic	DFF-International Post-doctoral Grant (thematic)
B22: Applicant's PhD diploma or, if the applicant does not have a PhD degree, documentation showing either: a) positive assistant professorship evaluation ("adjunktbedømmelse"), b) qualifications corresponding to PhD level achieved in another manner, or c) declaration from supervisor on submission of PhD thesis within 12 months of the application deadline (PhD students).		X
B25: Co-PI's CV: Max. 2 pages (see section 5.3.4).	X	
B26: List of publications for the Co-PI (see section 5.3.6).	X	
B31: CV and list of publications for **the main supervisor** (max 2 pages in total), who must be employed at the PhD degree-awarding institution (cf. the PhD order). CV and list of publication for the main supervisor must always be attached, if the applicant or the Co-PI is not the main supervisor.	*	*
B40: CV and list of publications (max 2 pages in total per person) for all **named participants** that appear in the budget with or without DFF funding (see section 5.3.4 and section 5.3.6). Note, however, individual requirements concerning embedded PhD students and postdocs (see B41 and B42). For DFF-International Postdoctoral Grant (thematic), CV and list of publications for academic hosts during stays abroad must be enclosed.	*	X
B41: Named PhD students. In the case of PhD scholarships for named individuals, the following appendices must be attached: transcripts/exam certificate, CV (max 1 page), and any list of publications.	*	
B42: Named postdocs: In the case of postdoctoral grants for named individuals, the following appendices must be attached: CV (max 1 page), list of publications, and PhD diploma. If the candidate does not have a PhD diploma, documentation showing either: a) that the thesis has been accepted for defence, b) positive assistant professorship evaluation ("adjunktbedømmelse"), c) qualifications corresponding to PhD level achieved in another manner or, d) declaration from supervisor on submission of PhD thesis within 6 months of the application deadline (PhD students) must be submitted.	*	
B50: You may attach **recommendations** (max 1 page per recommendation).		*
B51: If significant parts, or all, of the project take place at **another host institution** than the administrating institution, a declaration from the host institution **must** be attached, stating that the project can be carried out at the location in question, including a short comment on the content of the cooperation and the most important activities. The declaration must be signed by a person who has the managerial authority to do so.	*	X
B52: Collaboration/support letters. If a collaborator is significant for the project's completion, a collaborative statement/letter of support must be enclosed. It must be specified how the collaborator contributes to the project (max 1 page from each).	*	*
B60: Documentation for purchase of **apparatus for more than DKK 500,000** a piece excluding overhead/administration expenses, preferably in the form of a quote.	*	
B61: Salary level. Documentation for the salary level of the applicant, Co-PI and any potential named participants, in case the salary level exceeds the normal level (see section 5.3.7.5).	*	
B62: Documentation for expenses in connection with **sub-contracts**.	*	
B63: *De minimis* declarations for enterprises (see section 5.3.7.9).	*	
B90: Budget confirmation. Administrator's confirmation of budget and hosting (signature) in the "DFF - Budget Confirmation" template (see section 5.3.8).	X	X

5.3.3 Project description and appendix

Your application must always include a project description. It is recommended that you use the DFF project description template, which can be found on DFF's website. The project description must not exceed the maximum number of pages and characters (excluding references/bibliography) which is outlined under each funding instrument – regardless of whether the description includes figures/tables, etc., or not. The number of characters stated under the funding instrument includes spaces, figure captions, formulas, etc. You **must** therefore use the font Times New Roman, font size 12, minimum 2 cm margin on the left, right, top and bottom, and line spacing of 1.5. You **must** use minimum font size 10 and line spacing 1.0 for inclusion of e.g. tables, diagrams, figure captions, footnotes, etc. **No** links to external material may be included.

The requirements for the project description outlined above likewise apply to the appendix (cf. section 3.3.1.3 og section 3.3.2.3).

It is important that the document is not scanned and that it is in an electronic format that is readable by e-grant. If you submit files, which are not in a readable electronic format, you will receive a warning that the document does not meet the listed requirements.

List of references/bibliography must be uploaded as a separate appendix and must include only bibliographic references and no further information in the form of endnotes. List of references/bibliography for both the project description and the appendix must be compiled into one list of references/bibliography. List of references/bibliography can include relevant links for references.

An automatic validation of the length of the project description and the appendix will be made when you submit your application, as stated in section 5.3. Please note that DFF will always use e-grant's character count as a basis for the decision of whether a document fulfils the requirements or not (see section 5.3 for further information on how the number of characters is counted in e-grant). If the project description or the appendix exceeds the specified limitations on the number of pages or characters for the applied-for funding instrument, it will be singled out for a manual check. Applications where the project description or appendices exceeds the specified size requirements will receive an administrative rejection (see section 6.1).

Your project description must account for:

- The project's objective, including research question and potential hypotheses.
- The project's scientific perspectives and relevance. In addition, it must include an assessment of the anticipated significance of the project results in relation to future research and researcher education in the field.
- The theoretical foundation of the project, its central concepts and the current knowledge/ *state of the art* within the area. This must include an account of how your project relates to national and international research, its clear delimitations in relation to current activities in the area, as well as an argumentation for your qualifications and previous achievements in the field.
- If relevant to the application: An argument for the choice of method, including how theory and concepts will be applied in the analysis.
- If relevant to the application: An account of the project's empirical material.
- A research plan, including an assessment of the feasibility of the project, a work plan and time schedule. It is important that the overall time schedule takes any recruitment of unnamed participants into consideration, as a project extension cannot normally be expected under the terms of the grant.
- The practical framework for the completion of the project (e.g., experimental facilities, staff resources, plans for collaboration with central participants, collaboration partners, and other contributors, access to software/databases, etc.).

- Considerations regarding publishing and dissemination of research results, including – if required/relevant for the application – how the research results can be embedded in, and contribute to changes in the practice area or similar.
- If relevant to the application: A plan for the management of risks which can hinder the project's completion.

Your appendix must include/account for:

- A clear description of the ways in which the project addresses the applied for theme and associated assessment criteria as described in the call for proposals (cf. section 2 og section 4).
- The project's expected, societal impact.

The thematic relevance and theme-specific requirements may also be accounted for in the project description.

Please note that there may be specific requirements for the content of the project description and the appendix for each theme in section 2 and each funding instrument in section 3. In these cases, your project description must respect both the general requirements as outlined above and the specific requirements of the funding instrument. Please pay attention to the fund's assessment criteria in general (see section 4).

When writing your project description and the appendix, you must also bear in mind that all the members of the thematic committee or the research council to which you apply will participate in the final assessment and prioritisation of the individual applications. Thus, the project description and appendix should be understandable to all its members.

5.3.4 Curriculum Vitae – CV

5.3.4.1 Extent of the CV

The applicant and **Co-PI** must submit a CV and a separate list of publications. The applicant's and the Co-PI's CV must not exceed 2 A4 pages (including figures, tables, etc.). For the applicant CV, it is also the case that the 2 A4 pages must not exceed 6,000 characters, including spaces, figure texts, formulas, etc.

It is important that the document is not scanned and that it is in an electronic format that is readable by e-grant. If you submit files, which are not in a readable electronic format, you will receive a warning that the document does not meet the listed requirements.

An automatic validation of the submitted applicant CV will be made, as stated in section 5.3. Note that DFF will always use e-grant's character count as a basis for the decision of whether a document exceeds the maximum allowed number of pages and/or characters (see section 5.3 for further information on how the number of characters is counted in e-grant). If the CV exceeds the specified limitations on the number of pages or characters, it will be singled out for a manual check. Applications where the applicant's CV exceeds the size requirements will receive an administrative rejection (see section 6.1).

Participants must include CV and list of publications. CV and list of publications for participants must not exceed maximum 2 pages in total per person. For embedded PhD students and postdocs, however, a CV of 1 page must be included, and a full list of publications as well.

You can find the definitions of the roles in DFF projects in section 5.3.1.

No links to external materials may be included.

5.3.4.2 Content of the CV

The required content of the CV and list of publications applies to both the applicant, Co-PI, and participants (including PhD students and postdocs). It is important that the CV contains information of relevance to the applied for project. The CV can include the following:

- Education (for academic degrees, the date and year of obtaining the degree must be listed).
- Current and most recent employment. In case of temporary employment, state the termination date of the employment contract.
- Academic awards and honours.
- Management experience, including experience with project management and leading research projects.
- Scientific focus areas.
- International relations.
- Supervision of students (PhD students and postdocs).
- Other scientific qualifications.

The CV should not contain information such as email address, phone number, address, and periods of illness, etc.

In the assessment of applicants' research productivity, individual career paths will be taken into consideration. This includes, e.g., any leaves of absence or employment in private research-driven businesses. Applicants, who have been employed in private companies and the like, are encouraged to describe the qualifications and results they have achieved through their employment.

DFF considers a high ranking in the European Research Council (ERC) as important information on the CV. The fund therefore encourages applicants, who have qualified for the second round in ERC, to state this in their CV.

5.3.5 Calculation of PhD age

DFF does not wish to see young research talents retained in repeated postdoctoral positions without the prospect of permanent employment. DFF has fixed criteria concerning PhD age for the funding instrument DFF-International Postdoctoral Grant (thematic) and for embedded postdocs for the fund's other funding instruments.

The PhD age is calculated as the period of time between acquiring the PhD and the DFF application deadline for the relevant theme. It is the most recent date, which appears on the PhD diploma, that is applicable.

If you have both a PhD degree and equivalent qualifications, the PhD age is calculated on the basis of the PhD degree. DFF can request documentation of the applicant's PhD age.

In the calculation of the PhD age, certain types of documentable leave, which have been held after obtaining the PhD degree and in accordance with the relevant existing laws, must be deducted. For instruments with fixed PhD age criteria, leave of absence must be specified with exact dates in the application form. For other funding instruments, this also applies to any embedded, named postdocs. E-grant will automatically calculate the length of the periods of leave, which will be deducted from your PhD age. For the funding instrument DFF-Thematic and themes, where there is no PhD age limit for the applicant, leave of absence must be noted in the free text field.

Periods of leave that must be deducted are:

- pregnancy, maternity, paternity or parental and adoption leave,
- bereavement leave, and formal leave to care for a close relative who is seriously ill or dying (care's leave),
- long-term sick leave of a minimum of 21 consecutive days,
- military service,
- clinical employment, which have constituted a necessary part of the course of an education during which the time for research has been very limited,
- full-time humanitarian aid work in a foreign country.

Approval of deduction of periods of clinical employment and humanitarian aid work will be based on a concrete assessment made in connection with the application processing.

All deducted periods of leave must be documentable, and documentation must be submitted if DFF requests this.

If you have been on pregnancy, maternity, paternity or parental and adoption leave after obtaining your PhD degree, the actual number of weeks of leave, multiplied by 2, will be deducted from your PhD age. However, the maximum number of weeks that can be deducted is 52 weeks times 2 per period of leave on this basis.

It should be noted that employment in private companies, etc., cannot be deducted from the PhD age. Applicants, who have been employed in private companies, are encouraged to describe the qualifications and results they have achieved through their employment.

5.3.6 List of publications

The list of publications must only include work that has been published or accepted for publication. For the applicant and Co-PI as well as embedded PhD students or postdocs, it is optional whether to submit a full or a selective publication list. For other named participants, a CV and list of publications of max 2 pages in total per person must be included (see also section 5.3.2). It must be stated if a publication list is selective.

The name of the applicant/other participants must be in bold font in the list of publications. The order of authors must be indicated exactly as listed in the original publication, meaning that, for example, the order of shared first authorships must not be revised. Likewise, all co-authors should be mentioned to the extent possible.

The list of publications must be systematically organised, e.g., chronologically, and divided into the following categories:

- Peer-reviewed publications. State all authors to the extent possible (indicate in which order they are mentioned, e.g., alphabetically or first-to-last author), year of publication, title, place of publication, volume number as well as first and last page number, or article number and number of pages:
  - articles
  - monographs
  - peer-reviewed articles published in conference proceedings
  - book chapters

- Non-peer-reviewed publications such as monographs, book chapters, articles, etc. State all authors to the extent possible (indicate in which order they are mentioned, e.g., alphabetically or first-to-last author) year of publication, title, place of publication, volume number as well as first and last page number, or article number and number of pages.
- Patent references for patents obtained or applied for, which are relevant to your research. Patent references are included in the list of publications on equal terms with references for scientific articles.

No links to external material may be included.

If you list your H-index in your list of publications, you must state how you have calculated it.

5.3.7 Budget

In order for DFF to assess your application, you must devise a budget for the entire project period, which describes the activities to be funded. This applies both to the funding of activities at your own institution and to any funding that will go towards participants at other institutions. It is important that the budget includes information about all participants in the project, including participants who will not receive DFF funding, thus providing an overview of the entire group of participants and the economy of the project.

5.3.7.1 Entering budget information in the application form

As the applicant, you must fill in a comprehensive and complete budget in the mandatory DFF budget template that applies to the relevant funding instrument. The budget template is only available in English.

You will find the correct budget template by creating an application for the selected funding instrument in e-grant, and downloading the budget template under the "Upload Budget" step in the application form. When the budget is completed, it must be uploaded to the application form in e-grant. You can find a description of how this is done in the application form under "Introduction".

5.3.7.2 Preparing the budget

DFF recommends that you seek assistance from the institution responsible for administering the potential grant, when preparing your budget.

You must include all relevant information when completing the budget template.

Please pay attention to the following:

- Some sections in the budget template can only be filled in by selecting a value from the drop-down menu in the relevant cells.
  - If your institution does not appear in the dropdown menu, please enter it yourself.
  - If there is a need to add more applying institutions to the budget than there is room for, please contact the e-grant unit, who can help you (see section 8.2).
- All expenses must be stated excluding overhead/administration expenses. The overhead amount/administration costs is automatically calculated based on the selected "Overhead percentage".
- For each budget item you must meticulously account for the amount and relevance. It is especially important that you carefully state and explain the operating expenses as well as the number of months and salary levels for scientific/academic as well as technical/administrative employees. This explanatory information should be entered into the "Description" field.
- You must enter an overhead percentage for all participating institutions in the budget. This also applies to institutions that receive 0 % for overhead/administration expenses.

- When the budget is complete, please ensure that the person who approves the budget on behalf of your institution/organisation/business indicates their approval by using the template "DFF – Budget Confirmation", which should be attached as a separate appendix. Please follow the guidelines in section 5.3.8.

Use one row for each budget entry. If there are not enough rows, related budget entries may be combined into the same budget entry.

5.3.7.3 Co-financing and funding from other sources

Any co-financing from your own or other participating institutions must be accounted for in the budget under "co-financing" (green cells).

Any co-financing to the project from sources not actively participating in the project (e.g. other funds) must be accounted for in the budget under "funding from other sources" (orange cells).

As a general rule, co-financing is divided into four overall budget items: Scientific/academic salaries, technical/administrative salaries, equipment expenses, and operating expenses as described in section 5.3.7.4 below. Information about co-financing must also be listed, even if it stems from a participant who is not funded by the grant but who participates actively in the proposed project.

DFF can require Danish state research institutions participating in the application to co-finance the project with a total of up to 10 % of the amount applied for from the fund. In addition, the fund can require co-financing from other types of institutions, to the extent that the fund deems appropriate. In connection with this call, DFF has decided not to make co-financing a requirement.

5.3.7.4 What research expenses can you apply for?

You may apply for funding to cover all expenses that are directly attributable to the project, and which are relevant and necessary for the completion of the project. Overhead/administration expenses should be added to this, see section 5.3.7.10.

As a general rule, the budget must be divided into the following overall budget items:

- Scientific/academic salaries
- Technical/administrative salaries
- Equipment expenses (exceeding DKK 500,000 excluding overhead/administration expenses)
- Operating expenses (including equipment expenses up to DKK 500,000 excluding overhead/administration expenses)
- Overhead/administration expenses (calculation based on the overhead percentage)

You must prepare the budget according to the actual cost level at the time of the application being completed and take into account expected salary and price increases during the project period.

5.3.7.5 Scientific/academic salaries

DFF may provide funding for salary for scientific/academic participants in the project applied for. This applies to researchers who are already employed during the project period as well as researchers who are not already employed during the project period in question.

DFF requires salaries for public employees to be set according to the provisions which apply to scientific staff in the collective agreement between the Danish Confederation of Professional Associations (AC) and the Danish Ministry of Finance. Scientific/academic participants, whose salaries are paid for by DFF, in full or in part, are covered by the job structure for scientific/academic staff at institutions of higher education, or by the job structure for scientific/academic staff performing research at sector research institutions.

When you apply for funding for salary expenses for named scientific participants, you must use the expected actual salary expenses as a basis, which is defined as direct salary that can be attributed to the employee and that is documentable via payslips. Please note that you should not apply separately for vacation allowances for permanently employed scientific/academic participants.

Salary expenses for unnamed scientific/academic employees participating at postdoctoral level should, as a rule, be calculated according to the salary level for postdoctoral/assistant professors, cf. the collective agreement between the Danish Confederation of Professional Associations (AC) and the Danish Ministry of Finance. You must budget with gross salary expenses (salary, pension, ATP, holiday pay).

Salary overhead/administration expenses must be calculated based on the type of institution that defrays and registers/pays the salary to a project participant. See section 5.3.7.10.

If salary is requested for a participant, who receives personal pay supplement exceeding the expected level, the salary expense must be documented. If the person is already employed, the salary level must be documented in the form of a payslip. For the researcher who is newly appointed or employed in a new employment category, in the form of a salary calculation made by the employing/administrating institution.

Applicants must be able to submit documentation for the salary level in case DFF requests this.

5.3.7.6 Technical/administrative salaries

You may apply for funding to cover salaries for non-scientific assistants, including student assistants. In accordance with national regulations, you may not cover salary costs above the scientific level that is necessary for carrying out the tasks required.

Salary overhead/administration expenses must be calculated based on the type of institution that defrays and registers/pays the salary to a project participant. See section 5.3.7.10.

5.3.7.7 Equipment (purchase or construction)

You may apply for funding to cover the purchase or construction of equipment and apparatuses which are deemed necessary for the completion of the specific project. If you apply for funding to cover the purchase of a single piece of equipment in excess of DKK 500,000, excluding overhead/administration expenses, you must document the expenses – preferably in the form of a quote attached as an appendix. After completion of the grant, purchased equipment, etc., will become the property of the administrator or the institution/business that purchased the equipment according to the grant documentation.

Funded equipment is assumed to be subsequently used, wherefore the equipment will not be subject to demands of repayment of any potential residual value.

Equipment expenses exceeding DKK 500,000 must be entered as “equipment expenses” in the budget, whereas equipment expenses below DKK 500,000 must be entered as “operating expenses”.

5.3.7.8 Operating expenses

You may apply for funding to cover all operating expenses that can be directly attributed to the applied for project, and which are deemed relevant and necessary for the completion of the project.

In the budget template, you must specify which specific operating expenses make up the total operating budget. Please provide detailed argumentation in connection with significant operating expenses, accounting for the extent, price level, and relevance.

Operating expenses characterised as permanent acquisitions, e.g. purchased books, special software licenses, and the like, do not become the property of the grant recipient, but of the administrator or the institution/business that purchased the acquisitions according to the grant documentation.

If you apply for funding for project-related expenses that concern contributing individuals, who are not categorised as scientific/academic or technical/administrative participants, these funds must be listed as operating expenses. This may include, e.g., involvement of professionals in practice-oriented projects, interpreting assistance, or special rights holders and stakeholders (e.g. in projects involving Indigenous Peoples) or other individuals who are relevant to the project. It is possible to apply for funding for compensation of the working hours during which they contribute to the project, so that they can be relieved from their regular work tasks and participate in the project, including necessary additional expenditures for travel and stay. The stated expenses must be described in the budget, including the number of working hours for which compensation is sought as well as the relevance of these expenses to the project.

Expenses which are expected to be covered by overhead/administration expenses

DFF expects expenses for normal work computers, general software, and other general work tools to be covered by the institutions' overhead/administration expenses. Likewise, it is expected that general secretarial assistance, general expenses in connection with recruitment, and similar items of expenditure are covered by the institution. Consequently, DFF does not offer support for these types of expenses. Moreover, DFF expects that access to and use of equipment, apparatuses, facilities, books, databases, etc., already available at the host institutions, will be made available for a given research project at no extra cost by the host institution. Unless you can document that special circumstances apply, DFF does not offer support for these types of expenses.

Education rates

As part of your operating expenses, you may apply for annual education rates ("uddannelsestakster") in relation to any research education required in conjunction with PhD scholarships financed by the fund. In accordance with an agreement between the research council system and Universities Denmark, DFF employs special education rates. The education rates for PhD students enrolled at Danish universities correspond to DKK 50,000 (Humanities and Social Sciences) or DKK 80,000 (Natural Sciences, Medical Sciences and Technical Sciences) per full project year (max 3 years). The rate will be at the host institution's disposal and also covers all salary expenses in relation to PhD supervision, PhD defence, etc. For PhD students funded by DFF, the employing or host institution may impose work tasks corresponding to 840 hours within a 3-year PhD programme.

In cases where a PhD student is dual-enrolled, i.e. enrolled as a PhD student at two degree-awarding institutions simultaneously, it is up to the involved institutions to establish an agreement on the distribution of education rates.

Travel and subsistence expenses

You can apply for reimbursement of reasonable additional expenses for travel and subsistence costs. The purpose is to cover the necessary additional expenses that follow from project-related journeys abroad. If, during a stay abroad, you remain employed at a Danish state research institution, DFF recommends that you find out whether you are covered by state self-insurance and thus do not need to take out your own personal insurance.

DFF expects that you have checked the actual costs of the stay and are able to justify the applied-for items of expenditure, e.g. for transport, expected price of rental accommodation, and other living expenses. You may, for instance, apply for the following:

- Reimbursement of necessary additional expenses for travel, though not for local travels during the stay abroad
- Reimbursement of necessary additional expenses for overnight stays, meals, etc.

DFF expects that applications to the fund meet the administrating institution's possible guidelines for reduction of the climate footprint. This also includes the choice of modes of transportation in connection with any travel activities, which will take place as part of the research projects funded by DFF.

Open Access (not funded)

DFF does not fund expenses associated with Open Access publishing. You can read more about Open Access at the fund's website.

Overhead/administration expenses for operating expenses

The overhead/administration expenses are awarded to the institution that defrays and registers the expenses for an operating item, based on the applicable rate for the type of institution in question.

5.3.7.9 Particular conditions for private enterprises

DFF funding to enterprises must be awarded in accordance with EU regulations for state support. For further information please see the State Support Handbook by the Ministry of Industry, Business and Financial Affairs.

As a general rule, DFF awards grants to enterprises in the form of so-called de minimis aid in accordance with the de minimis regulation.[4] An enterprise can receive no more than EUR 300,000 in total de minimis aid from public grantors over a period of 3 financial years. If the applicant is an enterprise or part of the funding is to be passed on by the applicant to a participant in the form of an enterprise, a declaration of de minimis aid must be completed, signed and attached as an appendix to the application.

5.3.7.10 Overhead/administration expenses

DFF grants overhead/administration expenses to cover indirect costs incurred in connection with completion of the project, but which cannot be directly attributed to the specific project. This includes, e.g., joint expenses for rent, premises, administration, etc.

Overhead/administration expenses are calculated as a fixed percentage of the grant for the project's direct expenses. DFF grants overhead/administration expenses according to the table below.

Please note that if you are awarded a grant, and DFF is in doubt about which overhead rate your institution is entitled to, DFF will obtain documentation from you. It will not be taken into account which overhead rate the institution in question has previously received in connection with a DFF grant or other grants.

You must enter an overhead percentage for all participating institutions in the budget. This also applies to institutions that receive 0 % for overhead/administration expenses.

[4] Cf. Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/2831 of 13 December 2023 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to de minimis aid. Please note that there is separate de minimis regulation in regard to fishery and aquaculture as well as the agriculture sector.

Institution type	Overhead/ administration expenses
Danish institutions (including Danish universities and sector research institutes) which are subject to the rules regarding grant-funded research activities in the Danish Ministry of Finance's budget guidelines, and which are authorised to carry out grant-funded research activities.	44 %
GTS – Advanced Technology Group Institutes (GTS institutes)	20 %
Danish institutions that meet all of the following criteria: • receive and are expected to continue to receive a fixed state subsidy of minimum 25 % (measured in relation to the total annual turnover) for covering operating expenses • are non-profit institutions which do not seek to generate profit, and where any profit may not be distributed among the owners • carrying out research must be a central purpose	20 %
Public hospitals in Denmark	3,1 %
State-recognised Danish museums (cf. the Danish Museum Act)	3,1 %
All other Danish and foreign institutions and companies	0 %
Institutions in the Danish Realm ("Rigsfællesskabet"): The same rates for overhead/ administration expenses are granted to equivalent institutions (cf. the above-mentioned Danish institutions) in Greenland and the Faroe Islands	See above

5.3.7.11 The principle for calculating differentiated overhead/administration expenses

If your DFF application concerns funding of activities that involve funding of institutions with different legal status (see the table above), it is necessary to calculate a differentiated overhead rate for each institution.

In regard to salary expenses, overhead/administration expenses is calculated on the basis of the institution or business that defrays and registers the salary expenses. It is thus not decisive whether the research activity actually takes place at the institution or enterprise in question. Nor is a person's principal place of employment, or where they typically work the most hours, a decisive factor. If a person is employed by several institutions, it must be agreed between these institutions how the project hours are to be distributed as working hours at each of the institutions. Each institution will then have to include the salary expenses for its share of the project working hours in the budget. The same principle applies to the division of equipment and operating expenses. This means that the overhead is awarded to the institution, or institutions, that defray and register the expenses for an operating item, based on the applicable rate for the type of institution in question, see the table above.

5.3.8 Budget confirmation

DFF funding is granted under the condition that the project's budget information is approved, stamped and signed both by the administrating institution's management and by the applicant. The administrating institution is defined as the unit, which is responsible for the finance and personnel administration for the applied for project's/applicant's expenses during the project period and which ensures administrative legality in with regard to terms of employment, accounts, etc.

By signing the budget confirmation, the administrating institution's management also confirms that the management guarantees that the application and its content complies with the institution's implementation of the recommendations by the *Committee on Guidelines for International Research and Innovation Collaboration* (URIS). This entails, among other things, that the applicant is responsible for preparing a consortium agreement with any potential international collaborators and partners in case the application is granted, if the project encompasses institutions from countries outside of the European Union (EU), the European Economic Area (EAA) and the United Kingdom

(UK). The requirement regarding consortia agreements applies in cases where a project contains substantial academic collaboration with partners based at institutions outside the EU, EAA and UK. Consortia agreements are not required when the collaboration merely takes the form of stays abroad, including stays abroad for PhD students and postdocs. The consortium agreement must account for intellectual property rights (IPR) as well as the scope of science and ownership. The consortium agreement should not be attached to the application, but the applicant must be able to submit it upon request.

The URIS guidelines were published on 25 May 2022 and can be found on the website of the (Danish) Ministry of Higher Education and Science.

Stamp and signatures must be provided in the "DFF - Budget Confirmation" template (the appendix must be uploaded to the application as a PDF file). You can find the template on the DFF website.

6 HOW IS THE APPLICATION PROCESSED AND ASSESSED?

6.1 REQUIREMENTS THAT MUST BE MET IN ORDER FOR YOUR APPLICATION TO BE GIVEN ACTIVE CONSIDERATION

If your application does not meet the requirements listed below, it can be rejected without prior active consideration, cf. § 4 and § 5 of the Executive Order no. 1154 of 16 October 2017 on the Functioning of grants under Independent Research Fund Denmark. In this case, you will receive an administrative rejection.

- The application must be submitted via e-grant.
- The application must be received before the expiration of the application deadline.
- The application must be submitted to one of DFF's funding instruments.
- The application must be written in the specified language (see section 5.1.1).
- The application must include a project description and appendix (see section 5.3.3).
- The project description and appendix must comply with both the specified maximum allowed number of characters and the maximum allowed number of pages as outlined in the section on the funding instrument applied for (see section 3 for information on the relevant funding instrument and section 5.3 regarding character count. It is e-grant's character count that applies).
- The application must include the applicant's CV and the Co-PI's CV (see section 5.3.4).
- The applicant's CV must not exceed 2 A4 pages (including figures, tables, etc.) and the 2 A4 pages must contain no more than 6,000 characters, including spaces, figure texts, formulas, etc. (see section 5.3 regarding character count. It is e-grant's character count that applies).
- The application must include the applicant's and the Co-PI's lists of publications (see section 5.3.6).
- The application must include a budget, using the budget template relevant corresponding to the funding instrument (www.e-grant.dk).
- For applications to **DFF-International Postdoctoral Grant (thematic)**, the applicant's PhD degree must have been obtained from a Danish institution (see section 3.3.2.2).
- For applications to **DFF-International Postdoctoral Grant (thematic)**, a declaration from the foreign host institution confirming their hosting must be attached (see section 3.3.2.3).

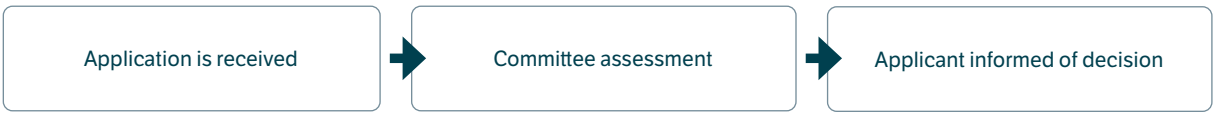
If your application fulfils the above requirements, it will be submitted for active consideration by DFF on the basis of the submitted material. This means that DFF will not obtain further information, in the form of supplementary application materials, from you after the application deadline and during the processing of the application, irrespective of whether your application is incomplete in relation to the requirements listed under each funding instrument in this call for proposals. It also means **that DFF will not accept any supplementary application materials after the application deadline**.

6.2 PROCESSING PROCEDURES

All members of the relevant thematic committee or research council will take part in the assessment of all applications. However, members who are deemed partial due to a conflict of interest in relation to a particular application, will not participate in the assessment of the application in question. Regulations concerning conflicts of interest can be found in § 2 of the Executive Order no. 1154 of 16 October 2017 on the Functioning of Grants under Independent Research Fund Denmark.

Your application will be processed in the following way:

Applications without external review:



Applications with external review:

The research themes described in this call will be assessed in the following thematic committees and research councils:

Politically determined theme	Thematic committee or research council
Green research	DFF | Thematic research – Green research (2025)
Postdoctoral exchange programme in quantum research	DFF | Natural Sciences (FNU)
Research on artificial intelligence	DFF | Thematic research – Research on artificial intelligence (2025)
Strengthened clinical and independent research	DFF | Thematic research – Strengthened clinical and independent research (2025)
Research in psychiatry	DFF | Thematic research – Research in psychiatry (2025)
Research on elderly and ageing	DFF | Thematic research – Research on elderly, vulnerability and poor well-being (2025)
Research on vulnerability and poor well-being	
Research on learning and well-being in primary schools	DFF | Thematic research – Research on learning and well-being in primary schools (2025)
Research on antisemitism	DFF | Humanities (FKK)
Strengthened research in specialized social services	DFF | Thematic research – Strengthened research in specialized social services (2025)

When the above-mentioned thematic committees have been appointed, you will be able to find an overview of the members on the DFF website. Members of the research councils DFF | Natural Sciences and DFF | Humanities can also be found on the fund's website.

6.3 EXTERNAL REVIEW

In the few cases where the fund makes use of external review in thematic calls, the applications in question will be assessed by individual external peer reviewers.

All applications for the themes **Postdoctoral exchange programme in quantum research** and **Research on antisemitism** will, to the extent possible, be submitted for individual external peer review.

Furthermore, DFF always carries out an external review for all applications where:

- A member of the thematic committee or research council, which is going to assess the application, is an applicant or scientific participant in an application, the budget of which exceeds DKK 1 million, excluding overhead/administration expenses, or

- The thematic committee or research council, on account of conflicts of interest or other reasons, does not possess the necessary scientific expertise to assess a given application.

DFF strives to find external reviewers who are accomplished researchers with a wide range of scientific competencies and who have previous experience as external reviewers. Potential reviewers are selected on the basis of an overall assessment of qualified reviewers and their availability within the time limits that apply. Certain reservations are made in cases where it proves impossible to find qualified external reviewers within the given time frames.

When DFF approaches a researcher to enquire if the person will serve as an external reviewer, the fund's rules concerning conflicts of interest are clarified to the person in question. At the same time, it is emphasised that the application material is confidential and that the applicant will be made aware of the review as well as the reviewer's identity, and that the applicant will be offered the right to comment on any factual errors or misconceptions in the review. This is done to ensure that the external review process complies with the administrative rules ("forvaltningsregler") that apply to DFF.

If your application has been submitted for external review, you will always receive a copy of the review for potential comment (consultation procedure). DFF will be entitled to make a decision about your application without waiting for your comments, if the deadline for submitting your reply has passed. External reviews serve solely as an extension of the thematic committee's or research council's basis for decision and are simply indicative. The thematic committee or the research council makes its final decision based on the assessment criteria listed in the call for proposals as well as a prioritisation of the pool of applications as a whole.

As an alternative to individual external peer review, it is also possible for the thematic committee to request a scientific statement from one or more of the research councils at DFF. This will be in cases where the thematic committee does not possess the necessary scientific expertise to assess a given application. Similarly, the DFF | Humanities and DFF | Natural Sciences councils have the possibility of requesting a scientific statement from one or more of the other research councils of the fund.

6.4 WHEN AND HOW WILL YOU BE NOTIFIED OF DFF'S DECISION?

The time of processing for the individual funding instruments is listed in the table in section 2.1. Approximately two weeks after the thematic committee or research council has reached its decision you will receive a short notification via e-grant, informing you of whether the application has been granted or rejected.

DFF publishes a list of those applicants who have been awarded a grant, approximately three to four weeks after the thematic committee or research council has reached a decision. Details about applicants who have not been awarded funding will only be published to the extent that someone requests a right of access to documents under the Danish Access to Public Administration Files Act, e.g. in the form of lists of applicants and the projects for which they have applied (i.e. names of applicants and project titles). Applicants should therefore ensure that the title of the application does not contain information about confidential research activities.

Applicants will receive a letter from DFF through the e-grant system 2-3 months after the thematic committee or research council has made a decision regarding granting or rejection. Rejection letters will contain a brief and concise elaboration on the reasons for rejection.

7 YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AS AN APPLICANT

When using the DFF e-grant system, it is your responsibility to choose the correct application form and ensure that the information provided is correct. Furthermore, you are responsible for ensuring that the contents of the required appendices are correct, and that the appendices have been attached to the application. Finally, it is your responsibility that the application has been submitted to the fund before the expiration of the deadline, which is specified for the relevant theme and funding instrument in the call for proposals.

In section 6.1 of this call, the specific types of formal shortcomings, which may result in an administrative rejection of an application, are listed. It is your responsibility to ensure that you fulfil all the formal requirements listed in the call, in order for your application to be given active consideration by the relevant thematic committee or research council.

You are obliged to inform DFF if significant prerequisites for the completion of the project can no longer be met.

7.1 DUTY TO INFORM ABOUT OTHER FUNDING SOURCES

If you receive full or partial funding for your project from another source, you are obliged to notify DFF within 14 days.

Funding may consist of financing from other sources.

Partial funding may include cases, where you have submitted an application to other funds, the contents of which are not entirely the same as the project submitted to DFF, but where there is an overlap between the work packages or operating expenses and equipment applied for.

DFF may require documentation from you in the form of the grant letter from and the application to the fund from which you have been granted funding, in order to determine whether there is an overlap in the topics of the two projects, and as documentation of which budget items to cut.

7.2 TECHNICAL DISCLAIMER

The Ministry of Higher Education and Science (UFM) has an obligation to inform of any errors that make the e-grant system inaccessible, affecting the applicant's possibility of submitting applications within a given deadline. Such technical issues will be announced on the UFM website.

In especially serious cases, the Ministry of Higher Education and Science may extend the application deadline for all relevant applicants. This will also be announced on the website.

The Ministry of Higher Education and Science is not liable for any incorrect information supplied as a result of software errors, calculation errors, transmission errors, and similar errors, just as the ministry will not be held liable for any compensation claims due to incorrect use of the e-grant system.

7.3 THE DANISH OPEN ADMINISTRATION ACT AND THE DANISH PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION ACT

The Danish Open Administration Act (Act no. 145 of 24 February 2020) ('offentlighedsloven') provides you with certain rights, just as it secures citizens in Denmark various rights in relation to public authorities' duty of disclosure in connection with administrative procedures. Thus, the material which you submit to the Ministry of Higher Education and Science is, as a whole, covered by the regulations of the Danish Open Administration Act, e.g. in relation to the right of access to records. See also the Danish Public Administration Act (Act no. 433 of 22 April 2014).

7.4 DATA PROTECTION

The information submitted in your application will be registered in e-grant. Upon request, you have the right of access and rectification of the data registered and stored by us, cf. the Data Protection Act (Consolidation Act no. 289 of 8 March 2024) and the General Data Protection Regulation. The information you provide, is regularly transferred to the Danish National Archives, subject to the rules of the Archive Act and National Archives' provisions in this regard.

Read more about the general processing of personal data on the UFM website.

It is not possible to rectify the contents of your application after the application has been submitted and the application deadline has expired, apart from the rectification of personal information.

7.5 TRANSMISSION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

You can read more about the transmission of your personal data on the DFF website.

7.6 AUTHORITIES' RIGHT TO REQUEST OTHER INFORMATION

DFF reserves the right to obtain information on any previous and current applications you have submitted to Independent Research Fund Denmark, Innovation Fund Denmark, and/or the Ministry of Higher Education and Science. This information may be used in connection with the processing of your application to the extent to which it is deemed relevant to the assessment of the current application.

7.7 PUBLICATION

In the event that you are awarded funding, in full or in part, your name and the names of any project participants, as well as details about the location, title, and duration of the project, any key figures for the grant and the size of the grant will be published for use in a larger overview of Danish research results and DFF's project overview. The popularised scientific description will typically be published on these same sites.

Information about your project, including publications resulting from the project, will also be published on the Research Portal Denmark ("Danmarks Forskningsportal").

8 SUPPORT FOR YOUR APPLICATION

8.1 QUESTIONS ABOUT THE APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The office of DFF can provide telephone and written guidance on the administrative and formal issues regarding this call and the application procedures. You may contact the DFF office by phone at +45 7231 8200 between 9 am and 12 (noon) on weekdays or by email: DFF-opslag@ufm.dk.

On the DFF website you can find answers to the most frequently asked questions.

Unfortunately, the office is unable to provide guidance on scientific issues. DFF recommends that you contact your local research support unit instead and make use of peer feedback.

8.2 TECHNICAL QUESTIONS (E-GRANT)

If you require help in using the e-grant system, please find more information on the UFM website. If you have technical queries, you can contact e-grant support by phone at +45 3392 9190 between 9 am and 12 (noon) on weekdays or by email: support.e-grant@ufm.dk.

8.3 QUESTIONS ABOUT ONGOING GRANTS

As the grant holder, you are obligated to comply with the terms of your grant letter and its appendices, as well as the applicable version of the *Terms and Conditions for Grants*.

If you have any queries regarding an ongoing grant from DFF, you must contact the Administration and Grants Unit in the Danish Agency for Higher Education and Science, which manages the administration of grants awarded by DFF. You can contact the unit by phone at +45 3392 9200 between 9 am and 12 (noon) on weekdays or by email: bevilling@ufm.dk. On the UFM website, you can find answers to the most frequently asked questions regarding grants.