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FUND DENMARK

**ANNUAL REPORT  
2023**

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## **INDEPENDENT RESEARCH FUND DENMARK**

**FUNDED** researcher-initiated and ground-breaking research ideas to a value of DKK 1.7 billion in 2023.

**GRANTED** more than DKK 504 million to thematic research in 2023 through programmes such as Independent green research and Strengthened clinical and independent research.

**OFFERED** its funds via free competitions to encourage original, research-driven ideas within Danish research.

**ADVISED** the Minister for Higher Education and Science, the Government and the Danish Parliament.

## KEY FIGURES FROM 2023

Number  
of grants

**545**

Amount  
granted

**DKK 1.7  
billion**

Number of  
applications

**3,242**

Amount  
sought

**DKK 11.3  
billion**

Success rate,  
applications

**17%**

Success rate,  
amount

**15%**

# THE CHAIR'S REPORT 2023

Denmark is a small country with several strengths on the global stage. We are rich in talent within the fields of education, business, art, culture and research. This is a position we must protect and continue to develop. One of the core tasks of Independent Research Fund Denmark is to support researchers and emerging research environments with the potential to achieve new breakthroughs. In 2023, Independent Research Fund Denmark was entrusted to disburse DKK 1.7 billion to new, ground-breaking research projects via both unrestricted, independent funds and thematic funds within areas such as Independent green research, Strengthened clinical and independent research, Children and Young People and Better framework for psychiatry. More grants were awarded in 2023 than in any other year so far, with 545 new research projects now able to get off the ground and start making us smarter than we are today.

## COOPERATION ACROSS BOUNDARIES

The fund was active across several different areas for research collaborations in 2023. The Arctic region has been undergoing considerable change for several years, especially in the wake of dramatic climate disruptions, but also as a result of technological developments, migration, geopolitics and other factors. These changes have had major and far-reaching consequences. In 2023, Independent Research Fund Denmark joined forces with research funds from Norway, Finland, Sweden, the Faroe Islands, Greenland, Iceland, Canada, the USA and NordForsk around an ambitious call for research funding – Sustainable Development of the Arctic. This call went out in March 2024 and aims to finance interdisciplinary projects which have the potential to generate new and essential knowledge about the Arctic.

## ACCESS TO ALL TALENTS

At the height of autumn, in October 2023, the fund held its annual research conference which was entitled Unlocking Ideas – Diversity and Access as Keys. The conference addressed an important topic that everyone with responsibility for research projects needs to take seriously – namely diversity and access for all tal-

ents. These values lie at the heart of the fund's mission statement and figure both as means and as ends.

With these values in mind, the fund signed the Agreement on Reforming Research Assessment (ARRA) in late 2022. In doing so, the fund undertook to continue and to further bolster its work to provide access to support for the best ideas, and thereby benefiting Danish research at large. The fund's work with ARRA began in earnest in 2023 and involved both internal and external efforts. Internally, the fund got both its councils and the board involved in the process, while externally, it took the initiative to set up a network for the exchange of knowledge and experience. Our work in relation with ARRA is important and shall help continue to ensure that applicants receive good and fair treatment for the benefit of Danish research and all of Danish society.

## APPLICANT IN FOCUS

An important key in allowing us to continue our work to find and fund the best research ideas is the ability to perform good research assessments. If the fund is to continue to foster the growth and development of researchers and research breakthroughs, we need to ensure that the assessments we make of research applications are always of the highest quality. That is why we made changes to our ordinary call for independent research fund applications for autumn 2023 and spring 2024. These changes will impact potential applicants in a number of ways, for example they will mean changing application deadlines and changes to the PhD age requirements for two of the fund's instruments. We have made these changes to ensure that researchers at all stages of their careers have access to relevant funds and to create a natural progression in the fund's instruments. The deadline changes were made because the fund wishes to reduce processing times for individual applications and thus also the amount of time it takes to respond to individual applicants. This will also give applicants a better chance of receiving a response to their application before any new application deadlines come up. We want to help make sure that researchers spend their time doing what they do best – researching.

## RESEARCH CONSULTANCY

The success of the fund rests on the hard work that its members put into reading and evaluating the many great research ideas that are received each year. I am full of admiration for the seriousness and gravity with which the fund's members approach their work. Beyond reading and assessing the applications, the fund's members also provide consultancy at the highest professional level within research-related matters to bodies such as the Danish Parliament, the Minister of Higher Education and Science and others requiring expert advice.

In 2023, this aspect of their work saw them recommend candidates to the research management team of the Analysis of Power and Democracy in Denmark 2.0 and Historic Investigation into the Relationship between Greenland and Denmark. It is precisely because of the deeply specialised and diverse knowledge held by the councils that the fund has been able to provide relevant and independent advice at the highest level each year. You can read more about the fund's consultancy services on page 23 of the annual report.

## RESEARCH IS COMMUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

As the Queen of Denmark put it before stepping down from the throne at the end of 2023: "Thank you" is a small, yet important word as it shows we are dependent on one another. As the newly appointed Chair of the board, I would like to thank you for the wonderful reception I have received. I would like to thank all

the members of the fund, whether they be in councils, committees or the board, for the significant and important piece of work for and within the entire research community.

I would also like to extend a big thank you to the Minister for Higher Education and Science and to all of the fund's partners, both in Denmark and abroad, and not least, to the two Chairs of the Board, Maja Horst and Jørgen Frøkiær, who have both fulfilled their roles in an exemplarily manner.

Independent Research Fund Denmark continues to play a unique role in the research-funding ecosystem as the only public fund that finances research across all career stages and scientific fields. Independent research and new ideas thrive best when the best researchers are able to collaborate across disciplines, institutions and national borders. It is fortunate that the spirit of cooperation remains strong, despite the challenges of an escalating security situation. I look forward to the DFF Research Conference in September when we will be shining a light on all that research can teach us about working together in a changing world.

In uncertain times more than ever, when we do not know what knowledge we may need, it is essential to continue to build a solid research and knowledge base within all scientific fields. This can be achieved by supporting the best ideas researchers have – put simply, by creating the best conditions for curiosity-driven, unrestricted and independent research of the highest quality.

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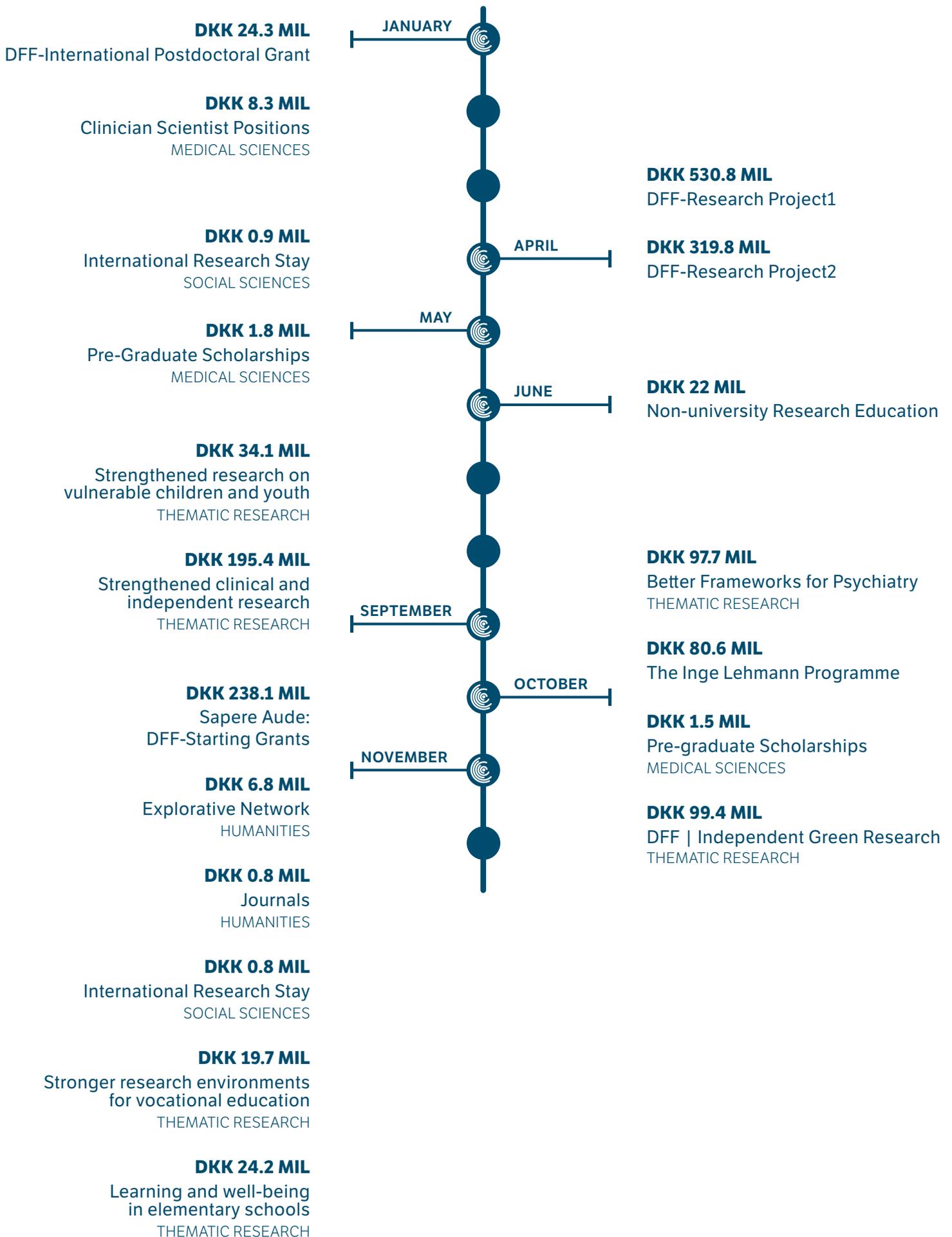


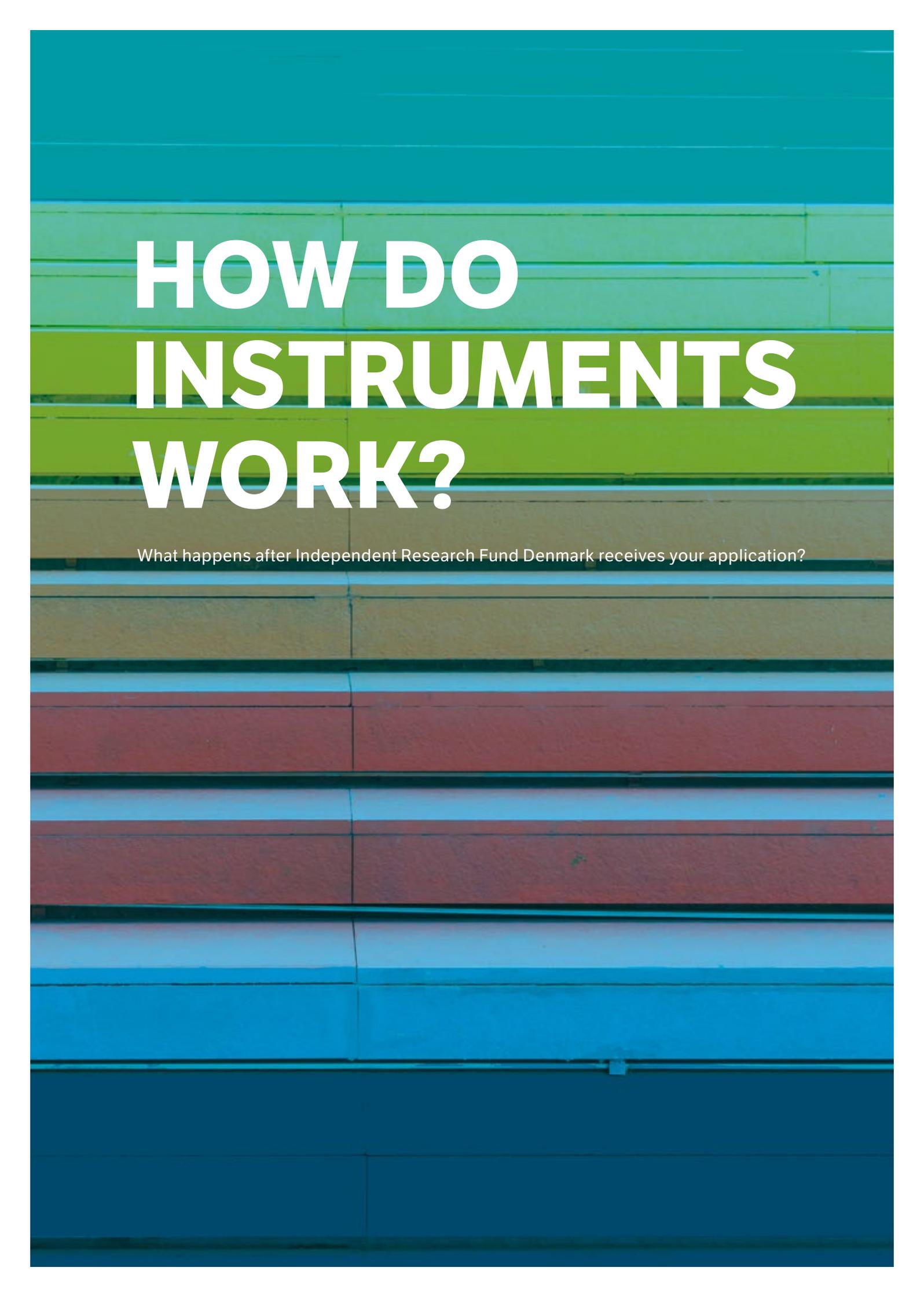
Professor Søren Serritzlew  
Chair of the Board



# GRANTS IN 2023

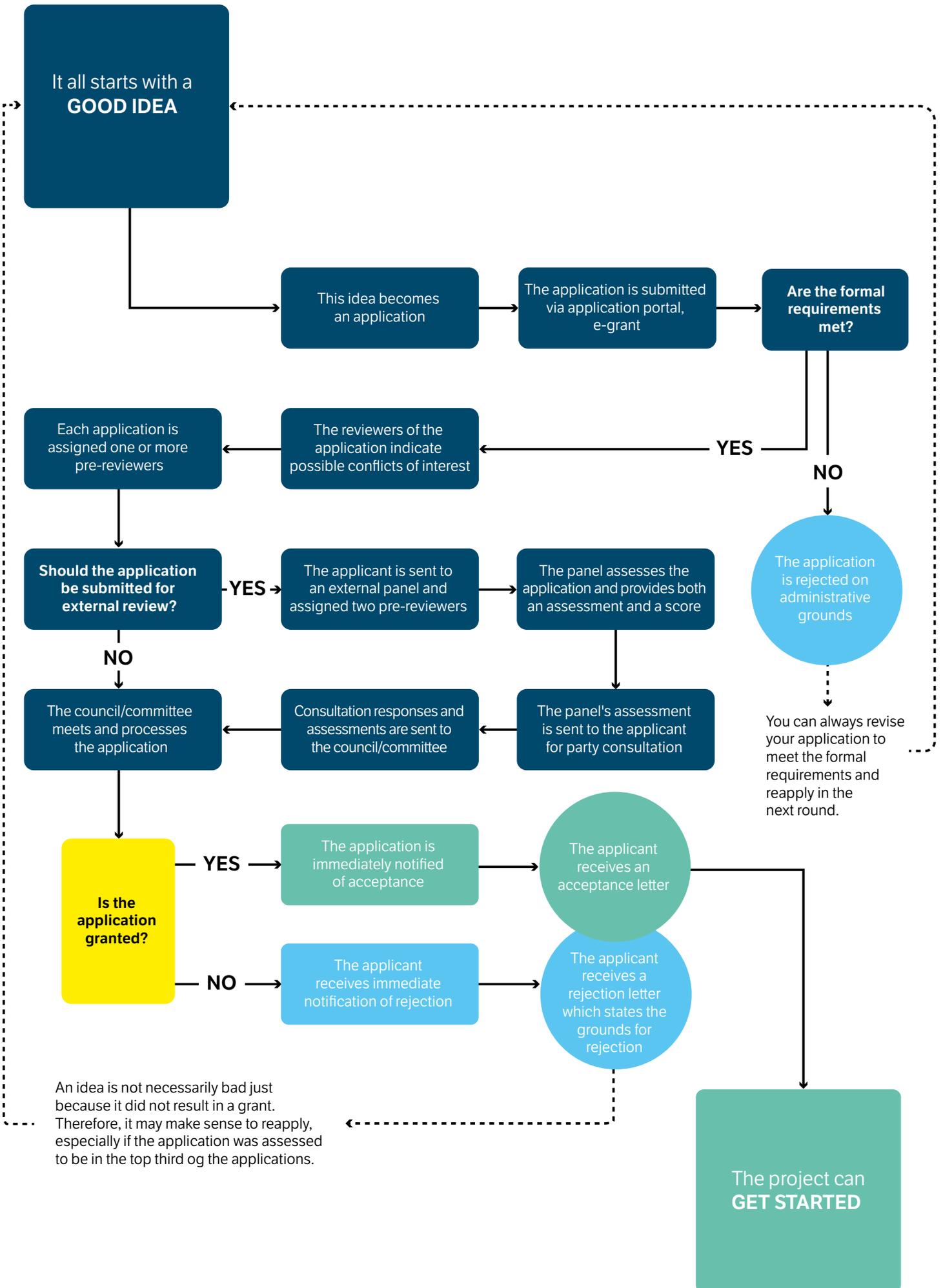






# HOW DO INSTRUMENTS WORK?

What happens after Independent Research Fund Denmark receives your application?



An idea is not necessarily bad just because it did not result in a grant. Therefore, it may make sense to reapply, especially if the application was assessed to be in the top third of the applications.



# 6 YEARS OF THEMATIC RESEARCH

Ever since 2018, Independent Research Fund Denmark has been awarding politically prioritised funds to ground-breaking research in specific subject areas. These include Digital Technologies, the Green Transition and Learning and well-being in elementary schools. In 2024, the fund received its largest number of thematic pools to date. These include nine different politically prioritised themes, which all call for research within areas that are high on the social agenda. Søren Serritzlew, chair of the board, looks back at what the fund has learned over the course of the past six years.

## - BALANCE IS KEY

# INTERVIEW WITH CHAIR OF THE BOARD SØREN SERRITZLEW

*Independent Research Fund Denmark has now been awarding politically prioritised funds in specific subject areas for six years, making 2024 the seventh year of thematic funding. What has the fund learned in this time?*

The fund has been supporting research within important social areas since 2018 – and curiosity-driven independent research for even longer – and this is a role that the fund continues to fulfil with professionalism and tenacity. The last seven years of experience within thematic grants at Independent Research Fund Denmark have underscored the importance of awarding thematic funds under broadly formulated calls for proposals. The calls need to strike the right balance between inviting ideas within the chosen, overarching subject area, while also spanning a broad spectrum so that we continue to receive research ideas that go beyond what we already know. It is therefore important that the frameworks for thematic funding pools are kept as open as possible. Back in 2018, I was a member of the Social Sciences Research Council, when the fund was first asked to award thematic funds prioritised by politicians. We were asked to disburse DKK 11.8 million to proposals within the theme of Socio-Economic Effects of Welfare Investments, and we received some very good applications. The problem, however, is that we were bound by a rather narrow call and mandate. Both the fund and our political counterparts learned some valuable lessons that we have drawn on ever since. I hope that we will continue to fine-tune our ability to find some balance in the breadth of the themes – and between independent and thematic research.

*What is the difference between thematic research and independent research?*

I think it is important to recognise that thematic calls are also a form of independent research, especially when we are able to achieve the aforementioned level of balance – putting out calls that are still open and broad, and with sufficient funds to support all manner of ideas.

At the same time, I also believe it is important to remember that thematic research and independent research fulfil two very different but essential roles. The first type highlights problems and gaps in the knowledge that are already well described; i.e. because we have recognised a problem or challenge that requires a solution. Meanwhile, independent, bottom-up funds support what is sometimes referred to as research preparedness. It is here we create a knowledge base for handling whatever the future might bring – problems that are not yet well known, and areas where it is important to have free reign.

*How do we achieve research preparedness?*

Independent, curiosity-driven research creates a growth layer where new ideas can germinate, allowing the best of them to blossom and bear fruit. Each year, the fund has to reject far too many great applications, simply because there are too many qualified applicants deserving of support. We achieve research preparedness by continuously nurturing and prioritising independent research, in order to retain the research foundation we

### INDEPENDENT RESEARCH IS:

- based on the researchers' own initiatives
- the first link in the research food chain, and thus critical to a healthy research ecosystem
- both primary and applied research
- the foundation of future strategic initiatives.

### THEMATIC RESEARCH IS:

- politically determined themes for research activities
- strategic initiatives for research and society
- research that strengthens the researcher growth layer and helps build capacity within the research environments covered by the theme.

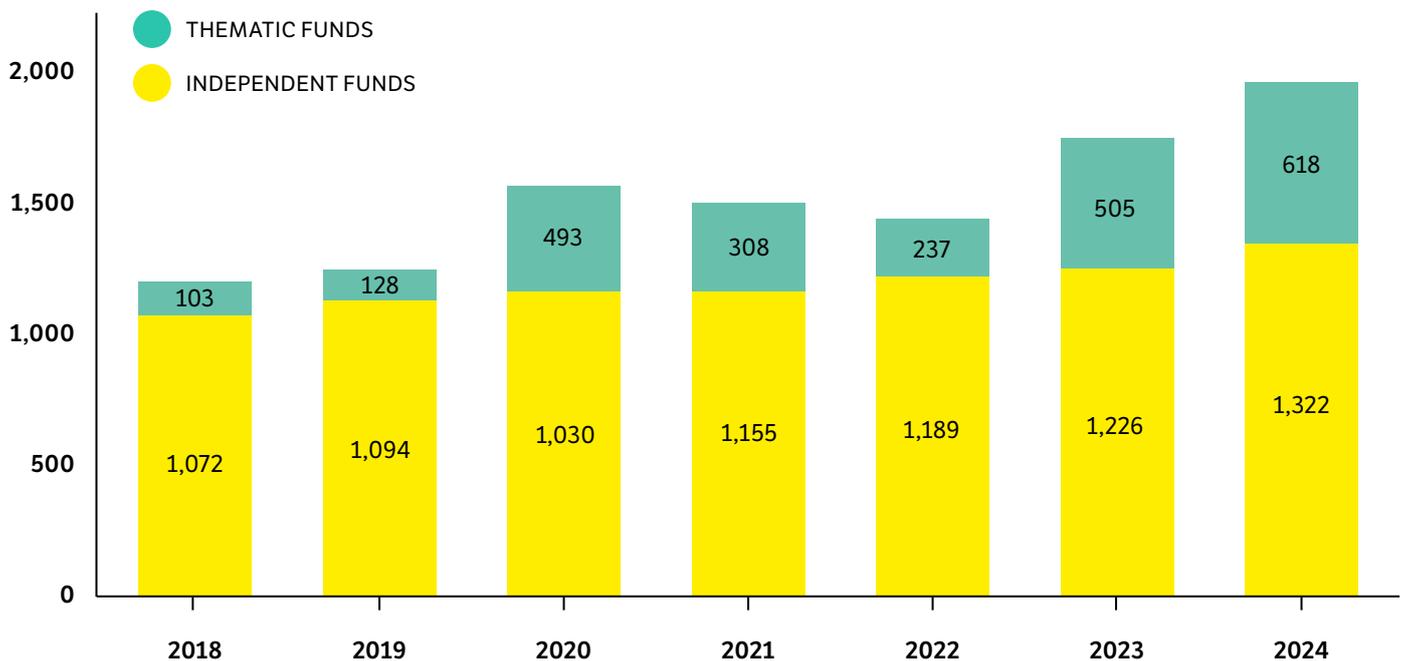
need to equip us for the as-of-yet unknown challenges of the future. An example of research preparedness would be research within the field of defence and security: Just four years ago, it was hard to imagine that we might suddenly find ourselves with an urgent need for knowledge within that area – nevertheless, for many years the fund granted support to research projects within different areas of defence research, and today this research is able to help solve important problems for all of society at a very high, technical level.

This is precisely what independent research can achieve – it can equip us for a future which is still unknown. But naturally, this must occur in parallel with support for high-level research within well-known and established problems that are high on society’s agenda and this is ensured via politically prioritised thematic funds.

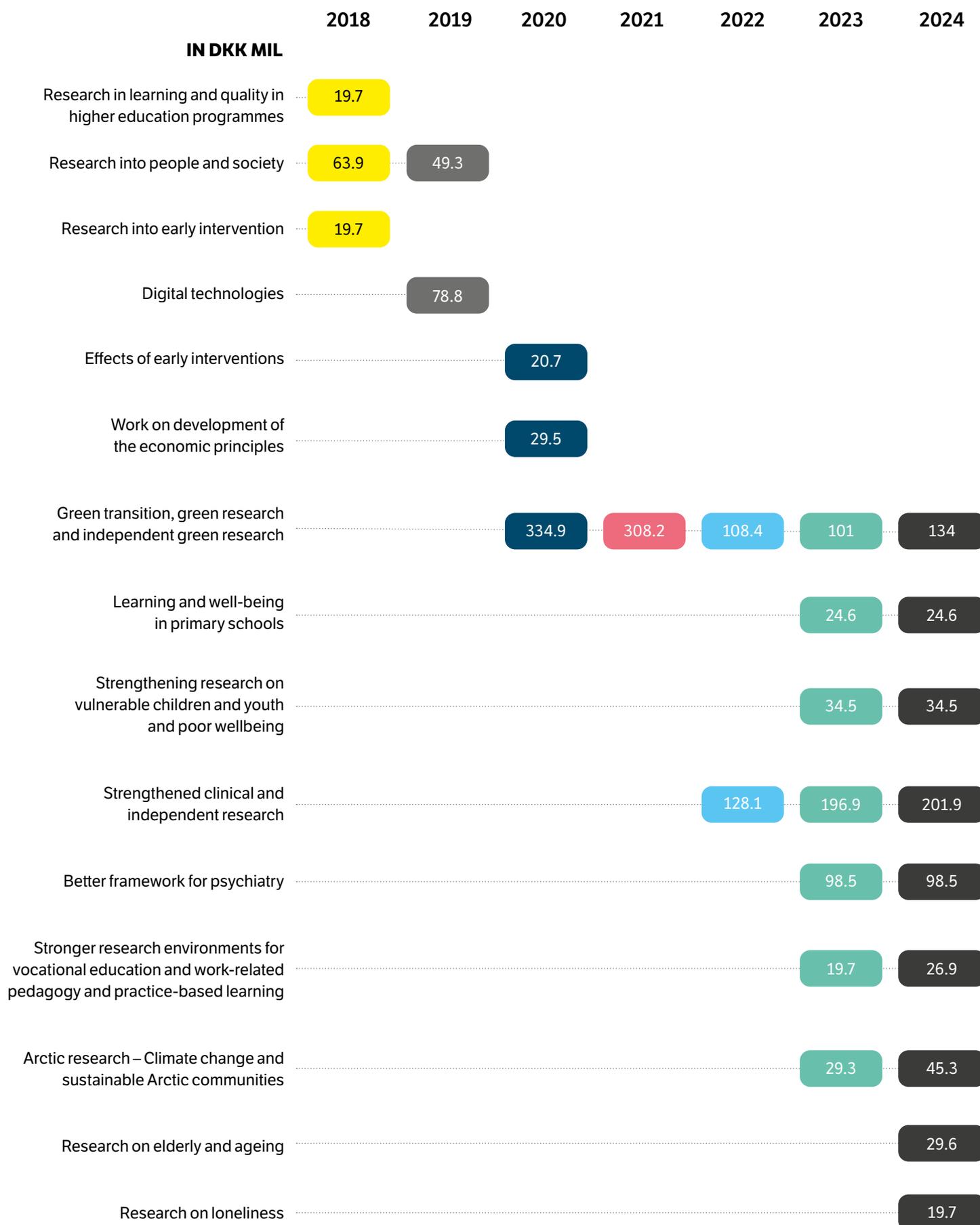
***Is there anything you would like to see change in the future?***

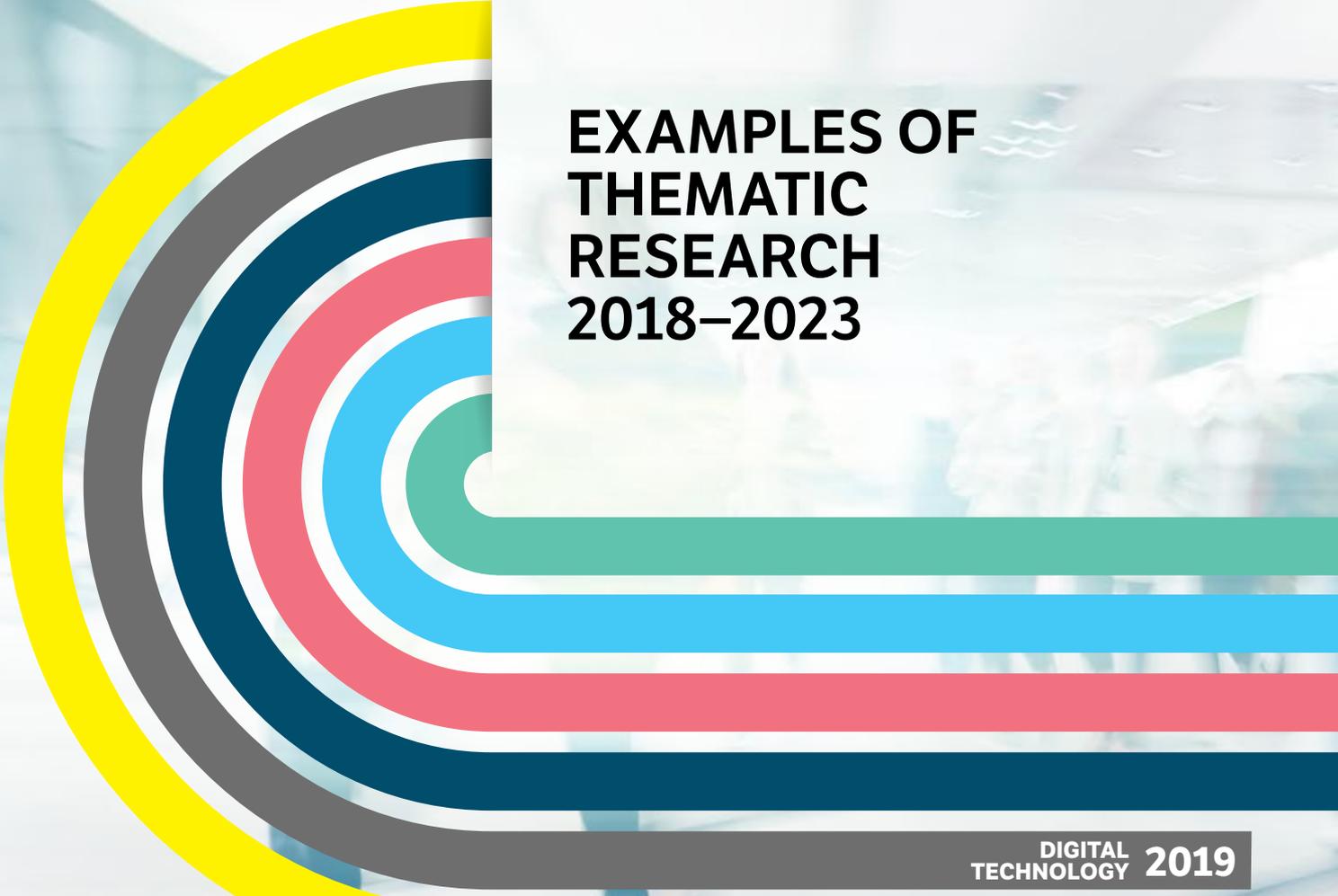
When the themes are narrow, there is a tendency for politicians to allocate a relatively modest financial framework for research within that theme. This can mean that only a very narrow group of researchers is targeted by the theme, and this can inhibit both diversity of ideas and competition. On the other hand, small budgets can mean that researchers spend a lot of time preparing applications that end up being rejected – not because they are not good enough, but because the funding runs out. For this reason, it is important to find the right balance between the breadth of the themes but also the amounts that are politically allocated to a particular purpose. Naturally, broad-reaching themes with relatively few constraints and sufficiently generous budgets are high on the wish list at DFF. This provides the best foundation for high-quality research and for establishing the requisite knowledge and capacity for research that can benefit all of society, both today and in the future.

**THE FUND’S NATIONAL BUDGET GRANT 2018–2024**  
CURRENT PRICES



# THE FUND'S POLITICALLY DETERMINED THEMES 2018–2024





# EXAMPLES OF THEMATIC RESEARCH 2018–2023

DIGITAL  
TECHNOLOGY **2019**

RESEARCH IN LEARNING AND QUALITY IN  
HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAMMES **2018**

## **GOOD EDUCATION WILL FOSTER THE ENTREPRE- NEURS OF TOMORROW**

If more young people become entrepreneurs after graduating, this will contribute to the growth and sustainability of Denmark. This research project explores how a special teaching method, studio-based learning, can help create the entrepreneurs and go-getters of the future.

*Bo Christensen from  
Copenhagen Business  
School received  
DKK 5,582,584.*

## **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TO STOP DISCRIMINATION IN HEALTHCARE SYSTEM**

Artificial intelligence can be biased – it is a predictive algorithm trained to reproduce the decisions that occur in the data it is trained on. This research project aims to develop algorithms for a fairer artificial intelligence in the healthcare sector.

*Aasa Feragen-Hauberg  
from the Technical  
University of  
Denmark received  
DKK 2,699,194*

BETTER FRAMEWORK  
FOR PSYCHIATRY 2023

GREEN  
RESEARCH 2022

GREEN  
TRANSITION 2021

EFFECTS OF EARLY  
INTERVENTIONS 2020

### THE ROLE OF NURSERY EDUCATORS IN CHILDREN'S EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The majority of 0–3-year-old children in Denmark attend nursery schools for around 30 hours a week, and so the quality of the relationship between educators and children is crucial. This research project aims to improve the skills of nursery educators to stimulate and support the social and emotional development of little ones.

*Mette Skovgaard Væver  
from the University of  
Copenhagen  
received  
DKK 6,106,134*

### CAN WE DRAW SUSTAINABLE ENERGY DIRECTLY FROM PLANTS?

740 billion trees are located in places where it's hard to grow anything. These trees could play an important role in a new source of sustainable energy. This research project aims to utilise tree plant sugars as a renewable resource.

*Kaare Hartvig Jensen  
from the Technical  
University of Denmark  
received  
DKK 2,877,288*

### CAN ENERGY LABELLING FOR WEBSITES MAKE THE INTERNET GREEN?

Websites with energy labels that show how much power is consumed by using them. This may become a future reality as Maja Hanne Kirkeby investigates the power consumption of the components that make up a website.

*Maja Hanne Kirkeby from  
Roskilde University  
received  
DKK 2,868,367*

### IS PSYCHIATRIC MEDICATION SAFE FOR THE BABY WHEN NURSING?

What consequences might it have for the child if their mother has to take psychiatric medications? A relatively new database aims to help researchers clarify things for nursing mothers.

*Anders Hviid from  
Statens Serum Institut  
received DKK 3,146,779*

# UNLOCKING IDEAS

## DIVERSITY & ACCESS AS KEYS



In 2023, Independent Research Fund Denmark held its DFF Research Conference 2023 with the title Unlocking Ideas – Diversity and Access as Keys. Diversity within research and research funding dominates the debate and discourses across Danish universities, research funders and other research stakeholders. Over the next few pages, you can delve into how our participants and the fund got to grips with diversity at the DFF Research Conference 2023.



Celebrating Success: Sapere Aude: DFF-Starting Grants 2023. The recipients of the Sapere Aude: Starting Grants in 2022 were celebrated at the research conference in a speech given by the Director of the Agency for Higher Education and Science, Mikkel Leihardt.

## INDEPENDENT RESEARCH FUND DENMARK SENT CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS TO THE LAB

Ensuring diversity and equal access to research funding and participation in Danish research is one of the core missions of Independent Research Fund Denmark. Even though the universities and funds have both been placing an emphasis on diversity in research for many years, imbalances remain which can be seen both in the concentration of research funding, and in the researcher population across the universities. And despite commendable ambitions to ensure equal access for all talents, we have not yet achieved our goals in this area.

At this year's research conference, Independent Research Fund Denmark sent many of the country's best brains into the lab. Their mission was simple yet challenging – find out why diversity and equal access are not already the norm in Danish research, and tell us what the solution is? The problems were chewed over and solutions were proposed over the course of the conference's two working labs.

### WHAT DID WE DO?

At this year's research conference, *Unlocking Ideas: Diversity and Access as Keys*, we asked participants to not only listen, but to share their bright ideas and wisdom for the common purpose of bolstering inclusion and diversity in research. They were changed into their work clothes and sent straight into the lab.

### ALL EXPERIENCES BROUGHT INTO PLAY

Signe Nipper Nielsen, PhD and Chief Consultant at the Office of the Danish Council for Research and Innovation Policy (DFiR) participated at the conference and found the two working labs to be greatly inspiring.

*“The two working labs were well organised and we had well-chosen working questions to guide us in our group work. These questions helped us to think realistically about our proposed solutions – what is actually possible and who needs to be involved to achieve our goal? It was wise to bring the many experiences around the table into play to find viable solutions to the problem of diversity in research and to create actual change.”*



What is the key to creating an inclusive research environment? This was the focal point of the panel debate at the conference between Professor Ruth Müller, Associate Professor Christoph Ellersgaard, Professor and DFF Board Member Lone Gram and Associate Professor Mathias Wullum. The debate was moderated by science journalist and biologist Line Friis Frederiksen.



Jørgen Frøkiær, Chair of the Board at Independent Research Fund Denmark in 2023, gave an opening speech at the conference where he talked about how a research culture defined by openness, inclusion and diversity is what establishes the best frameworks for promoting excellent research.



The Keynote Speaker, Professor of Science and Technology Policy at the Technical University of Munich Ruth Müller, spoke about gender, diversity and equality in research and how micro-actions can affect our co-existence and social environment.

## LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE – A COMMON TASK

The first working lab shone a light on the problems, and with that the first step was taken. But the challenges were lining up: Because ground-breaking change begins with ground-breaking problem-solving. But how will things look when the problem has been solved?

To make sure the participants kept their eyes on the prize before getting started with their problem-solving, we asked them to take a minute to fantasise about the possibilities. What do they imagine a future in which diversity and equal access are par for the course would look like?

Terms such as ‘happy researchers’, ‘less stress’, and ‘more group work, less individual work’ pervaded. According to the participants, the future requires a cultural shift in which well-being and community are given more weight.

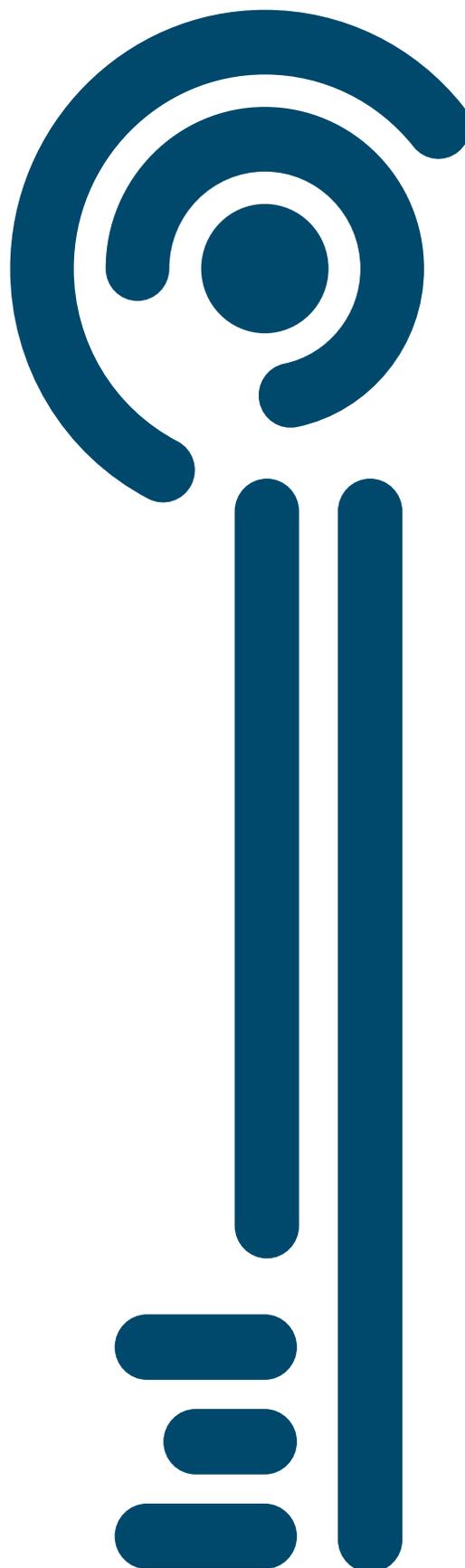
Factors such as ‘wider access to apply for funding’, ‘a broader composition of evaluation committees’ and ‘diversity awareness’ were also mentioned. Structural and capacity-building changes are needed to realise these dreams.

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

At Independent Research Fund Denmark, both these questions and the great solutions proposed are essential sources of inspiration for the fund’s work going forward.

In 2024, the fund is actively pursuing the diversity agenda and planning a tranche of new initiatives. At the same time, the Agreement on Reforming Research Assessment is also commencing implementation. As part of this, the fund is planning to pursue work in connection with CV templates, transparency and assessment criteria, among other things.

The Research Conference has inspired initiatives in the fund’s upcoming project plan for diversity and the great work and ideas of the conference participants will be incorporated into the fund’s diversity and inclusion-related initiatives in the years to come.



## WORKING LAB I

### WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

The problem in focus for the first working lab was: What is it that is actually impeding equal access to research participation for everyone?

Why is research not already characterised by a broad degree of diversity in its population, methods and ideas? How can this problem be formulated in a way that is both short and concise?

The room was abuzz with engagement and energetic discussion. Many relevant problems emerged at the tables. Focus was placed on assessments and what characterises a good CV. Others addressed the issue of equal pay and how care responsibilities affect opportunities for career progression.

The importance of socio-economic and socio-cultural background was also a topic of interest to many. How do class and family background affect a person's chances of becoming a researcher? And how can we ensure that researchers from other parts of the world feel a sense of belonging to their Danish workplace and among their colleagues?



In the first working lab, our task was to describe the challenges.

## WORKING LAB II

### A STREAM OF SOLUTIONS

In the other working lab, the participants were asked to imagine a research environment in which the chosen problems had long since been solved – in order to then conclude with suggestions for potential solutions.

The answers came in a steady stream. Suggestions included better data and knowledge about diversity in Danish research and financial incentives for institutions that make progress on diversity parameters.

Better merit criteria that also focus on team efforts and more genuinely open job postings were also emphasised as important factors. So too were broad diversity in research management and the inclusion of younger researchers in Independent Research Fund Denmark's research councils.

Other suggestions included research applications that put less focus on quantitatively based CVs and which include sections where applicants can describe their experience in promoting diversity. All of the excellent solutions presented were collated in a catalogue and shared among participants.



In the second working lab we asked questions such as: What can we do in both the short and long term to find a solution to the problem we have chosen to address?

# CLIMATE NEUTRAL DAIRY PRODUCTION – ORIGINAL IDEA OF THE YEAR

Promising environmental researcher and agro-ecologist Carsten Stefan Malisch was presented with the Original Idea of the Year Award for his project entitled FunctionalForage – Using Tannins to Reduce the Climate Impact of Ruminant Livestock Production Systems at the research conference. Carsten Stefan Malisch will investigate the potential of using two specific plant species as feed in order to support more climate-neutral dairy production.

Green pastures aren't just pretty to drive past. Grass can sequester more carbon in the soil than any other plant, making it a useful tool for mitigating climate change. However, there is a problem. The cows that graze on the grass emit more greenhouse gases into the atmosphere than what the grass can sequester.

With his current research idea, Carsten Stefan Malisch hopes to remedy the imbalance that exists by introducing plants that contain tannins into the pastures grazed by cows. Tannins are found in grapes, but also in certain plant species that can grow in grasslands. The advantage of plants which contain tannins is that they not only affect the digestive system of cows in a way that reduces methane emissions, but they also exert a positive effect on the soil. It is precisely these positive effects that Carsten Stefan Malisch wants to leverage in order to improve the climate impact of grazing cows while also sequestering more carbon in the soil. The goal is to attain climate-neutral dairy production while simultaneously reducing competition between food and feed.

*“I hope that the awareness we gain from this project will also inspire discussion about the consequences of our choices as a society and as consumers, as we are in a very privileged position to live in a country where we are able to decide how we want our food to be produced,”*  
says Prize Winner Carsten Stefan Malisch.

His idea is so original in its approach that Carsten Stefan Malisch, who is a Tenure-Track Assistant Professor at the Department of Agroecology at Aarhus University, was named winner of the Original Idea of the Year Award 2022, which was handed out at DFF: Research Conference 2023.

## ABOUT CARSTEN STEFAN MALISCH

Carsten Stefan Malisch graduated with a degree in Environmental Protection Management from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, in 2011. In 2016, he received his PhD from the Department of Environmental Systems Science at ETH Zurich in Switzerland.

Following a postdoc position at the University of Kiel in Germany from 2016 to 2022 with the Institute of Crop Science and Plant Breeding, he moved to Denmark with his family where he took up a position as a Tenure-Track Assistant Professor at Aarhus University.

His work in Denmark revolves around finding innovative solutions to improving the sustainability of agricultural production systems by combining different research disciplines and placing focus on how they interact. The Functional Forage project is a prime example of this.

## ABOUT THE ORIGINAL IDEA OF THE YEAR AWARD

The award is given to researchers who have presented a research idea over the past year that demonstrates a particularly high degree of originality – whether that be in its choice of subject matter, approach, method or similar.

2023 was the fourth year in which the fund awarded this honour for the best original research idea of the year.

The prizewinner receives a work of art and some flowers. The purpose of the award is to celebrate original thinking that is crucial to promoting Danish research.

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*- Carsten Stefan Malisch*



## RESEARCH CONSULTANCY THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

In 2023, research consultancy at Independent Research Fund Denmark has been characterised by cooperation. The fund has deepened its collaboration with the Greenland Research Council in connection with its work on the independent investigation of the so-called IUD case and other contraceptive practices in Greenland, as well as the Historic Investigation of the Relationship between Greenland and Denmark, and it has also provided independent advice in connection with the appointment of research management for the Analysis of Power and Democracy in Denmark 2.0.

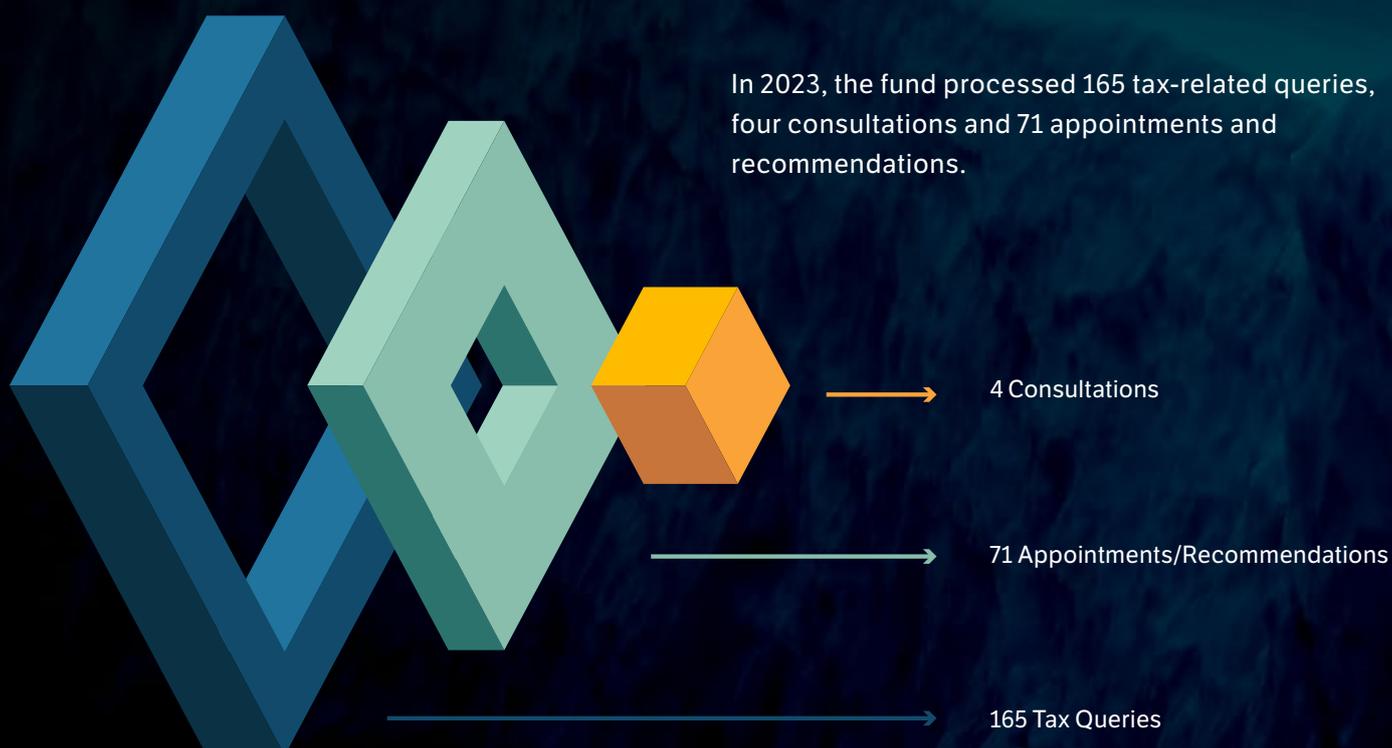
Each year, Independent Research Fund Denmark provides highly specialised research consultancy. The recipients of this advice are usually ministries and agencies, as well as Danish universities, other funds, and organisations such as the Danish National Archives, the Danish Language Council and the Danish Animal Ethics Council.

The consultancy cases themselves are very diverse. The fund is often asked to assist in recommending or appointing potential candidates for positions of trust such as council, committee and board positions. On other occasions, it may be asked to provide an opinion on matters such as draft bills which have the potential to affect the frameworks for Danish research, or to give a professional assessment as to whether a certain position can be categorised as a research position.

### ABOUT THE RESEARCH CONSULTANCY

The board of Independent Research Fund Denmark coordinates responses when the fund is asked to take on research-related consultancy cases. All members of the fund's five scientific research councils and the board are drawn on for help in case processing. This allows the fund to offer up a broad and deep degree of research expertise in its research consultancy.

It also means that the fund is able to adopt an essential arms-length principle, as the five councils are characterised by their very broad compositions.



## TALENT WITHOUT BORDERS

A number of consultancy cases are annually recurring events, such as the recommendations we make to EliteForsk Travel Grants and Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting. For example, each year the board of Independent Research Fund Denmark appoints five young, promising researchers to participate in the following year's Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings.

Each year, Lindau Nobel Laureate brings together Nobel Laureates and young researchers from all across the world so that they can benefit from the mutual exchange of knowledge and innovation across generations and borders. In 2023, the topic of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting was medicine. DFF sent Louise Duedahl, Katrine Douglas Galsgaard, Camilla Reiter Elbæk and Mette Thunbo to Lindau.

The internationalisation of Danish research and supporting young researchers are two core values of Independent Research Fund Denmark – and this extends into our research consultancy services as well. Beyond nominating candidates to participate in Lindau Nobel, the fund also nominates young researchers for EliteForsk Travel Grants each year.



## TOPIC: GREENLAND AND DENMARK

Other consultancy cases are more unique in nature. For example, in 2023 the fund participated in the nomination of candidates for two major research projects, both of which were focused on the relationship be-

tween Greenland and Denmark. In the spring of 2023, Independent Research Fund Denmark considered and recommended candidates for participation in the *independent investigation of the so-called IUD case and other contraceptive practices in Greenland*.

The purpose of the investigation was to investigate the practice of inserting IUDs in Greenlandic women and girls. This is a procedure that began in the mid-1960s in Greenland and in Danish boarding schools with students from Greenland.

This was then followed by *the Historic Investigation of the Relationship between Greenland and Denmark* in the early summer. The purpose of this report was to contribute to a common process for uncovering and understanding this history, recognising the consequences of decisions made and the actions that were taken.

Independent Research Fund Denmark issued a call for proposals for a lead researcher in close collaboration with the Greenland Research Council. In early November 2023, the fund and the Greenland Research Council jointly submitted their candidate recommendations for the role of research lead to the Greenlandic Department (Naalakkersuisoq) for Education, Culture, Sports and Church, and to the Danish Minister for Higher Education and Science.

## POWER AND DEMOCRACY IN DENMARK 2.0

In 2022, Independent Research Fund Denmark put out a call for candidates and made recommendations for the role of research lead for the Analysis of Power and Democracy in Denmark 2.0.

Based on the fund's recommendations, the Minister for Higher Education and Science appointed Michael Bang Petersen of Aarhus University as research lead. Michael then proceeded to initiate the establishment of a research management team comprised of four other renowned researchers.

At the end of 2023, this team submitted a project plan and a budget for the Analysis of Power and Democracy in Denmark 2.0. The project plan has since been published and can be found in Power and Democracy 2.0 – the new and updated version of the study (au.dk).





# **THE FUND IN FIGURES**

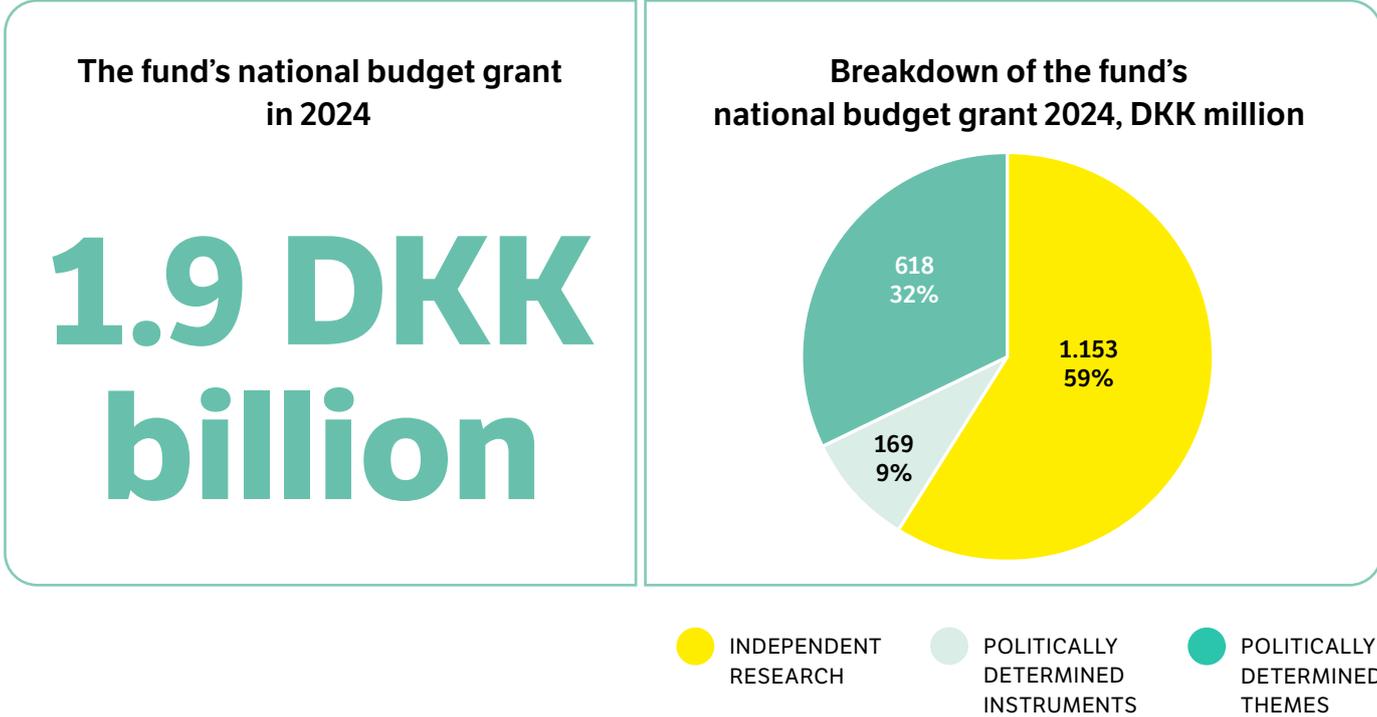
# THE FUND'S NATIONAL BUDGET GRANT

Independent Research Fund Denmark is financed via the Danish National Budget. The fund was awarded an overall budget grant of DKK 1.9 billion in 2024.

The budget allocated around DKK 1.2 billion to the fund as unrestricted, independent funds in 2024. These are funds that the fund allocates in accordance with its legal basis. Independent Research Fund Denmark disburses these funds to the research projects that it considers to be among the most promising and which have the potential to achieve new breakthroughs in research.

In addition to the disbursement of independent research funds, the fund must also disburse a number of politically determined instruments and funds for certain politically determined themes or subject areas. In 2024, the fund will disburse a number of politically determined instruments in the form of Non-university Research Education, the Inge Lehmann Programme and Sapere Aude.

In 2024, the fund will also disburse funds via nine different politically determined themes which include Independent green research, Strengthened clinical and independent research and Better framework for research in psychiatry, among others.



Note: Act No. 384 on the Danish Council for Research and Innovation Policy and Independent Research Fund Denmark of 26/04/2017

## NATIONAL BUDGET GRANT 2020–2024

DKK MIL. PL-24



### INDEPENDENT FUNDS

cover the share of the budget grant that Independent Research Fund Denmark can allocate in accordance with its legal basis.



### POLITICALLY DETERMINED INSTRUMENTS

cover the specific instruments that have been politically determined.



### POLITICALLY DETERMINED THEMES

cover the thematic instruments that have been politically determined for allocation by the fund.

## FUND ALLOCATIONS VIA RESEARCH COUNCILS AND AD HOC COMMITTEES

Independent Research Fund Denmark is made up of six permanent research councils which are responsible for awarding grants and providing research consultancy within their specific areas of expertise. The six research councils are the Cross-council Committee and the five subject-domain research councils for Humanities, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Medical Sciences and Technology and Production Sciences. The fund is managed by a board which is comprised of nine board members.

The five research councils award the independent funds. The Cross-council Committee is made up of the chairs of each of the five subject-domain research councils and it disburses the politically determined instruments. It also considers interdisciplinary applications which draw on methods and subject areas that stretch across the fund's five research councils.

If the budget stipulates that the fund must allocate funds to politically determined themes, the board can take the decision to set up a so-called ad hoc committee for this purpose. Any decision to set up an ad hoc committee will always start with an assessment as to whether the politically determined theme requires specialised expertise within a certain subject area. In 2023, the fund's board set up five ad hoc committees comprised of 61 members in total who were tasked with allocating funds to six different politically determined themes established by the budget. The ad hoc committees are automatically dissolved once the thematic grants have been allocated.

In 2023, a total of DKK 895.9 million was allocated from the fund's independent funds, while DKK 340.6 million was allocated from the fund's politically determined funds and DKK 568.3 million via the fund's politically determined themes.

## THE FUND'S ALLOCATION OF RESEARCH GRANTS IN THE PERIOD 2020–2023

GRANTS, CURRENT PRICES, IN DKK MIL.	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Independent funds</b>				
DFF   Cross-council Committee	14.0	11.4	24.3	22.7
DFF   Humanities	124.9	112.2	121.0	134.6
DFF   Natural Sciences	199.6	180.0	195.7	206.5
DFF   Social Sciences	111.0	80.0	90.6	110.9
DFF   Medical Sciences	202.3	178.5	191.7	203.8
DFF   Technology and Production Sciences	221.5	195.8	211.7	217.4
<b>In total</b>	<b>873.3</b>	<b>757.9</b>	<b>835.0</b>	<b>895.9</b>
<b>Politically Determined Instruments</b>				
Non-university Research Education	21.9	23.0	24.4	22.0
The Inge Lehmann Programme	19.3	108.3	78.8	80.6
Sapere Aude: DFF-Starting Grants	219.8	260.0	246.4	238.1
Danish ERC Support Programme	9.8	0.9	-	-
<b>In total</b>	<b>270.8</b>	<b>392.3</b>	<b>349.7</b>	<b>340.6</b>
<b>Politically Determined Themes</b>				
Ad hoc Committee for Better frameworks for psychiatry	-	-	-	97.7
Ad hoc Committee for Independent green research	333.4	306.9	107.0	99.4
Ad hoc Committee for Strengthened clinical and independent research	-	-	127.3	195.4
Ad hoc Committee for Learning and well-being in elementary schools	-	-	-	24.2
Ad hoc Committee for Strengthened research on vulnerable children and youth	-	-	-	34.1
Ad hoc Committee for Stronger research environments for vocational education	-	-	-	19.7
Ad hoc Committee for Effects of early interventions	20.2	-	-	-
<b>In total</b>	<b>353.6</b>	<b>306.9</b>	<b>234.3</b>	<b>470.5</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,497.7</b>	<b>1,457.1</b>	<b>1,419.0</b>	<b>1,707.1</b>

It should be noted here that the overview of the fund's allocation amounts includes reimbursements of unused research funds that were returned from previous projects that had received grants from the fund. That is why the allocation figure may sometimes be higher than the amount stated in the budget. In the years 2020–2023, around DKK 60 million was earmarked in the budget each year for Sapere Aude: DFF-Starting Grants. In addition, the fund's board has also taken the decision to prioritise parts of the fund's independent funds for the allocation of Sapere Aude: DFF-Starting Grants. For example, in 2023 the board prioritised around DKK 150 million of the fund's independent funds for the allocation of Sapere Aude: DFF-Starting Grants. The allocation of funds for the Strengthening of Arctic Research amounting to 29.3 million DKK in 2023 will be carried out in collaboration with Nordforsk in 2024.

## THE FUND'S APPLICATION AND GRANT LEVEL

On average, the fund receives around 3,300 applications each year and awards around 475 grants.

On average, the fund receives applications worth DKK 12 billion, which is considerably more than the fund's budget.

### FIGURES FOR 2023



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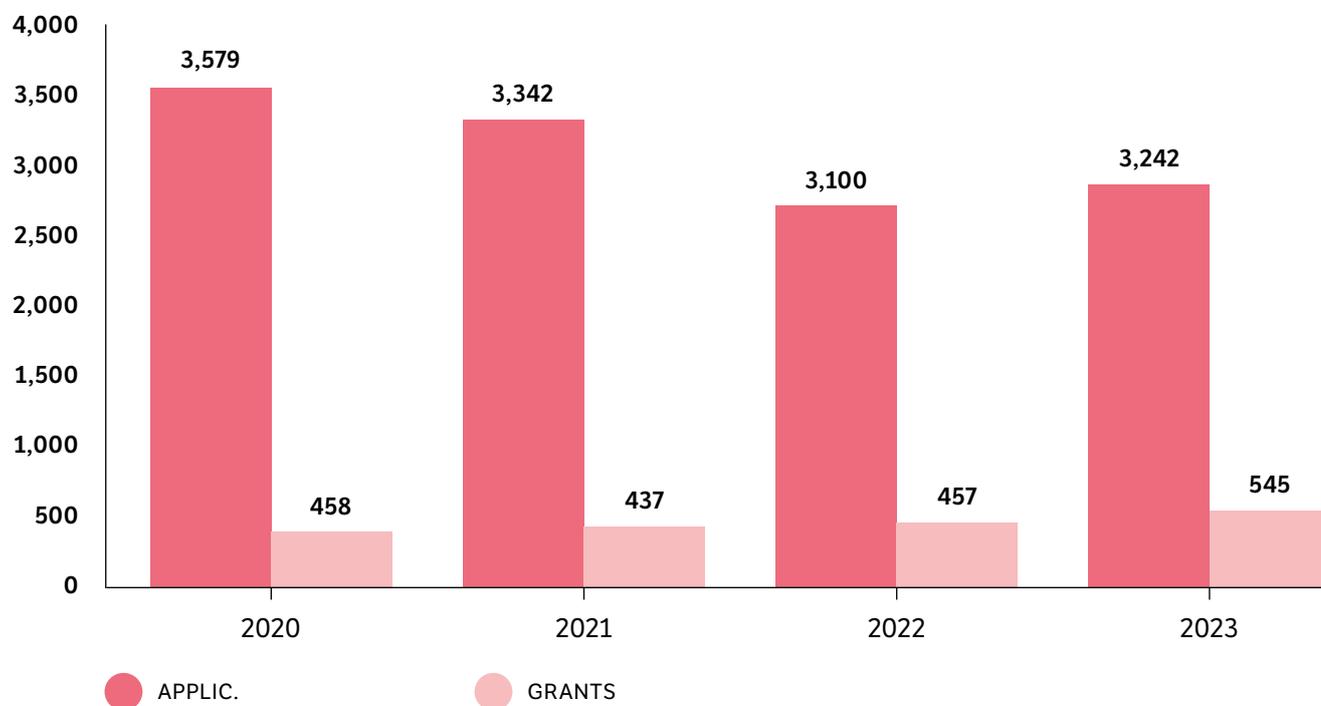
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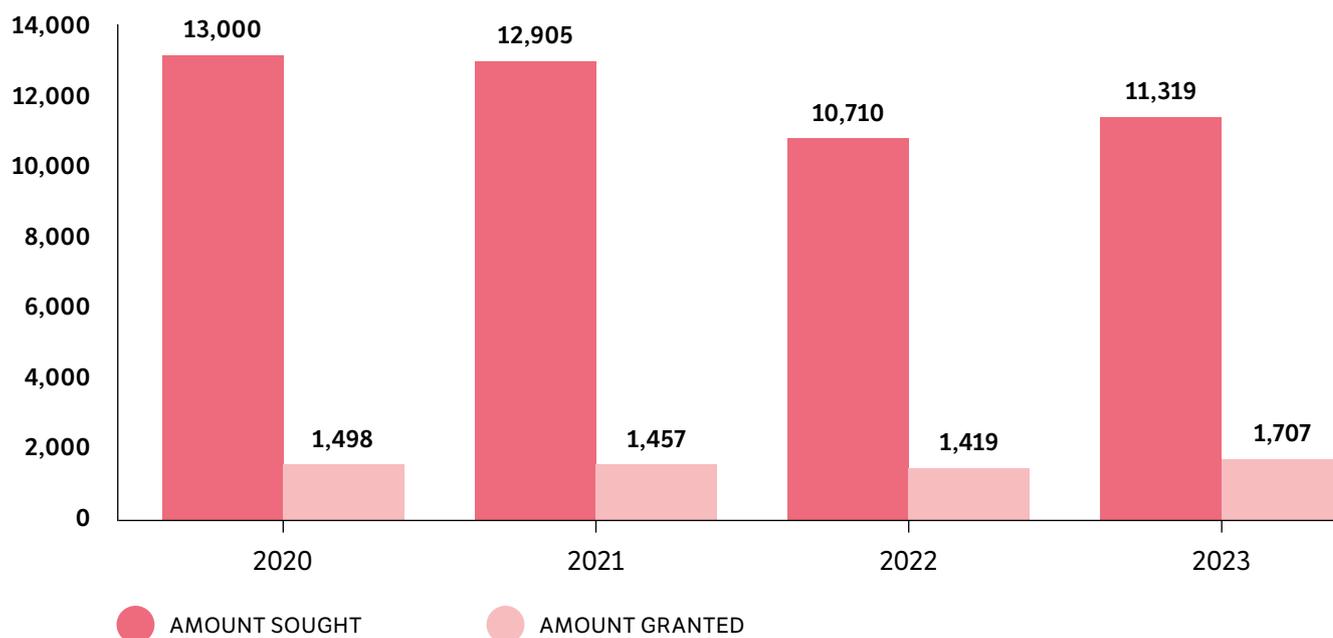
APPLICATIONS

## APPLICATIONS AND GRANTS, 2020–2023

### NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS AND GRANTS



### AMOUNT SOUGHT AND GRANTED, DKK MIL, CURRENT PRICES



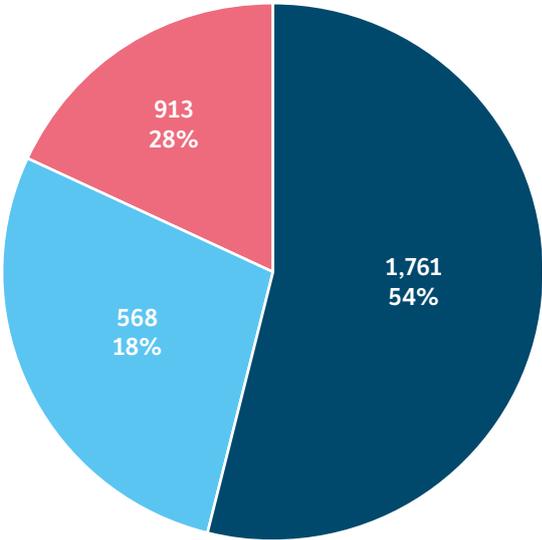
# APPLICATIONS AND GRANTS VIA THE FUND'S INSTRUMENTS

Each year, Independent Research Fund Denmark disburses around fifteen different instruments via its research councils and thematic, ad hoc committees.

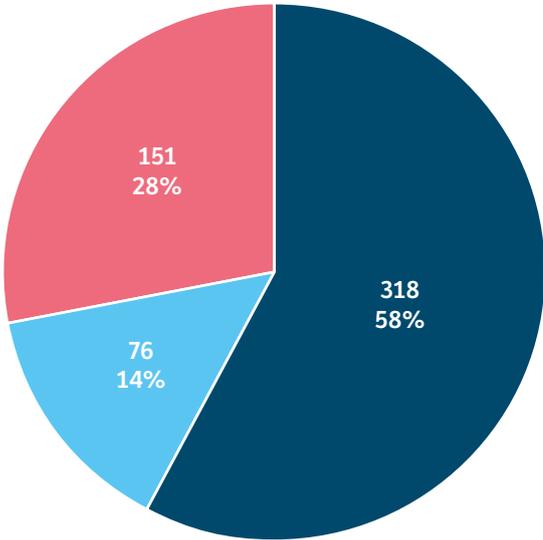
The largest group of instruments allocated by the fund is via its independent funds. These instruments are not subject to any constraints in terms of subject area. This means that the fund receives applications from within all scientific fields, from research into mammoths to algorithms in artificial intelligence.

The politically determined instruments and politically determined themes, meanwhile, correspond to instruments that are decided on by politicians via the annual budget and which therefore include a number of subject-related conditions that the fund must fulfil. Over the last few years, there has been a marked increase in the number of politically determined themes.

APPLICATIONS BREAKDOWN IN 2023



GRANTS BREAKDOWN IN 2023



● INDEPENDENT RESEARCH      ● POLITICALLY DETERMINED INSTRUMENTS      ● POLITICALLY DETERMINED THEMES

## APPLICATIONS AND GRANTS, 2020–2023

	2020		2021		2022		2023	
	Applic.	Grants	Applic.	Grants	Applic.	Grants	Applic.	Grants
<b>Independent Research</b>								
DFF-Research Project1	1,600	178	1,276	149	1,177	167	1,133	198
DFF-Research Project2	560	57	643	52	519	56	419	54
International Postdoctoral Grants	240	40	215	34	99	16	71	13
Pre-graduate Scholarships   Medical Sciences	59	19	51	19	69	20	60	21
Clinician Scientist Positions   Medical Sciences	28	8	24	9	26	9	25	9
International Research Stays   Social Sciences	27	7	18	6	24	5	24	8
Journals   Humanities	12	4	18	7	10	5	11	6
Explorative Network   Humanities	41	5	12	6	17	4	18	9
<b>Total, Independent Research</b>	<b>2,567</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>2,257</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>1,941</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>1,761</b>	<b>318</b>
<b>Politically Determined Instruments</b>								
Sapere Aude: DFF-Starting Grant	391	36	404	43	356	41	348	39
The Inge Lehmann Programme	76	5	143	39	211	29	178	28
Non-university Research Education	44	9	56	9	49	10	42	9
Danish ERC Support Programme	15	15	3	3	-	-	-	-
<b>Total, Politically Determined Instruments</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>606</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>76</b>
<b>Politically Determined Themes</b>								
Better framework for psychiatry	-	-	-	-	-	-	167	35
Independent green research	454	66	479	61	338	38	354	32
Strengthened clinical and independent research	-	-	-	-	205	57	295	61
Learning and well-being in elementary schools	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	7
Strengthening research on vulnerable children and youth	-	-	-	-	-	-	63	10
Stronger research environments for vocational education	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	6
Effects of early intervention	23	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Financial accounting principles	9	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total, Politically Determined Themes</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>913</b>	<b>151</b>
<b>In total</b>	<b>3,579</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>3,342</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>3,100</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>3,242</b>	<b>545</b>

In 2020, the foundation allocated a special DFF-Research Project1 grant for research on COVID-19. The fund received a total of 364 applications and awarded 15 grants from this pool. These applications and grants are combined with the allocation of the regular DFF-Research Project1 grants in 2020, for which the foundation received 1,236 applications and awarded 163 grants.

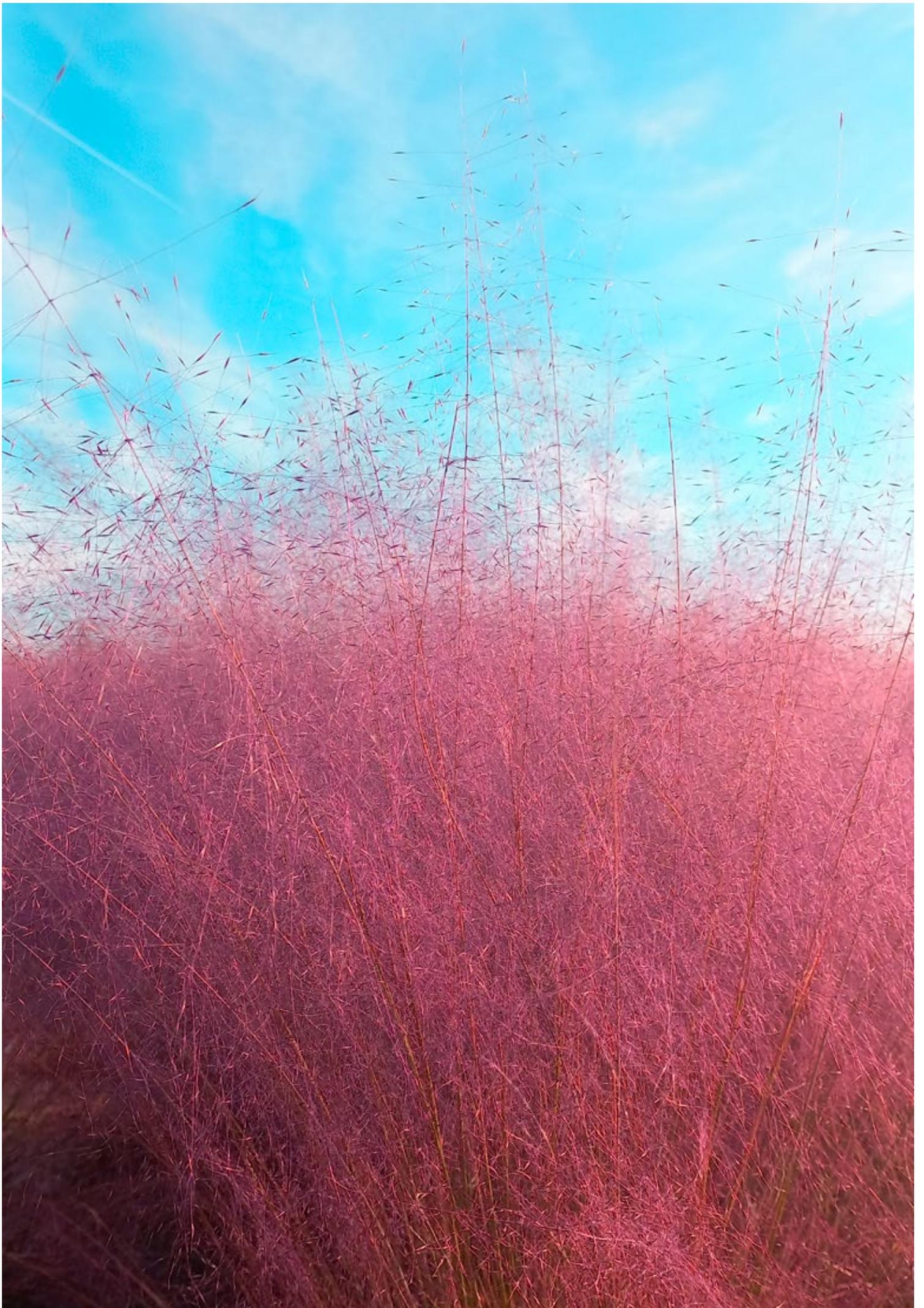
## APPLICATIONS AND GRANTS TO THE RESEARCH COUNCILS

	2020		2021		2022		2023	
	Applic.	Grants	Applic.	Grants	Applic.	Grants	Applic.	Grants
<b>DFF   Cross-council Committee</b>								
DFF-Research Project1	22	3	24	4	16	2	23	3
DFF-Research Project2	13	1	27	-	18	3	19	2
Sapere Aude: DFF-Starting Grants	17	2	8	-	21	1	20	2
The Inge Lehmann Programme	-	-	8	2	13	2	10	2
DFF International Postdoctoral Grants	3	-	10	-	3	-	6	1
Non-university Research Education	2	-	6	1	7	3	4	1
<b>In total</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>DFF   Humanities</b>								
DFF-Research Project1	144	13	120	11	106	11	85	11
DFF-Research Project2	130	14	149	12	124	13	103	15
Sapere Aude: DFF-Starting Grants	74	6	76	9	45	6	55	7
DFF International Postdoctoral Grants	60	7	46	5	29	4	16	4
The Inge Lehmann Programme	19	1	17	5	37	5	25	3
Non-university Research Education	25	5	26	4	23	4	20	4
Journals   Humanities	12	4	18	7	10	5	11	6
Explorative Network   Humanities	41	5	12	6	17	4	18	9
Danish ERC Support Programme	3	3	1	1	-	-	-	-
<b>In total</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>59</b>
<b>DFF   Natural Sciences</b>								
DFF-Research Project1	343	44	320	39	290	47	262	58
Sapere Aude: DFF-Starting Grants	103	10	114	12	104	13	89	10
DFF-Research Project2	110	11	117	10	93	10	75	7
DFF International Postdoctoral Grants	61	11	47	8	22	3	13	2
The Inge Lehmann Programme	10	1	24	8	30	5	22	5
Non-university Research Education	5	1	3	-	5	1	3	1
Danish ERC Support Programme	4	4	1	1	-	-	-	-
<b>In total</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>83</b>

	2020		2021		2022		2023	
	Applic.	Grants	Applic.	Grants	Applic.	Grants	Applic.	Grants
<b>DFF   Social Sciences</b>								
DFF-Research Project1	224	19	120	11	144	14	133	17
DFF-Research Project2	93	9	96	8	82	8	79	10
Sapere Aude: DFF-Starting Grants	38	4	40	5	45	5	48	5
The Inge Lehmann Programme	6	1	27	6	42	5	34	5
DFF International Postdoctoral Grants	39	5	34	4	19	3	10	1
Research Stays Abroad   Social Sciences	27	7	18	6	24	5	24	8
Non-university Research Education	3	1	13	2	6	1	6	1
<b>In total</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>DFF   Medical Sciences</b>								
DFF-Research Project1	529	62	365	50	339	54	369	66
DFF-Research Project2	69	5	81	7	72	7	48	5
Sapere Aude: DFF-Starting Grants	65	6	69	7	55	5	63	7
Pre-Graduate Scholarships   Medical Sciences	59	19	51	19	69	20	60	21
The Inge Lehmann Programme	20	1	43	10	58	7	60	8
Clinician Scientist Positions   Medical Sciences	28	8	24	9	26	9	25	9
DFF International Postdoctoral Grants	37	8	34	10	8	2	14	2
Non-university Research Education	8	2	6	1	8	1	8	2
Danish ERC Support Programme	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>In total</b>	<b>818</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>673</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>120</b>
<b>DFF   Technology and Production Sciences</b>								
DFF-Research Project1	338	37	327	34	282	39	261	43
DFF-Research Project2	145	17	173	15	130	15	95	15
Sapere Aude: DFF-Starting Grants	94	8	97	10	86	11	73	8
DFF International Postdoctoral Grants	40	9	44	7	18	4	12	3
The Inge Lehmann Programme	21	1	24	8	31	5	27	5
Danish ERC Support Programme	5	5	1	1	-	-	-	-
Non-university Research Education	1	-	2	1	-	-	1	-
<b>In total</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>74</b>

## APPLICATIONS AND GRANTS FOR THE AD HOC COMMITTEES

	2020		2021		2022		2023	
	Applic.	Grants	Applic.	Grants	Applic.	Grants	Applic.	Grants
<b>Ad hoc Committee for Better framework for psychiatry</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	167	35
DFF-Research Project1	-	-	-	-	-	-	127	30
DFF-Research Project2	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	5
<b>Ad hoc Committee for Independent green research</b>	454	66	479	61	338	38	354	32
DFF-Research Project1	207	37	237	33	338	38	354	32
DFF-Research Project2	175	19	183	20	-	-	-	-
DFF-Research Project3	72	10	59	8	-	-	-	-
<b>Ad hoc Committee for Strengthened clinical and independent research</b>	-	-	-	-	205	57	295	61
DFF-Research Project1	-	-	-	-	205	57	222	44
DFF-Research Project2	-	-	-	-	-	-	73	17
<b>Ad hoc Committee for Learning and well-being in elementary schools</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	7
DFF-Research Project1	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	6
DFF-Research Project2	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1
<b>Ad hoc Committee for Strengthening research on vulnerable children and youth</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	63	10
DFF-Research Project1	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	8
DFF-Research Project2	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	2
<b>Ad hoc Committee for Stronger research environments for vocational education</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	6
DFF-Research Project1	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	5
DFF-Research Project2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1
<b>Ad hoc Committee for Effects of early intervention</b>	23	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
DFF-Research Project1	12	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
DFF-Research Project2	11	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>In total</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>913</b>	<b>151</b>



# THE FUND'S SUCCESS RATES

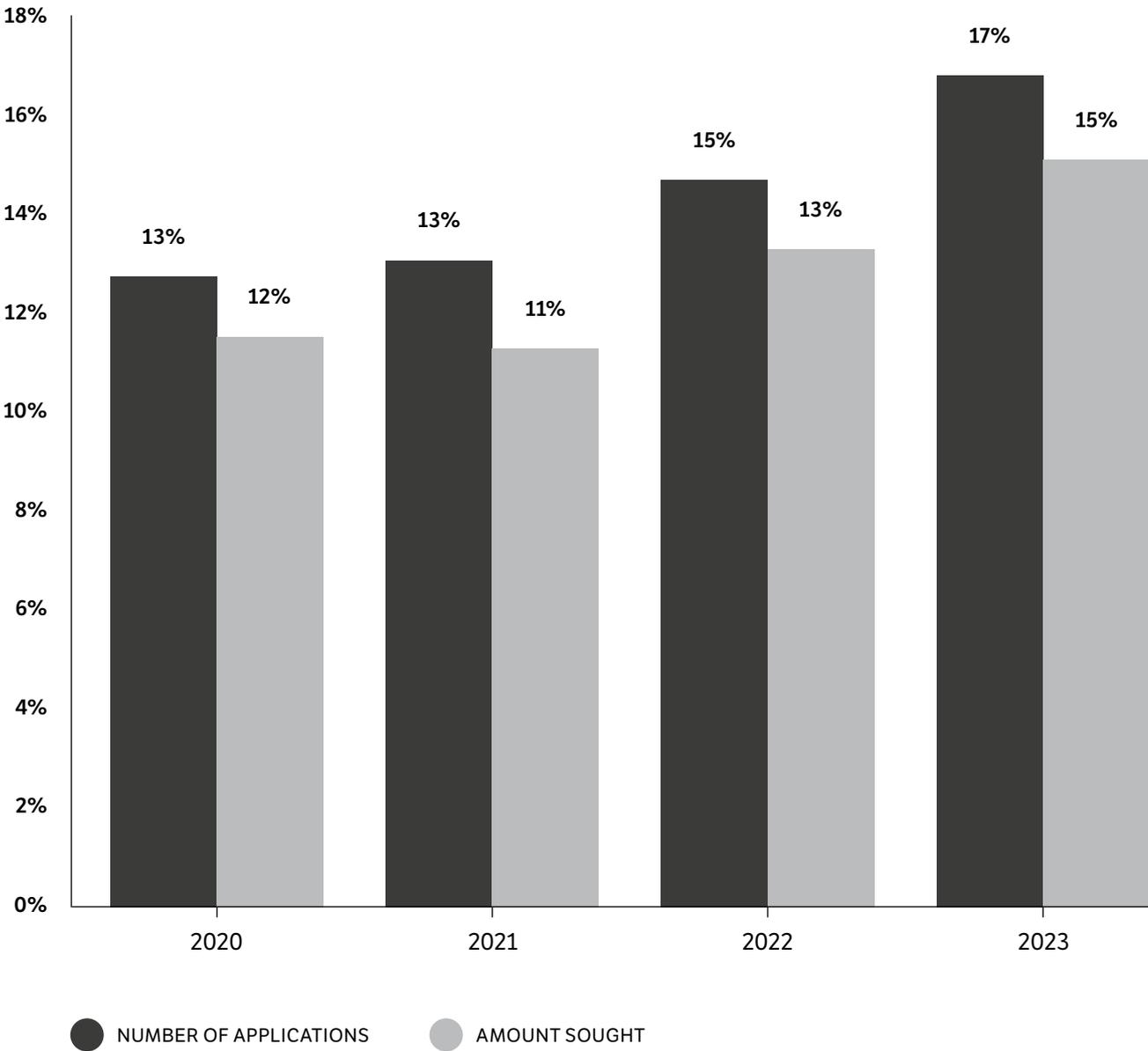
The success rates are influenced by both the fund's annual budget grant and by the number of applications from researchers who choose to apply to the fund.

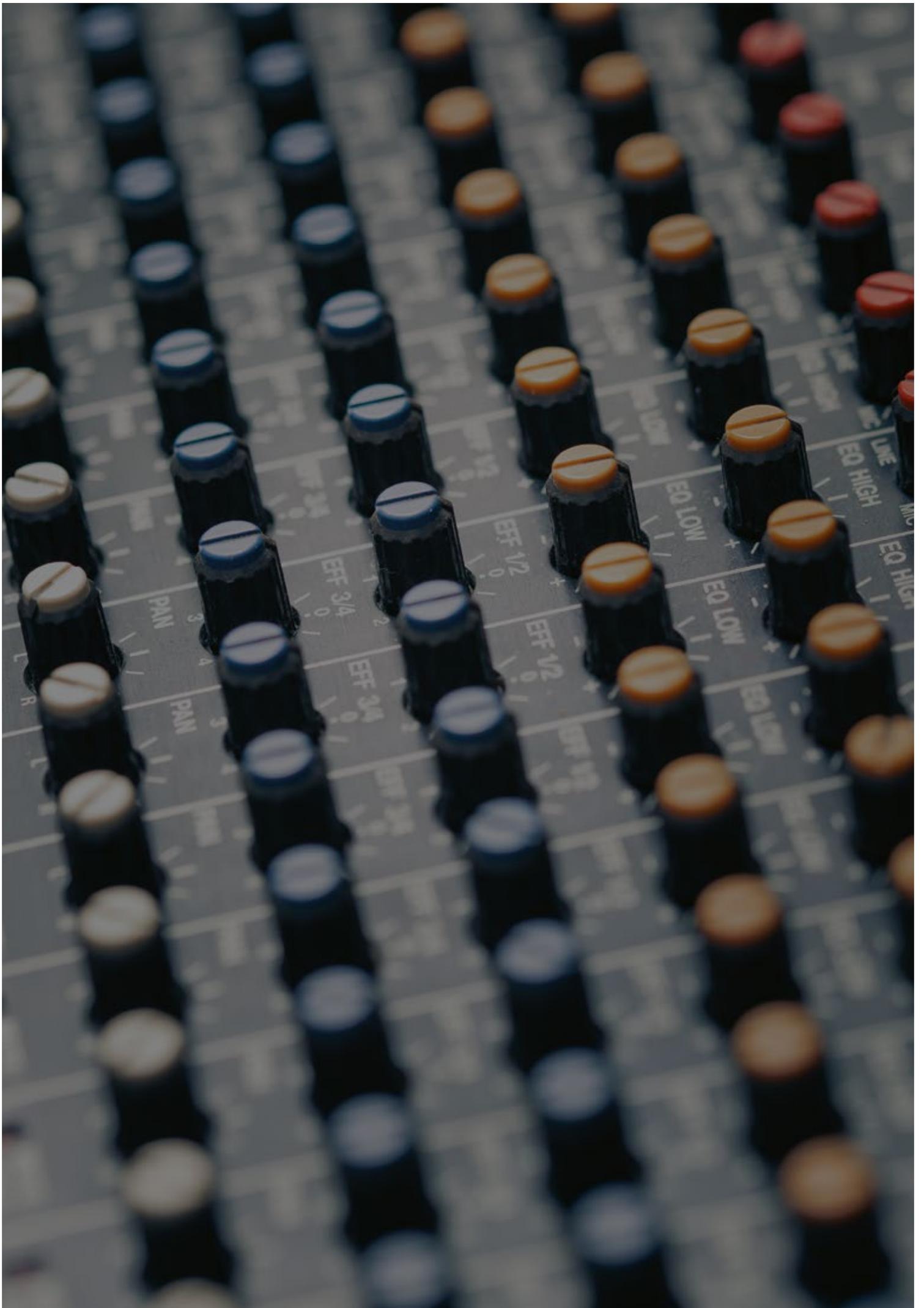
On average, around 14% of the applications received by the fund are awarded a grant. In 2023, the fund had

its highest success rates to date with an average success rate of 16% measured per application submitted.

Below you can see the fund's success rates from 2020 to 2023.

## SUCCESS RATES





## SUCCESS RATES IN RESEARCH COUNCILS AND AD HOC COMMITTEES

### SUCCESS RATES BY AMOUNT SOUGHT

Research Council	2020	2021	2022	2023
DFF   Cross-council Committee	11%	6%	13%	13%
DFF   Humanities	10%	10%	12%	14%
DFF   Natural Sciences	11%	11%	13%	16%
DFF   Social Sciences	10%	11%	11%	13%
DFF   Medical Sciences	12%	13%	14%	15%
DFF   Technology and Production Sciences	11%	10%	13%	15%

Ad hoc Committees	2020	2021	2022	2023
Ad hoc Committee for Better framework for psychiatry	-	-	-	19%
Ad hoc Committee for the Green Transition	14%	13%	11%	9%
Ad hoc Committee for Strengthened clinical and independent research	-	-	28%	21%
Ad hoc Committee for Learning and well-being in elementary schools	-	-	-	37%
Ad hoc committee for Strengthening research on vulnerable children and youth	-	-	-	15%
Ad hoc committee for Stronger research environments for vocational education	-	-	-	37%
Ad hoc Committee for Effects of early intervention	22%	-	-	-

Note:  
Success rates for the councils include applications and grants for politically determined instruments as these applications are submitted to the respective councils. It is the councils that decide which applications should be sent to the cross-council committee, which then takes the final decision on whether to accept the application or not.

## SUCCESS RATES BY NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS

Research Council	2020	2021	2022	2023
DFF   Cross-council Committee	11%	8%	14%	13%
DFF   Humanities	11%	13%	13%	18%
DFF   Natural Sciences	13%	12%	15%	18%
DFF   Social Sciences	12%	12%	11%	14%
DFF   Medical Sciences	14%	17%	17%	19%
DFF   Technology and Production Sciences	12%	11%	14%	16%

Ad hoc Committees	2020	2021	2022	2023
Ad hoc Committee for Better framework for psychiatry	-	-	-	21%
Ad hoc Committee for the Green Transition	15%	13%	11%	9%
Ad hoc Committee for Strengthened clinical and independent research	-	-	28%	21%
Ad hoc Committee for Learning and well-being in elementary schools	-	-	-	39%
Ad hoc committee for Strengthening research on vulnerable children and youth	-	-	-	16%
Ad hoc committee for Stronger research environments for vocational education	-	-	-	38%
Ad hoc Committee for Effects of early intervention	17%	-	-	-

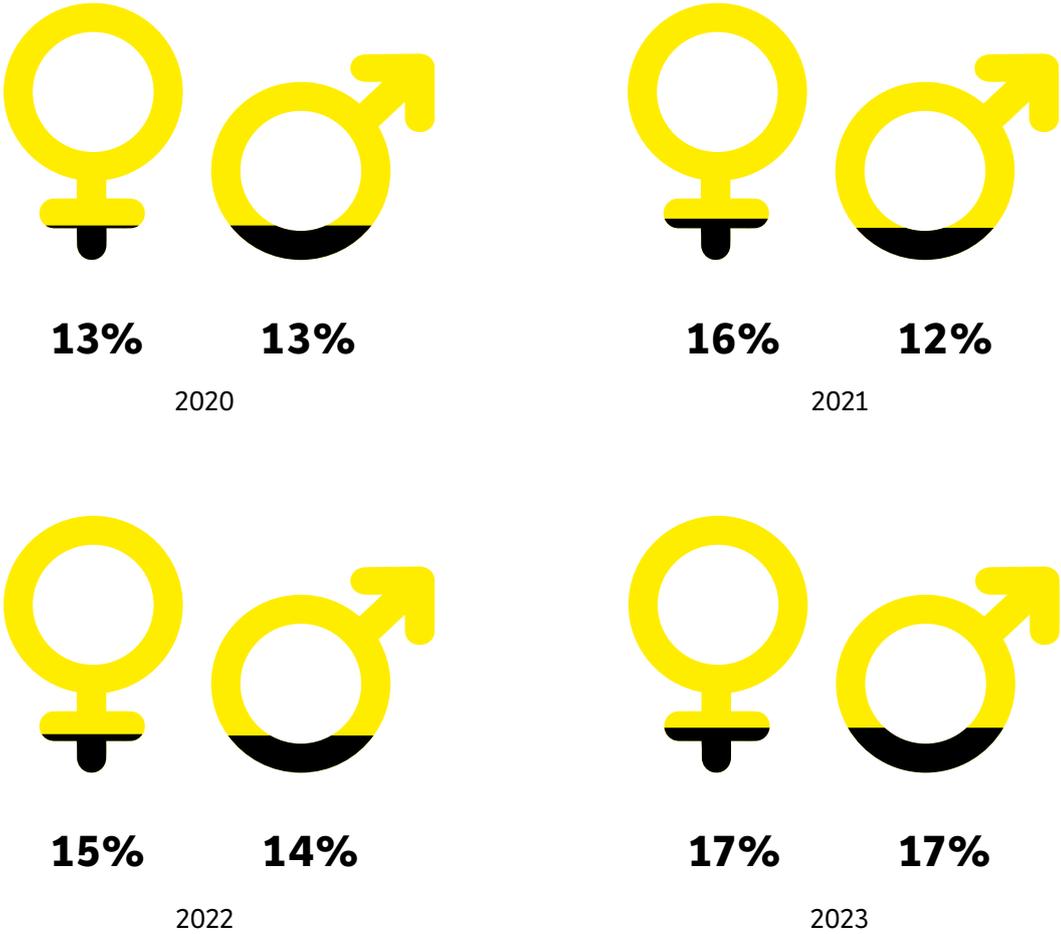
## FUND SUCCESS RATES BY GENDER

Independent Research Fund Denmark’s ambition is for men and women to have equal opportunities to obtain grants from the fund. This is why the fund continuously monitors the success rates of both male and female applicants.

At an overarching level, male and female applicants have equally good chances of obtaining grants from the fund. With the exception of the year 2021, the success rates for men and women have been more or less equal.

The gender balance in the fund’s pool of applications largely reflects the gender balance across the country’s universities; cf. the Ministry of Higher Education and Science’s Talent Barometer.

### SUCCESS RATES (NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS) BY GENDER



♀ WOMEN    ♂ MEN

Note:  
The figures include all instruments disbursed in the period.

## SUCCESS RATES BY NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS

Research Council	2020		2021		2022		2023	
	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂
Cross-council Committee	17%	6%	12%	6%	16%	13%	13%	14%
Humanities	13%	10%	16%	10%	13%	13%	19%	17%
Natural Sciences	12%	13%	18%	11%	14%	15%	18%	18%
Social Sciences	12%	11%	15%	10%	13%	10%	14%	14%
Medical Sciences	14%	14%	18%	16%	14%	18%	17%	20%
Technology and Production Sciences	10%	12%	14%	11%	13%	14%	15%	16%

Ad hoc Committees	2020		2021		2022		2023	
	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂
Better framework for psychiatry	-	-	-	-	-	-	21%	21%
Independent green research	-	-	-	-	17%	9%	8%	9%
Green Transition	15%	14%	15%	12%	-	-	-	-
Strengthened clinical and independent research	-	-	-	-	27%	29%	18%	22%
Learning and well-being in elementary schools	-	-	-	-	-	-	58%	0%
Strengthening research on vulnerable children and youth	-	-	-	-	-	-	22%	0%
Stronger research environments for vocational education	-	-	-	-	-	-	43%	33%
Effects of early intervention	23%	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-

Note:  
Both figures include all instruments disbursed in the period. The success rate is measured based on the number of applications and the number of grants.

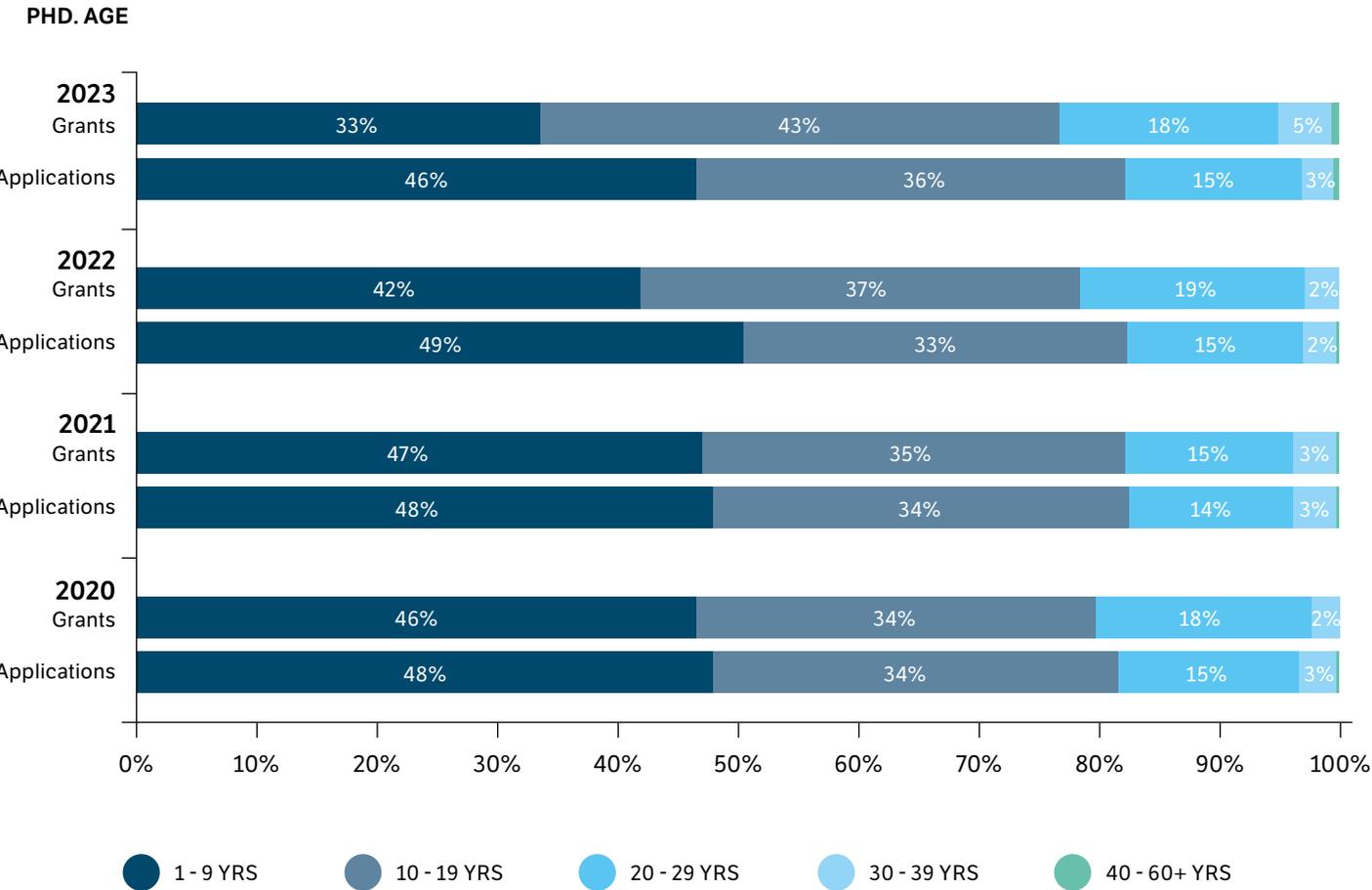
# APPLICANT'S PHD AGE

An important part of building a sustainable and strong research and knowledge ecosystem is to provide support to researchers in their careers. Independent Research Fund Denmark does this by implementing instruments such as its International Postdoctoral Grants which are aimed at early-career researchers, while its Sapere Aude Starting Grants and DFF-Research Project2 Grants are aimed at more experienced researchers.

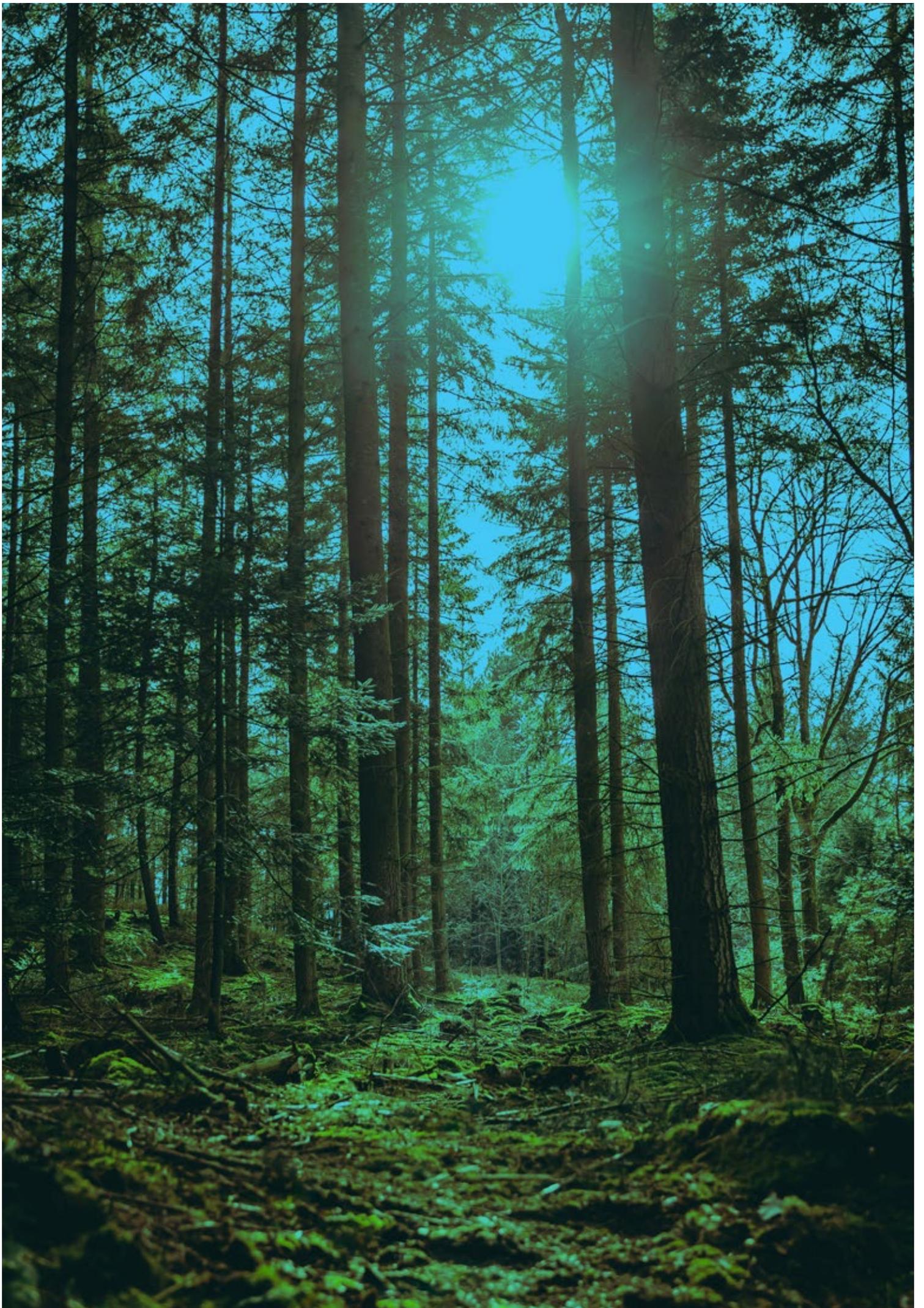
The instrument received by the majority of applicants is DFF-Research Project1. This instrument is not subject to any formal requirements on the PhD age of applicants. The same applies to the ad hoc committees through which the DFF-Research Project1 Grants are allocated.

This means that Independent Research Fund Denmark receives applications from researchers at vastly different stages in their careers, from researchers who are just beginning their careers in research to those who already have an established research career.

## PHD AGE BREAKDOWN OF APPLICANTS AND GRANT RECIPIENTS



Note: The figure indicates the applicant's so-called PhD age which indicates how long the candidate has held their PhD at the time of application.



## PHD AGE GROUPS AGE GROUPS IN THE COUNCILS AND AD HOC COMMITTEES

APPLICATIONS	1-9 yrs	10-19 yrs	20-29 yrs	30-39 yrs	40-49 yrs	60+ yrs	In total
<b>2020</b>							
DFF   Cross-council Committee	64%	24%	11%	0%	2%	0%	100%
DFF   Humanities	55%	34%	9%	1%	0%	0%	100%
DFF   Natural Sciences	42%	35%	18%	4%	1%	0%	100%
DFF   Social Sciences	61%	28%	10%	2%	0%	0%	100%
DFF   Medical Sciences	44%	37%	16%	3%	0%	0%	100%
DFF   Technology and Production Sciences	51%	32%	14%	4%	0%	0%	100%
<b>2021</b>							
DFF   Cross-council Committee	60%	28%	11%	1%	0%	0%	100%
DFF   Humanities	56%	36%	6%	2%	0%	0%	100%
DFF   Natural Sciences	43%	35%	16%	5%	1%	0%	100%
DFF   Social Sciences	60%	33%	6%	1%	0%	0%	100%
DFF   Medical Sciences	45%	37%	14%	3%	0%	0%	100%
DFF   Technology and Production Sciences	51%	30%	17%	3%	0%	0%	100%
<b>2022</b>							
DFF   Cross-council Committee	66%	21%	10%	3%	0%	0%	100%
DFF   Humanities	54%	34%	12%	1%	0%	0%	100%
DFF   Natural Sciences	45%	33%	18%	4%	0%	0%	100%
DFF   Social Sciences	64%	28%	7%	1%	0%	0%	100%
DFF   Medical Sciences	46%	34%	18%	2%	0%	0%	100%
DFF   Technology and Production Sciences	51%	32%	14%	3%	0%	0%	100%
<b>2023</b>							
DFF   Cross-council Committee	67%	22%	11%	0%	0%	0%	100%
DFF   Humanities	54%	32%	11%	2%	0%	0%	100%
DFF   Natural Sciences	45%	33%	16%	6%	0%	0%	100%
DFF   Social Sciences	62%	29%	8%	0%	0%	0%	100%
DFF   Medical Sciences	47%	34%	16%	2%	1%	0%	100%
DFF   Technology and Production Sciences	48%	33%	15%	4%	0%	0%	100%

GRANTS	1-9 yrs	10-19 yrs	20-29 yrs	30-39 yrs	40-49 yrs	60+ yrs	In total
<b>2020</b>							
DFF   Cross-council Committee	67%	33%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
DFF   Humanities	64%	27%	7%	2%	0%	0%	100%
DFF   Natural Sciences	40%	33%	24%	3%	0%	0%	100%
DFF   Social Sciences	62%	27%	11%	0%	0%	0%	100%
DFF   Medical Sciences	38%	39%	20%	3%	0%	0%	100%
DFF   Technology and Production Sciences	48%	34%	15%	3%	0%	0%	100%
<b>2021</b>							
DFF   Cross-council Committee	67%	33%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
DFF   Humanities	60%	34%	4%	2%	0%	0%	100%
DFF   Natural Sciences	37%	38%	20%	4%	1%	0%	100%
DFF   Social Sciences	75%	25%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
DFF   Medical Sciences	41%	41%	16%	3%	0%	0%	100%
DFF   Technology and Production Sciences	56%	25%	17%	1%	0%	0%	100%
<b>2022</b>							
DFF   Cross-council Committee	50%	0%	50%	0%	0%	0%	100%
DFF   Humanities	51%	40%	9%	0%	0%	0%	100%
DFF   Natural Sciences	32%	34%	29%	5%	0%	0%	100%
DFF   Social Sciences	63%	29%	5%	3%	0%	0%	100%
DFF   Medical Sciences	40%	36%	22%	1%	0%	0%	100%
DFF   Technology and Production Sciences	43%	37%	16%	4%	0%	0%	100%
<b>2023</b>							
DFF   Cross-council Committee	67%	11%	22%	0%	0%	0%	100%
DFF   Humanities	38%	50%	8%	4%	0%	0%	100%
DFF   Natural Sciences	32%	32%	24%	12%	0%	0%	100%
DFF   Social Sciences	53%	30%	16%	0%	0%	0%	100%
DFF   Medical Sciences	32%	41%	21%	3%	3%	1%	100%
DFF   Technology and Production Sciences	45%	42%	10%	3%	0%	0%	100%

## PHD AGE GROUPS AGE GROUPS IN THE COUNCILS AND AD HOC COMMITTEES

APPLICATIONS	1-9 yrs	10-19 yrs	20-29 yrs	30-39 yrs	40-49 yrs	60+ yrs	In total
<b>2020</b>							
Ad hoc Committee for the Green Transition	26%	41%	29%	4%	0%	0%	100%
Ad Hoc Committee for Effects of early intervention	57%	30%	14%	0%	0%	0%	100%
<b>2021</b>							
Ad hoc Committee for the Green Transition	28%	38%	27%	7%	0%	0%	100%
<b>2022</b>							
Ad hoc committee for Independent green research	41%	39%	15%	4%	0%	0%	100%
Ad hoc Committee for Strengthened clinical and independent research	36%	43%	20%	1%	0%	0%	100%
<b>2023</b>							
Ad hoc Committee for Better framework for psychiatry	42%	43%	14%	1%	0%	0%	100%
Ad hoc Committee for Independent green research	36%	43%	17%	4%	0%	0%	100%
Ad hoc Committee for Strengthened clinical and independent research	36%	41%	19%	4%	0%	0%	100%
Ad hoc Committee for Learning and well-being in elementary schools	29%	66%	5%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Ad hoc Committee for Strengthening research on vulnerable children and youth	25%	62%	13%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Ad hoc committee for Stronger research environments for vocational education	22%	51%	27%	0%	0%	0%	100%

GRANTS	1-9 yrs	10-19 yrs	20-29 yrs	30-39 yrs	40-49 yrs	60+ yrs	In total
<b>2020</b>							
Ad hoc Committee for the Green Transition	38%	35%	25%	2%	0%	0%	100%
Ad hoc Committee for Effects of early intervention	50%	25%	25%	0%	0%	0%	100%
<b>2021</b>							
Ad hoc Committee for the Green Transition	27%	42%	27%	5%	0%	0%	100%
<b>2022</b>							
Ad hoc Committee for Independent green research	50%	34%	13%	3%	0%	0%	100%
Ad hoc Committee for Clinical Research	27%	50%	23%	0%	0%	0%	100%
<b>2023</b>							
Ad hoc Committee for Better framework for psychiatry	24%	52%	21%	3%	0%	0%	100%
Ad hoc Committee for Independent green research	25%	56%	19%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Ad hoc Committee for Clinical Research	16%	53%	21%	11%	0%	0%	100%
Ad hoc Committee for Learning and well-being in elementary schools	14%	71%	14%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Ad hoc Committee for Strengthening research on vulnerable children and youth	44%	56%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Ad hoc committee for Stronger research environments for vocational education	0%	67%	33%	0%	0%	0%	100%

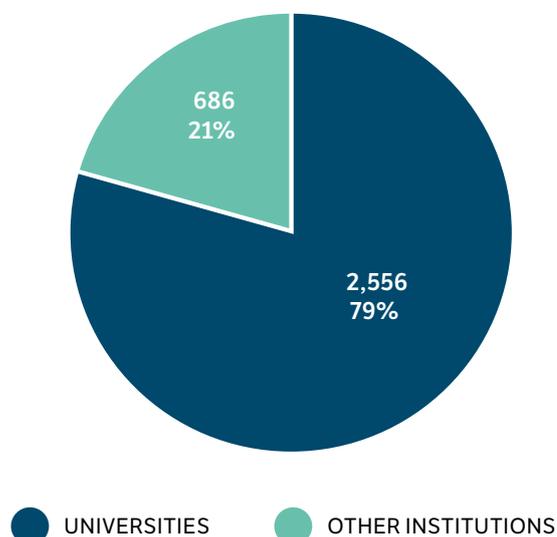
## INSTITUTIONS

The majority of the applications received by Independent Research Fund Denmark are submitted from universities in Denmark (around 80%).

The country's two largest universities, the University of Copenhagen and Aarhus University, account for a large number of these applications, while the fund tends to receive fewer applications from Copenhagen Business School, Roskilde University and the IT University.

Applications from non-university researchers tend to come primarily from researchers working with the regions who submit applications to the fund. This includes applicants from university hospitals and research within psychiatry, etc.

### Applications from universities in 2023



### APPLICATIONS, GRANTS AND SUCCESS RATES BY INSTITUTION TYPE

Institutioner	2020			2021			2022			2023		
	Applic.	Grants	Success rate									
<b>Universities</b>												
University of Copenhagen	907	137	15%	836	109	13%	794	115	14%	704	126	18%
Aarhus University	743	105	14%	721	112	16%	698	113	16%	766	133	17%
Technical University of Denmark	494	54	11%	500	49	10%	415	48	12%	370	57	15%
University of Southern Denmark	300	33	11%	290	33	11%	300	36	12%	310	48	15%
Aalborg University	232	19	8%	205	17	8%	192	24	13%	211	24	11%
Copenhagen Business School	86	7	8%	60	9	15%	60	3	5%	70	6	9%
Roskilde University	78	4	5%	63	9	14%	76	12	16%	88	8	9%
IT University	31	7	23%	38	5	13%	33	5	15%	37	4	11%
<b>Other institutions</b>												
The Regions	268	32	12%	220	33	15%	356	68	19%	463	95	21%
Applications without an Administrator	251	36	14%	213	38	18%	16	5	31%	15	6	40%
Sector Research	82	12	15%	75	12	16%	61	14	23%	78	25	32%
Others	80	8	10%	73	7	10%	78	12	15%	72	9	13%
University Colleges	23	2	9%	22	3	14%	18	2	11%	50	4	8%
Foreign Universities	4	2	50%	26	1	4%	3	-	0%	8	-	0%

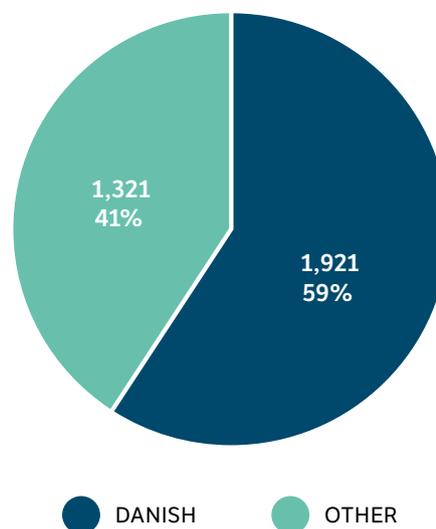


## CITIZENSHIP

Applications from researchers with Danish citizenship account for about 60% of the total, while 40% come from researchers with non-Danish citizenship. Applicants with Danish citizenship generally have higher success rates than applicants with non-Danish citizenship.

It is primarily researchers with German, Italian, Chinese and American citizenship who make up the share of non-Danish citizens submitting applications to the fund.

### Applicant citizenship in 2023



### APPLICATIONS, GRANTS AND SUCCESS RATE BY CITIZENSHIP

Citizenship	2020			2021			2022			2023		
	Applic.	Grants	Success rate									
Denmark	2,173	309	14%	1,866	271	15%	1,806	314	17%	1,921	384	20%
<b>Other Citizenship</b>	<b>1,406</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>1,476</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>1,294</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>1,321</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>12%</b>
Germany	225	34	15%	218	27	12%	210	28	13%	216	38	18%
Italy	121	14	12%	123	16	13%	114	9	8%	98	7	7%
China	118	10	8%	123	13	11%	107	12	11%	101	8	8%
USA	75	8	11%	83	10	12%	68	10	15%	79	11	14%
Spain	58	9	16%	48	7	15%	43	9	21%	44	4	9%
Sweden	56	4	7%	69	8	12%	51	6	12%	68	9	13%
UK	52	7	13%	69	9	13%	55	6	11%	73	9	12%
Netherlands	50	5	10%	48	4	8%	23	2	9%	25	3	12%
Iran	49	4	8%	61	7	11%	50	7	14%	60	4	7%
France	39	6	15%	39	3	8%	28	1	4%	36	6	17%
<b>In total</b>	<b>3,579</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>3,342</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>3,100</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>3,242</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>17%</b>

Note:  
The overview of applicants with non-Danish citizenship only includes the ten citizenships that have submitted the most applications.

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# THE BOARD

The Board of Independent Research Fund Denmark provides the fund with political and strategic direction and, together with the research councils, it provides research consultancy to the Minister for Education, the Danish Parliament and the government, among others. The board decides how to distribute funds between the research councils but does not have competence to allocate funds on its own. The board is comprised of nine renowned researchers.

## The board as of 1 January 2023

**From left:** Klaus Petersen, Maja Horst, Ole Kirk, Lone Gram, Lasse Rosendahl, Mette Marie Rosenkilde, Birgit Schiøtt, Nanna Mik-Meyer, Jørgen Frøkiær.



**BIRGIT SCHIØTT**

Professor, PhD, Head of Department, Department of Chemistry  
AARHUS UNIVERSITY

**JØRGEN FRØKIÆR** (deputy chair)

Professor, Head of Department, Department of Clinical Medicine  
AARHUS UNIVERSITY

**KLAUS PETERSEN**

Professor, Head of Centre, Department of Language, Culture, History and Communication,  
Danish Institute for Advanced Study  
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN DENMARK

**LASSE ROSENDAHL**

Professor, PhD, Head of Department, Department of Energy  
AALBORG UNIVERSITY

**LONE GRAM**

Professor, PhD, Head of Centre, Department of Biotechnology and Biomedicine  
TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF DENMARK

**MAJA HORST** (chair)

Professor, Group Leader, Department of Technology, Management and Economics  
TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF DENMARK

**METTE MARIE ROSENKILDE**

Professor, Deputy Head of Department, Department of Biomedical Sciences  
UNIVERSITY OF COPENHAGEN

**NANNA MIK-MEYER**

Professor, PhD, Head of Centre, Department of Organisation  
COPENHAGEN BUSINESS SCHOOL

**OLE KIRK**

PhD, Independent Consultant in Biotechnology

\*Maja Horst was Chair until 1 June 2023, Jørgen Frøkiær was Deputy Chair from 1 January 2023 and became Acting Chair from 1 June 2023. Lone Gram was made Acting Deputy Chair from 1 June 2023.

# RESEARCH COUNCILS

The Independent Research Fund Denmark is comprised of 84 members in total, divided across a board and five scientific research councils: **Humanities, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Medical Sciences and Technology and Production Sciences.**

In addition, there is also a **Cross-council Committee** which is comprised of the chairs of the five research councils. Thematic ad hoc committees are also set up on an annual basis to implement funds with politically determined themes such as the Green Transition or Better framework for psychiatry.

**From left:** Anne-Marie Søndergaard Christensen (H), Marianne Simonsen (SS), Morten Petersen (TPS), Inge Marie Svane (FSS) and Henrik Grum Kjærgaard (NS).



## Independent Research Fund Denmark

### Humanities (H)

This council covers the following main disciplines: Art history, architecture and design, media studies, film studies, musicology, IT and technology studies in the humanities, comparative literature, dramaturgy, philology, linguistics, communication research, anthropology, ethnology, archaeology, history, philosophy, history of ideas and science, theology, comparative religion, educational theory, pedagogy, psychology and other related research disciplines within the humanities, such as library research, museology, as well as humanistic research within sports science, public health, urban and physical planning.

Professor Anders Engberg-Pedersen	University of Southern Denmark
Professor Ane Qvortrup	University of Southern Denmark
Professor Anne-Marie Søndergaard Christensen (Chair)	University of Southern Denmark
Professor Bo Poulsen	Aalborg University
Professor Helle Vandkilde	Aarhus University
Professor Kim Christian Schrøder	Roskilde University
Associate Professor Lone Koefoed Hansen	Aarhus University
Professor Mette Sandbye	University of Copenhagen
Professor Mikkel Bille	University of Copenhagen
Professor Pia Quist	University of Copenhagen
Professor MSO Randi Starrfelt	University of Copenhagen
Associate Professor Ulla Schmidt	Aarhus University

## Independent Research Fund Denmark

### Natural Sciences (NS)

This council covers research areas within the classical disciplines of astronomy, physics, chemistry, mathematics, computer science, molecular biology, biochemistry/ biophysics, biology, geology and the natural science aspects of geography.

Professor Carsten Wiuf	University of Copenhagen
Professor Henrik Grum Kjærgaard (Chair)	University of Copenhagen
Professor Johannes Overgaard	Aarhus University
Associate Professor Kirstine Berg-Sørensen	Technical University of Denmark
Professor Kresten Lindorff-Larsen	University of Copenhagen
Professor Lars Birkedal	Aarhus University
Professor Lars Nielsen	The National Geological Surveys of Denmark and Greenland
Professor Mette Burmølle	University of Copenhagen
Professor Shfaqat Abbas Khan	Technical University of Denmark
Professor Steen Lynge Hannestad	Aarhus University
Professor Søren Bak	University of Copenhagen
Professor Tenna Riis	Aarhus University
Professor Tinna Ventrup Stevnsner	Aarhus University
Professor Torsten Nygård Kristensen	Aalborg University
Professor Troels Skrydstrup	Aarhus University

## Independent Research Fund Denmark

### Social Sciences (SS)

This council covers the following main disciplines: Economics, sociology, political science and legal theory, as well as the societal aspects of various interdisciplinary subjects (e.g. communication studies, development studies, gender studies and cultural geography).

Professor MSO Bjørn Thomassen	Roskilde University
Senior Researcher Jens-Peter Thomsen	VIVE – The Danish Centre for Social Science Research
Senior Researcher Karen Lund Petersen (stepped down end of May 2023)	Danish Institute for International Studies
Associate Professor Kathrine Vitus	Aalborg University
Professor MSO Lisbeth Funding la Cour	Copenhagen Business School
Professor Margaretha Järvinen	University of Copenhagen
Professor Marianne Simonsen (Chair)	Aarhus University
Professor Mette Hartlev	University of Copenhagen
Professor Peter Norman Sørensen	University of Copenhagen
Senior Researcher Rens van Munster (Joined 1 Sep 2023)	Danish Institute for International Studies
Professor Robert Tranekær Klemmensen	Lund University
Professor Søren Serritzlew	Aarhus University
Professor Toke Reichstein	Copenhagen Business School

## Independent Research Fund Denmark

### Medical Sciences (FSS)

This council covers research disciplines within all aspects of both general and clinical research aimed at better understanding human health and disease. The council covers general aspects of scientific research such as molecular medicine and genetics, anatomy, medical physiology and biochemistry, medical microbiology, pharmacology and pharmaceuticals, disease modelling, medical bioinformatics and systems biology. The clinical aspects cover medicine, surgery and psychiatry, dentistry, investigation, diagnosis and paramedicine, examination and treatment practices, including nutrition, exercise and medications. Social aspects covered by this council include prevention, health services and epidemiological aspects, among others.

Professor Bo Torben Porse	Rigshospitalet/University of Copenhagen
Professor Claus Thorn Ekstrøm	University of Copenhagen / Capital Region of Denmark
Professor Eva Ran Hoffmann	University of Copenhagen
Professor Helle Prætorius Øhrwald	Aarhus University
Professor Henrik Nielsen	Aalborg University Hospital
Professor Inge Marie Svane (Chair)	Herlev Hospital
Professor Jakob Balslev Sørensen	University of Copenhagen
Professor Marianne Skovsager Andersen	Odense University Hospital/University of Southern Denmark
Professor Mette Nyegaard	Aalborg University
Professor Michael Eriksen Benros	Psychiatric Centre Copenhagen/University of Copenhagen
Professor Michael Hecht Olsen	Holbæk Hospital/University of Southern Denmark
Professor Michael Lisby	University of Copenhagen
Professor Nanna Brix Finnerup	Aarhus University
Professor Niels Jessen	Steno Diabetes Center Aarhus/Aarhus University
Professor Peter Rossing	Steno Diabetes Center Copenhagen
Professor Shohreh Issazadeh-Navikas	University of Copenhagen
Klinisk professor Søren Paaske Johnsen	Aalborg University
Professor Thor Grundtvig Theander	University of Copenhagen

## Independent Research Fund Denmark

### Technology and Production Sciences (TPS)

This council covers the following main disciplines: Animal production, biotechnology, civil engineering technologies, electronics, energy engineering, food science, information technology, agricultural science, chemical engineering, communication technology, material technology, machine and production technology, medical technology, micro and nanotechnology, environmental technology, crop production, veterinary science and the exploitation of natural resources and environmental protections.

CTO Christian Vestergaard Poulsen	NKT Photonics A/S
Professor Dennis Sandris Nielsen	University of Copenhagen
Professor Hanne Mørck Nielsen	University of Copenhagen
Professor Henrik Myhre Jensen	Aarhus University
Professor Horst-Günter Rubahn	University of Southern Denmark
Lead Scientist Keld Johansen	Haldor Topsoe A/S
Professor Lis Wollesen de Jonge	Aarhus University
Professor Marianne Thomsen	University of Copenhagen
Professor Michael Havbro Faber-Nielsen	Aalborg University
Professor Mogens Brøndsted Nielsen	University of Copenhagen
Professor Morten Petersen <small>(Chair)</small>	University of Copenhagen
Professor Petar Popovski	Aalborg University
Professor Peter Ruhdal Jensen	Technical University of Denmark
Professor Preben Dybdahl Thomsen	University of Copenhagen
Professor Stephen Edward Rees	Aalborg University
Professor Stine Jacobsen	University of Copenhagen
Professor Susanne Brix Pedersen	Technical University of Denmark
Professor Susanne Bødker	Aarhus University

## Independent Research Fund Denmark

### Cross-council Committee

Independent Research Fund Denmark's Cross-council Committee is comprised of representatives from all five research councils and coordinates the processing of applications which transcend the boundaries of the individual councils. The Cross-council Committee also allocates funds to applications that are deemed to be truly cross-council in nature (refer to Section 5.5) and to applications for Sapere Aude: DFF-Starting Grants and Non-university Research Education (PhDs).

Anne-Marie Søndergaard Christensen	Council Chair of DFF   <b>Humanities</b>	University of Southern Denmark
Henrik Grum Kjærgaard	Council Chair of DFF   <b>Natural Sciences</b>	University of Copenhagen
Marianne Simonsen	Council Chair of DFF   <b>Social Sciences</b>	Aarhus University
Inge Marie Svane	Council Chair of DFF   <b>Medical Sciences</b>	Herlev Hospital
Morten Petersen	Council Chair of DFF   <b>Technology and Production Sciences</b>	University of Copenhagen

# AD HOC COMMITTEES

The fund establishes thematic ad hoc committees on an annual basis to allocate funds to politically determined themes, such as Independent green research or Better framework for psychiatry. There were five ad hoc committees in 2023.

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### Ad hoc Committee for Independent green research

This committee was established to allocate funds to green, independent and curiosity-driven research in Denmark through competitive calls for proposals.

Ann Muggeridge	Imperial College London
Christa Fittschen	Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS)
Clare Saunders	University of Exeter
Dale Southerton	University of Bristol
Elisabeth Eide	Oslo Metropolitan University
Hans Chr. Bruun Hansen	University of Copenhagen
Ida Lykke Fabricius	Technical University of Denmark
Ivan Mijakovic	Technical University of Denmark
Jakob Stoustrup	Aalborg University
Jan Kofod Schjørring (Chair)	University of Copenhagen
Jan Oskar Jeppesen	University of Southern Denmark
Joacim Rocklöv	Umeå University
Katharina Al-Shamery	Carl von Ossietzky University Oldenburg
Lars Tønder	University of Copenhagen
Maher Abou Hachem	Technical University of Denmark
Mark Saeys	Ghent University
Sylvie Nail	University of Nantes
Zheng Guo	Aarhus University

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### Ad hoc Committee for Strengthened clinical and independent research

This committee was established to allocate funds to strengthen patient-centric clinical and independent research, including independent and investigator-initiated trials, studies and similar, and within areas of limited commercial interest or opportunity for external funding.

Anders Ekbohm	Karolinska Institutet
Allan Vaag	Steno Diabetes Center Copenhagen
Anna Krook	Karolinska Institutet
Anne Hege Aamodt	Oslo University Hospital
Anne Margarita Dyrhol Riise	University of Oslo/Oslo University Hospital
Ellen Løkkegaard	University of Copenhagen
Hedvig Nordeng	University of Oslo
Henrik Toh Sørensen (Chair)	Aarhus University
Jens Seeberg	Aarhus University
Lars Rydén	Karolinska Institutet
Mari Hysing	University of Bergen
Nabanita Datta Gupta	Aarhus University
Olaf Dekkers	Leiden University Hospital
Robert Unwin	University College London
Susanne Dalton	The Danish Cancer Society

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### **Ad hoc Committee for Strengthening Research into Vulnerable Children and Young People**

This committee was established to strengthen research relating to vulnerable children and young people in order to support the implementation of initiatives that can support capacity building and facilitate better coordination of research in the area, including practice-based research and both qualitative and quantitative research.

Anne Katrine Pagsberg	University of Copenhagen
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