

# **Undergraduate Scholarships Novo Nordisk Foundation**

Information and guidelines  
for applicants

## Information about the call

Application deadline:  
8 October 2021

Applicant notification:  
End of November 2021

Earliest starting date:  
1 January 2022

Latest starting date:  
1 December 2022

Award amount:  
DKK 75,000-150,000 per grant

# 01 Undergraduate Scholarships

These guidelines are intended to assist you in the application process when applying for a grant from the Novo Nordisk Foundation (NNF). It is important that you carefully read these guidelines before initiating the application process, as the guidelines contain the complete call text as well as instructions regarding the completion of the application.

The open call is for students at AAU, AU, KU and SDU. The call is administrated by SDU, but the scholarship is paid out from the respective university.

## 01.01 Purpose

With the undergraduate scholarships the Novo Nordisk Foundation wishes to enable ambitious university students to become deeply involved in a research project embedded in excellent research environments at universities, hospitals, or other research institutions. The scholarships target ONLY students enrolled in studies at Danish Faculties of Health, AND where the student does not have the possibility for a longer research project as part of the normal study programme (such as, stud. med. and stud. odont.). The goal is that the scholarship will open the eyes of the student for the possibility of a future research career

## 01.02 Eligibility

- The application must be submitted by the supervisor of a named student. The supervisor must be an established research leader at a Danish university, hospital or other research institution.
- The scholarship can be used for the student to be involved in a research project abroad, but the student must have a Danish supervisor, and the scholarship must be administrated by a Danish research institution.
- It is possible to apply for only one student per application. A supervisor can submit two applications for pre-graduate scholarships in a single application round, but it must be for two separate projects, and two different students.
- The student must be enrolled at a Danish faculty of health, in a study, which allows only a short master's thesis/research project of up to 30 ECTS (i.e. primarily stud. med. and stud. odont.).
- The research project must be performed full time for a minimum period of 6 months, and the student must in the application declare to do so. I.e., a part-time research project conducted while taking courses or having a job on the side is not applicable for funding.
- It is possible to apply for scholarships of 6- or 12-months duration.

### **01.03 Funding**

Applicants may apply for funding for the following types of expenses:

- operating expenses of the project including bench fee<sup>1</sup>
- salary for the student
- administrative support

If the student is on leave from their normal studies programme, while conducting the research project, the salary of the student must be DKK 10,000 per month. It must be clearly stated in the application (and the budget) how much of the research project is part of the student's master programme (if any), and how much is conducted while on leave (if any).

The grant does not cover:

- commercial activities
- overhead
- salary for anyone other than the student

The grants are administrated by each university, and recipients must therefore follow the rules and guidelines from their respective university.

Please note that up to 5% of the scholarship may be used for administrative contribution to the university.

### **01.04 Language**

The application and any additional uploads must be written in English.

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<sup>1</sup> Bench fee: Support for individual researchers for the coverage of direct expenses needed to conduct the research project applied for. Bench fees must be specified in the budget, and may only be used for operating expenses, lab consumables, and access to lab space and facilities that cannot be included within another individual budget category. To include a bench fee in the budget, the fee must be part of the general expenses policy of the institute/institution and apply for all employees for which the policy concerns.

### 01.05 Application process

The application must be submitted through the online application form:

<https://fmdb1.sdu.dk/fmi/webd#DocSUNweb?script=StartNNFScholarshipApplication&param=>

When all applications have been assessed, applicants will be notified about whether or not they have been awarded a grant.

Timeline for the call, autumn 2021:

<b>8 October 2021</b>	Application deadline
<b>October - November 2021</b>	Evaluation of applications
<b>End of November 2021</b>	Applicant notification
<b>1 January 2022</b>	Earliest starting date

### 01.06 Assessment criteria

Applications from AU will be assessed by assessors at KU and vice versa.

Applications from AAU will be assessed by assessors at SDU and vice versa.

All applications will be assessed based on the following criteria:

- The quality of the project
- The applicant's research and supervision experience, and the quality of the research environment that the student will be exposed to and trained in.
- The student's motivation, dedication, and qualifications to take part in the research project.

## 02 Application

All applications must be submitted through

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The application must be submitted by the supervisor of a named student. The supervisor must be an established research leader at a Danish university, hospital or other research institution.

### 02.01 Basic information

The first part of the application includes the basic information of the applicant and the student.

### 02.02 Project information

The next part of the application must include information about the project; project title, start and end date.

The grant period must also be accounted for – 6 or 12 months, as well as the grant period.

### 02.03 Mandatory attachments

The application must include the following attachments:

- Supervisor(s) CV
- Student's CV, qualifications and motivation
- Project description
- Description of research environment and agreements for the planned guidance
- Budget

## 03 Questions and contact

For questions regarding eligibility, study programmes and payout, please contact:

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