

VILLUM FONDEN



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Dear Christian Frydendahl,

We refer to your application of March 2023 for financial support for the project “LUMINA - Light-based Neuromodulation in Novel Material Artificial Neurons” as part of The Villum Experiment Programme.

We are pleased to inform you that the Board of VILLUM FONDEN has decided to grant you for this purpose:

DKK 1,998,700

(DKK one million nine hundred ninety eight thousand seven hundred)

The grant will be released upon agreement with VILLUM FONDEN's secretariat, and on terms as described in the enclosed general conditions and guidelines.

With this grant the foundation wishes to allow you to explore the breakthrough potential of your novel idea.

We look forward to following the project and the results it brings to society. Good luck.

Yours sincerely

Jens Kann-Rasmussen
Chairman of the Board

Project no. 58634

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VILLUM FONDEN's conditions and guidelines for the grant

The project "LUMINA - Light-based Neuromodulation in Novel Material Artificial Neurons" has been granted DKK 1,998,700 as part of The Villum Experiment Programme.

Before starting your project, please contact Head of programme Anders Smith, asm@villumfonden.dk. Kindly refer to project no. 58634.

General conditions

The project is expected to proceed as outlined in the application submitted to VILLUM FONDEN.

University of Southern Denmark is required to administer the grant without any additional fee or overhead other than specified in the budget.

The grant may not be used to cover the salary of permanently employed scientific staff in part or in full.

The grant will be reduced proportionately with any amount received from other sources that covers expenses included in the application. The foundation reserves the right to cancel the grant or portions thereof at any time during the project period if deviations from the conditions listed in this letter are observed or if the project is not carried out in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations and good practice.

The foundation must be notified as soon as possible if any deviations occur or are expected to occur.

VILLUM FONDEN acknowledges the principles set out in the Danish Code of Conduct for Research Integrity. The foundation requires that the supported research should be carried out in compliance with the recommendations of the Code of Conduct.

VILLUM FONDEN has joined the open access policy for Public Sector Research Councils and Foundations. The requirements regarding publications can be found on our website.

All transactions in relation to the project shall be conducted at arm's length and on market terms. All project employees, suppliers and other beneficiaries of the project activities shall be selected on the basis of relevant and objective criteria. VILLUM FONDEN shall be given access to any information or documentation which may be requested.

For reasons of transparency about sources of financing VILLUM FONDEN (written in Danish) and the project number must be mentioned in acknowledgements in publications related to the project or/and inserted as metadata if such option is put forward by the publisher, e.g., via FundRef. The following text may be used in publications: This work was supported by a research grant (VIL58634) from VILLUM FONDEN.

Time and payment schedule

The grant period shall be two (2) years starting no later than six (6) months from the date of this letter.

The grant will be paid in two instalments: half of the grant will be paid at project start and the other half when the final report and accounts have been received and approved by the foundation. The instalments are paid via invoices issued by the administrating organization. The grant holder must contact the foundation if budget deviations larger than 25% occur during the grant period.

The first instalment will be paid when the starting date has been approved by the foundation.

Reporting and accounting

Annual reporting of research outputs, including publications, in *Researchfish* (www.researchfish.net) is required.

Accounts and an elaborate report, which lists the results and publications, shall be submitted to the foundation at the end of the project. A template for the report can be found on www.villumfonden.dk. The final reporting is due within three months of the end of the project.

Communication and announcement of the grant

VILLUM FONDEN prioritises transparency, knowledge and visibility regarding its grants and awards.

Information about new grants is available on VILLUM FONDEN's website, e.g., recipient, amount and purpose.

You are welcome to make announcements concerning the grant from VILLUM FONDEN when you receive notice about the grant, and later when you initiate a particular activity, opening, or event to highlight activities/results of the project. Kindly inform the secretariat if you expect any media coverage during the project.

The foundation will be pleased to assist you with guidance and advice related to announcements.

On our website, you can download our logo and a standard text describing VILLUM FONDEN.