



Call for Lundbeck Foundation Clinical Postdocs 2022

Background

The Lundbeck Foundation has an aspiration to make a significant contribution to advances in research-based knowledge and experience in the fields of biomedical, clinical and health sciences in Denmark. At the same time, our grants must help to ensure Denmark always has the best graduates and scientists at all career levels in these fields. The Lundbeck Foundation encourages diversity at all levels. It is therefore important that we receive applications from as many qualified scientists as possible, from all backgrounds.



Research theme

The proposed research must be within clinical research.



Who can apply?

Applicants must:

- Have obtained a MD (cand.med) and a PhD or be able to document that they are expected to gain their PhD within six months of the application deadline
- Have obtained their PhD less than four years before the application deadline (calculated from the date on the PhD diploma). Rules for leave of absence apply¹
- Have completed clinical internship (KBU)
- The applicant is expected to dedicate 100% of his/her time to the project during the first year. For the following years, the applicant must dedicate at least 20% of his/her time to the project.



Which proposals are eligible?

Clinical postdoc projects may be fully based in Denmark at Danish hospitals and/or other clinical research institutions or be based at hospitals or clinical research institutions outside Denmark. The entire grant must be managed by a Danish institution (Main host).



How much?

The Lundbeck Foundation is allocating up to DKK 30 million to this programme. The grants are worth between DKK 800 000 and 2,5 million reflecting the length and content of the proposed project. The budget may cover staff and non-staff costs related to the project. Note that you cannot apply for PhD salaries. The maximal length of the grant is 5 years. Salary must comply with the collective agreement applicable to the Danish host institution and only include centrally negotiated allowances and pension.

If at least six consecutive months are spent at a foreign research institution 8% of the budget covering the period can be reserved for project-related, indirect costs at the foreign research institution. 2% of the budget covering the period can be reserved for project-related, indirect costs at the Danish host institution. If at least 12 consecutive months are spent abroad, applicants may apply for an additional DKK 100,000 as a lump sum to cover expenses associated with travel,

¹ The PhD seniority of applicants who have taken maternity or paternity leave after gaining their PhD will be reduced by the actual number of weeks of leave multiplied by 1.5. In the case of illness, family care leave, or military service, the exact period will be deducted. The start and end dates of the maternity/paternity leave or other leave periods must be stated in the applicant's CV. PhD seniority will be reduced by 12 months for applicants who have taken leave from research to complete their KBU after gaining their PhD.



accommodation, etc. Applicants who have children and wish to go abroad for at least 12 consecutive months may apply for additional support of DKK 50,000 per accompanying child per year. The DKK 100,000 lump sum and the additional DKK 50,000 per child per year must be clearly stated in the budget.

How to apply?

You must submit your application, written in English, via the [Lundbeck Foundation's application system](#). Please note that the Foundation will not consider or assess any application material which is not submitted via the application system.

Your application must include the following:

- Research plan including timeline for how the applicant will dedicate time to the proposed research.
- Description of the clinical, and if relevant other, research environments where the research will be conducted.
- Publication list and CV
- Budget
- Letter of support including a CV from the leader of the research group hosting the applicant in Denmark and, if applicable, abroad. The letter must explain how the research adds to the research strategy of the department and declare that the department accepts that the applicant is exempt from clinical duties as described in the research plan. In addition, the letter must include a commitment to ensure that the applicant reach his/her full potential through professional and personal mentoring.
- Letter of support from the Danish main host institution agreeing to manage the entire grant.
- If already enrolled in a specialization programme: Letter of approval from Council of Medical Specialties (Videreuddannelsesrådet) that the applicant can do the proposed research combined with being enrolled in a specialization programme (introduktionsstilling / hoveduddannelsesforløb). If the applicant enters into a specialization programme during the project period, a letter of approval from the Council of Medical Specialties must be obtained at that time.

There are further details in the application guide and in the application form. You are welcome to contact Senior Grant Manager Ulla Jakobsen (uj@lundbeckfonden.com), Scientific Project Manager Anette Høye (ah@lundbeckfonden.com) or Scientific Programme Director Peter Thostrup (pth@lundbeckfonden.com) if you have any questions regarding your application.

Evaluation process

The assessment process is a one-step process, handled by members of the [Lundbeck Foundation Talent Panel](#) with clinical experience.

All applications are reviewed for eligibility by the Foundation's Grants & Prizes Department prior to involvement of the panel. Panel members are asked to declare any conflicts of interest. Each application is assigned three panel members, who serve as primary reviewers and present their comments before the panel begins discussing the application at panel meetings.

The evaluation will be based on:

Research quality assessed on the following criteria:

- The research project (novelty, clinical impact, scientific approach, feasibility)
- The research at the clinical host(s) and other relevant research environment(s) (research skills, facilities, commitment)



Clinical research career potential assessed on the following criteria:

- The applicant (clinical and other research skills, scientific achievements, collaboration and network, commitment, level of independence as a researcher, communication skills)
- International research stays
- Support and guidance of more established scientists (mentoring)



Important dates:

- Deadline for application: 9 November 2021, 13:00 CET
- Approval of grants: March 2022
- The grant must start before: 31 December 2022



What are the grant conditions?

If your proposal is successful, you must accept the “General Terms and Conditions for Research Grants”.

The purpose of the Lundbeck Foundation is *to create powerful ripple effects that bring discoveries to lives through investing actively in business and science at the frontiers of their fields.*