

Finding funding

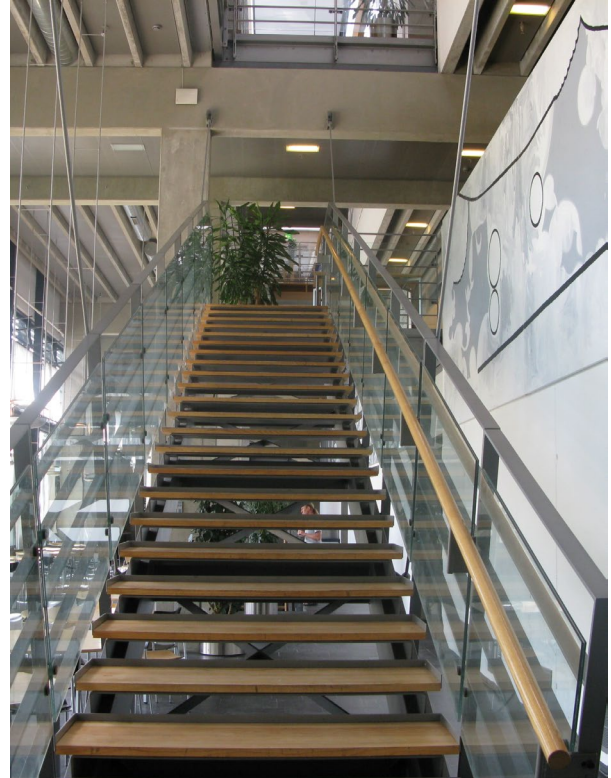
- for different career stages and purposes

- Southern Denmark Research Support Office

Introduction

The purpose of this booklet is to guide researchers and managers when planning to apply for external research funding at different career levels and for different purposes. It describes how early career choices may influence your future career and funding options and highlights how timing is crucial when applying for certain grants.

The guide covers grants for individual researchers at different career levels as well as project and consortia grants. Moreover, there is a section on relevant grants for newly recruited staff. These are primarily relevant for management with recruitment responsibilities.

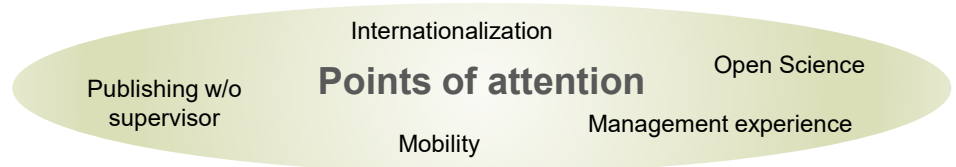


Funding possibilities

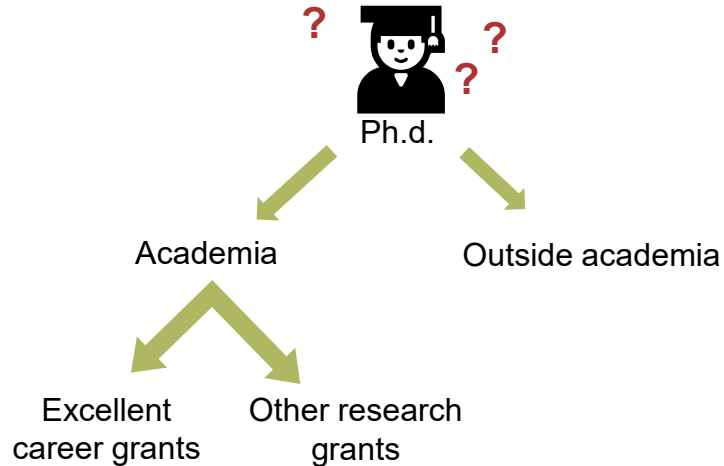
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1.1 Individual career grants - Early career



Carefully consider the choices you make during the early years of your career as these may influence your future funding options and consequently your career path!



Phd-scholarships

Please be aware that this guide does not cover funding options for individual PhDs (i.e., through scholarships) as these are typically available through "disease-target" foundations only and thus closed to most. Instead, we generally recommend to apply for funding for PhD students as part of larger grant applications.

Postdoctoral Fellowships

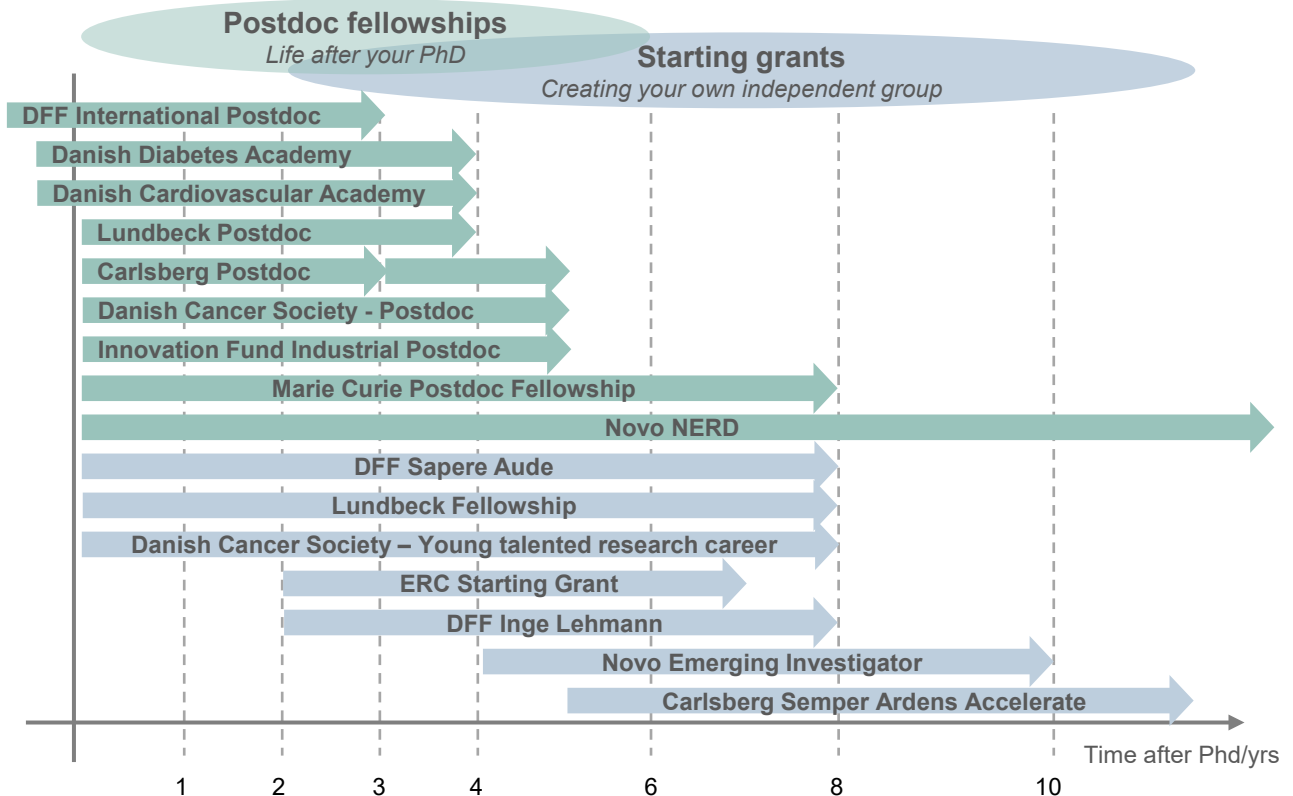
Many individual grants from Postdoc level and up have mobility as a hidden requirement. You can use a postdoctoral grant to demonstrate mobility and independence by moving from where you obtained your PhD and show that you can succeed in another environment. This is explicitly demonstrated by moving from or to Denmark.

Starting grants

A starting grant gives excellent, independent researchers the possibility of creating their own research group. Usually, they are not awarded to young postdoctoral researchers as they have rarely demonstrated sufficient independence through publications without their PhD supervisor and research management.

1.1 Early career

Disclaimer: The best time for submitting an application is specific to the individual researcher. You need to meet the evaluation criteria for the call in addition to having the right PhD age. If in doubt, please contact your research support office for advice.



1.2 Individual career grants – Mid- and Senior career

Mid-career grants

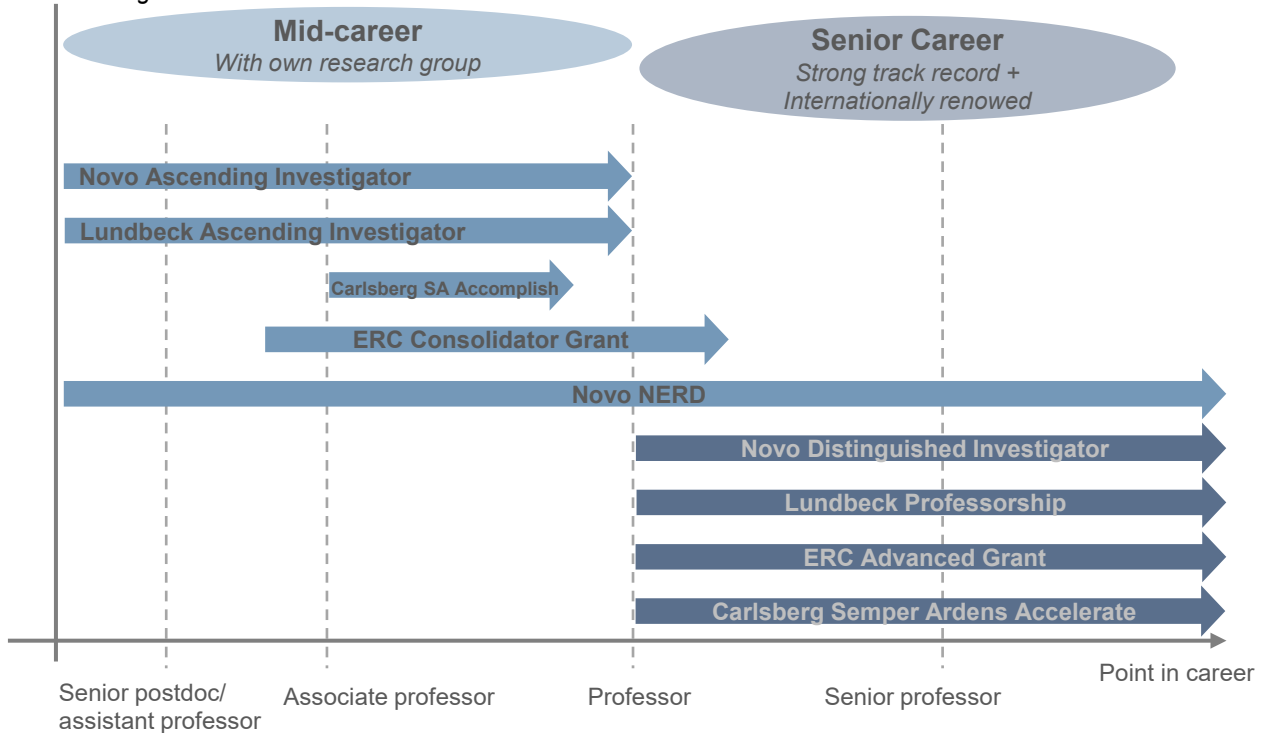
These grants are awarded to established researchers with their own research groups to continue and develop research projects.

Senior career grants

These are typically large grants for big, visionary and lengthy research initiatives undertaken by a well-established senior researcher. Some senior career grants are for single investigators while others require a few co-applicants.

1.2 Mid- and Senior career

Disclaimer: The opportune moment to apply for a specific grant always varies according to your individual career. Although a grant may cover multiple career stages, your merits will usually be evaluated relative to your individual career stage. However, it may be wise to apply early to receive feedback on the proposal and leave time for reapplication. Please contact Research Support to discuss timing.



2. Project- and consortia grants

Project grants are either managed by a single PI or by a few co-applicants. Larger project grants for a group of applicants collaborating on a large research project are also available.

These grants offer opportunities for established researchers at different career levels!

	Career Stage			
	Early		Mid	Senior
	Postdoc	Assistant		
Foundation				
DFF Research Project 1				
DFF Research Project 2 (in exceptional cases)				
DNRF – Center of Excellence				
Novo Exploratory Interdisciplinary Synergy				
Novo Collaborative Project Grants				
Novo Project Grants				
Novo Tandem Programme				
Health Insurance Denmark				
Lundbeck experiment				
Lundbeck collaborative projects				
Danish Cancer Society research projects				
EU collaborative projects				
ERC Synergy				
MSCA Doctoral Networks				
US National Institutes of Health				

3. Other grant types

Innovation grants – *funding for projects with a commercial aspect*

- Innovation Fund Denmark (IFD) – Grand Solutions
- IFD – Innoexplorer
- Eurostars
- Horizon Europe Pillar III

Infrastructure grants – *funding for instruments*

- Novo Research Infrastructure
- Carlsberg Infrastructure
- EU

Networking grants – *funding for building networks*

- COST Actions
- EU – Coordination and Support Actions



4. Recruitment grants

The grants listed on the following pages are primarily relevant for managers responsible for recruiting new academic staff at different career levels.

4.1 Recruitment – Early career

*These grants are relevant if you have either recently recruited staff or seek to do it.
Remember: different criteria apply – always study the call closely!*

- MSCA Doctoral Networks

*For recruitment of up to 10 unnamed **PhD students** in a network from three organizations spanning three countries (the application is submitted by the group of supervisors who must each host at least 1 PhD). Candidates may not have a doctoral degree and must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in Denmark for more than 12 months within the 36 months immediately before the call deadline.*

- MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships

*For recruitment of named **Postdoctoral researchers** with a PhD degree and max. 8 years experience in research from the date of the PhD degree*. The candidate must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in Denmark for more than 12 months within the 36 months immediately before the call deadline.*

** Leave of absence applies*

4.2 Recruitment – Mid-career

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- Lundbeck Start-up Programme

*For recruitment **at associate professor level** of personnel with at least two years of experience in research positions outside Denmark or the industry.*

- Novo Recruit

*For recruitment **at assistant professor level** of promising early-stage researchers with several years of research experience at postdoctoral level and sufficient maturity/independence as a group leader.*

*For recruitment **as associate professor** of researchers with demonstrated experience as a group leader and outstanding scientific potential.*

*The candidate must not have carried out research or other activities for >12 months at a Danish university in the 48 months before the call deadline**

- Novo – Start Package Grant

*For recruitment of candidates from abroad or within Denmark (if so, the candidate must be offered a career progression, i.e., from postdoc to tenure track **assistant professor** or from assistant to **associate professor**). The candidate may not have started in the offered position earlier than the preceding call deadline and may not have carried out research activities for >12 months at the faculty or institution* in the past 36 months.*

** Leave of absence applies*

4.3 Recruitment - Senior career

These grants are relevant if you have either recently recruited staff or seek to do it. Remember: different criteria apply – always study the call closely!

- DNRF – Chair

*For recruitment at **tenured professor** level of faculty from abroad (or newly recruited, i.e., within the last six months before the call deadline).*

- Lundbeck Start-up Programme

*For recruitment at **full professor level** of faculty coming from research positions outside Denmark or industry for at least two years prior to the recruitment.*

- Lundbeck Visiting Professorship

*To invite an international colleague at **professor level** to Denmark for 2-6 months.*

- Novo Recruit

*For recruitment at **full professor level** of research leaders with a track record of original and excellent research at the highest international level. The candidate must not have carried out research or other activities for >12 months at a Danish university in the 48 months before the call deadline**

- Novo – Start Package Grant

*For recruitment of candidates from abroad or within Denmark (If so, the candidate must be offered a career progression e.g., from associate to **full professor/clinical professor**). Candidates may not have started their position before the preceding deadline and may not have carried out research activities for >12 months in the past 36 months at the faculty or institution*.*

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