

TEK Innovation

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Information from TEK Innovation

Welcome to our new Colleague, Lone Ladegaard Laursen

This month we welcomed Lone Ladegaard Laursen as our new colleague at TEK Innovation. Lone holds a MSc in biology from SDU and has been employed at the Faculty of Science for 10 years. Most recently, she held a position as EU Funding Advisor shared between Support Office Science, the Faculty of Science (80 %) and the Faculty of Humanities (20 %). Her main tasks were to advise about EU Funding possibilities, provide support for the application process and career advising relative to career level.

Previously Lone worked 4 years as Center Administrator at the Center for Fundamental Living Technology (FLinT) at SDU and acted as PA for Prof. Steen Rasmussen.

This has given her extensive experience in preparing and writing grant applications for research projects.

In TEK Innovation Lone will be involved in advising about external funding possibilities in general and providing support for applications aiming at both national and international funds.

TEK Innovation at MCI

TEK Innovation will be at MCI every second week. Request a meeting or drop by the TEK Innovation office at MCI, if you have questions regarding external funding.

Time: April 14 and 27

Workshops and information meetings at SDU

Information meeting with the Villum Foundation

The VILLUM Foundation is presenting their new strategy and funding program within technical and scientific research at an information meeting on May 2 at SDU. The participants will have the opportunity to ask questions relating to new strategy, funding program, application processes, evaluation, etc.

You will find information about the VILLUM Foundation and the foundation's new research strategy on their [website](#).

Time: Monday May 2, 2016 from 13:30 to 14:30.

Place: Room O77

Registration: By April 25 to Susanne Kjelstrup, sukj@tek.sdu.dk

Workshop on the coming Danish space strategy

The Danish agency for Science, Technology and Innovation invites researchers, companies and authorities to join the [workshop](#) on the coming Danish space strategy. For the first time, Denmark is going to have a national space strategy (upstream and downstream activities, data, satellite communications, GPS). The strategy should contribute to a better use of space for growth and employment in Denmark. The work is ongoing and will be completed by summer 2016. The workshop will be held in Danish at TEK in Odense.

Time: April 28 from 13:00 to 16:00

Place: SDU, Odense

Registration: Register at this [webpage](#) before April 19, 2016

ERC Starting and Consolidator grants master class

The SDU Grants Office and the local research support offices are hosting a one day Master Class on how to write a competitive application for ERC Starting and Consolidator Grants. To guide us through the Master Class we have engaged Yellow Research – a consultancy with vast experience in ERC.

The Faculty of Engineering has 5 seats to the Master Class, so prioritizing may be required.

Time and Place: May 17 from 9:00 AM to 15:30 PM in room 099

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowship master class

The SDU Grants Office is hosting a **Marie Skłodowska-Curie proposal writing master class**. At the master class, participants will receive crucial insights on how to write Marie Skłodowska-Curie "Individual Fellowship" (MSCA-IF) applications. Anyone that has not been in Denmark more than 12 months within the last three years is can apply for a MSCA-IF. This funding opportunity can be used for recruiting excellent foreign researchers to your group.

The first day of the master class will be led by a consultant from Yellow Research with extensive experience in EU funding in general and the Marie Skłodowska-Curie program in particular. The second day will be hosted by local staff from the research support offices at SDU.

Time and Place: 18th of May 2016 at 9:30 AM to 16:00 PM in room 099
19th of May at 10:00 AM to 15:00 PM in room 077

Relevant workshops and information meetings

Course: The successful ERC candidate

[EuroCenter](#) offers a [course where you will learn how to write a successful application](#) in which you disseminate your research idea and your CV in the best way. An introduction to the format and learning from previous applicants will increase your chance to get a grant from the European Research Council (ERC).

Time: 2 June 2016 from 09:00 to 16:00

Place: Eigtveds Pakhus, Asiatisk Plads 2 G, 1402 Copenhagen K

Cost: 3.000 kr. + VAT

EnergiForsk 2016

The Innovation Fund Denmark invites to the annual conference EnergiForsk2016. The conference will be held together with other Danish energy programs (ForslEL, EUDP and ELFORSK). The program will be available from week 14 and will include information regarding the funding opportunities from ForskEL, EUDP, Innovation Fund Denmark, ELFORSK and Horizon2020. More information and registration at [Innovation Fund Denmark](#)

Registration: Deadline for registration is May 2, 2016

Time: May 12 2016

Place: Odense Congress Center, Ørbækvej 350, 5220 Odense SØ

Cost: Free, but note that there is a no show fee of 500 DKK.

Danish public funding:

DFF – Danish Council for Independent Research

[DFF](#) has withdrawn its call 2015/2016 for proposals for postdoc grants for younger researchers (DFFF-Individual Postdoctoral grant) as well as for mobility grants (DFF-MOBILEX mobility grant) due to a 280 million DKK cutback in its budget for 2016.

EUopSTART

[EUopSTART](#) offers grants for preparing proposals for Horizon2020 and other European research and innovation programs (see the [call](#) for information of which programs are eligible for EUopSTART). The aim of EUopSTART is to intensify Danish research institutions and enterprises' participation in European research and innovation.

The grant can be used for salaries, travel expenses and consultancy. It is only possible to apply for EUopSTART

for phase one in two-phased applications except for the SME instrument. The E-grant system is open for applications from now and until the third cut-off date on October 31, 2016.

Deadlines in 2016: May 13, August 29, and October 31

Innovation Fund Denmark – Grand Solutions

The Innovation Fund Denmark (IFD) calls for [Grand Solutions](#). IFD invests DKK 5-30 mill for 2-5 years in projects submitted to either the **open call** or one of their **thematic calls**.

The thematic calls are to invest in projects falling under some of IFD's predefined focus areas. Open calls are for investments which are not tied to a specific theme but are open to all bright ideas.

The project can involve research, development and/or commercialization. Proposals submitted to Grand Solutions are typically collaborative projects with multiple parties in a public-private partnership.

Deadline Phase 1: 2 May 2016 at 19:00

Innovation Fund Denmark - Industrial PhD projects

IFD calls for proposals for [Industrial PhD projects](#). An Industrial PhD is an industrially focused 3-year research project and PhD education, conducted jointly by a private sector company (or public institutions), an Industrial PhD candidate and a university. The Industrial PhD candidate is employed by the company and at the same time enrolled at the university. The candidate spends all her/his working time on the research project and PhD education, and divides the working time between the company and university. The company is the formal applicant. Please note that the Innovation Fund has opened this funding opportunity for public institutions for the round of applications with deadline on September 19, 2016.

The aim of Industrial PhD Program is:

- To educate researchers at a PhD level with knowledge about industrially focused research and innovation
- To create growth in the Danish business community by increased cooperation on research and innovation between universities and privately held companies
- To facilitate knowledge transfer and networking between Danish companies and researchers at universities in DK and abroad.

Deadline: 19 September at 12:00

Innovation Fund Denmark (IFD) – Industrial Postdoc

The Innovation Fund offers funding opportunities for [Industrial Postdoc](#) grants. The grants are offered to support the development of research capacities in promising individuals through their performance of specific R&D projects run jointly by enterprises and research institutions.

Deadline: 19 September at 12:00

Research stays at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

The Ministry of higher education and science has signed a partnership agreement with MIT. The agreement provides up to 10 PhD students and post docs at Danish institutions with the possibility to get a fellowship as guest researcher at MIT. The guest researcher is responsible for salary, insurance as well as cost for accommodation and other living expenses. The grant covers the tuition at MIT for up to 6 months for PhD students and 12 month for post docs. There may also be given a pre-paid scholarship of DKK 15,000 to cover the costs of travel and accommodation. Only PhD students and post docs within the following research fields are eligible for a research fellowship: Biology, biotechnology, chemistry as well as the pharmaceutical field.

Deadlines: May 24 at 12:00

The Danish Ministry of the Environment – MUDP

The Danish Ministry of Environment calls for applications under the [MUDP](#) program for one or more demonstration plant at full-scale (lighthouse projects). The Lighthouse Projects should serve as landmarks for future environmental solutions in areas of significant environmental importance and contribute to make Denmark a pioneering country when it comes to the development of competitive environmental technology solutions. The budget for the Lighthouse projects are 50 million DKK in total and the board expects to support 1-3 projects. The board especially welcomes proposals in areas such as air purification which have not previously been supported as Lighthouse projects.

Future environmental technology solutions are expected to be established and demonstrated on a large scale in a Lighthouse project. Projects can involve multiple actors and help promote collaboration across industries.

Deadline Phase 1: May 2, 2016 at 12:00.

The Danish Ministry of the Environment – MUDP

Call open for applications under the [MUDP program](#) for development-, testing-, and/or demonstration projects within all subjects supported by MUDP

The overall aim with this program is to promote the development and application of new effective environmental solutions to prioritized environmental challenges, and to support growth and employment.

The financial support from MUDP is from DKK 0.5 million up to DKK 5 million.

Deadline: May 23, 2016 at 12:00

The Danish National Research Foundation (Grundforskningsfonden) - Centers of Excellence

The Danish National Research Foundation (DNRF) invites researchers to submit outline proposals for [Centers of Excellence \(CoE\)](#).

The foundation welcomes outstanding research of a high international caliber that may be described as ambitious, highly creative, original, scientifically daring, and potentially groundbreaking. Centers can be established within and/or across all scientific areas: Humanities, Life Sciences, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences and Technical Sciences. Excellence in conducting outstanding research is the main criterion when assessing applications for new centers.

Deadline for outline proposals: **6 June** at 12:00

Danish private funding:

The Velux Foundations - block fellowships

[The Postdoc program](#) is designed to support research-based further education of young, talented researchers at Danish or foreign universities. Equally, we wish to strengthen the opportunities for strong Danish research environments to recruit especially competent postdoctoral researchers, regardless of nationality.

Permanently employed lecturers/professors at Danish research institutions may apply for Block grants, who can use the grants for the recruitment of postdoctoral candidates of their choice.

The Block grant may cover postdoc salary for max 24 months and 5% overhead to the institution. Mobility is required. The grant cannot be used to employ a postdoc at the university where the candidate obtained his/her PhD degree.

Applications must be submitted online via SDU's homepage under "[vacant positions](#)"

Deadline: 1 May

The Velux Foundations – VILLUM Young Investigator

The aim of the VILLUM Young Investigator Program is to fund particularly talented younger researchers (age below 40) in technical and natural sciences. Applicants must be able to show independent and original

accomplishments, creativity, and potential to become leaders within her/his field of research. Applicants must have a clearly defined research goal for the next 5 years and of such scope that it requires the formation of a research group. The call is targeted experienced postdoctoral researchers, assistant professors and associate professors who have no more than 2 year's standing.

The grant amount is 7-10 mio DKK and can be used to fund Postdoc researchers, PhD students, equipment, technicians and administrative assistance and other customary project expenses.

For applicants already holding a tenured position the costs for own salary are not eligible.

Salary for non-tenured applicants can be partly or fully covered by the grant if required.

Deadline: June 20, 2016

Den Danske Maritime Fond

Call open for applications to "[Den Danske Maritime Fond](#)". The aim of the Fund is to provide financial support for initiatives and measures that can serve to develop and promote Danish shipping and / or Danish shipyard industry. There is no detailed criteria for the types of activities the Foundation wants to promote, but the Board like applications for activities that are innovative and business oriented and thus able to be commercialized.

Deadline: 4 May, 12 August and 25 October 2016

The Industry Foundation

The Industry Foundation has launched the thematic call "Innovation". With this call and their strategy for 2016 they focus on innovation in broad terms. Innovation is not just the development of a new product. Innovation aims to increase the value creation and profit margin for each company. The effect of an innovation effort must therefore be measured in economic performance.

Innovation can for example be about changing practices in the way a product is marketed and sold. Innovation may also involve the introduction of a new type of logistics system or inventory management, which can provide the core service value. Or innovation may be engaging in new types of relationships with its customers and its suppliers and manage these organizational and strategic.

Read more about the thematic call and the strategy of the foundation at the foundations at the following webpages: [Thematic call](#) and [Strategy for 2016](#)

Deadline: 9 May, 2016

The Novo Nordisk Foundation

Call for nominations for the 2017 [Novozymes prize](#) . The purpose of the Prize is to raise awareness of basic and applied biotechnology research.

Awardees must have a current position at a public or non-profit research institution in a European country, but awardees can have any nationality.

The Prize will be awarded by a committee established by the Novo Nordisk Foundation, and the prize winner will be selected by the committee based on the nominations received.

The Prize is of DKK 3 million, and it is awarded for a predominantly European contribution.

Deadline for nominating a candidate is June 1, 2016

EU funding:

European Research Council grants (ERC)

Three ERC frontier research grants: Starting; Consolidator; and Advanced Grants will be available under The [ERC Work Program 2016](#).

Advanced Grant: Call Opens 24 May 2016, Deadline 1 September 2016

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships

The goal of [MSCA-Individual Fellowships](#) is to enhance the creative and innovative potential of experienced researchers, wishing to diversify their individual competence in terms of skill acquisition through advanced training, international and intersectoral mobility.

Individual Fellowships provide opportunities to acquire and transfer new knowledge and to work on research and innovation in a European context (EU Member States and Associated Countries) or outside Europe. The scheme particularly supports the return and reintegration of researchers from outside Europe who have previously worked here. It also develops or helps to restart the careers of individual researchers that show great potential, considering their experience.

The Fellowship is based on an application made jointly by the researcher and the beneficiary in the academic or non-academic sectors.

Call opens: 12 April 2016, **Deadline:** 14 September 2016

Other funding opportunities

You may find further information about other funding opportunities at [our web site](#) under “[Funding opportunities](#)” Here you will also find a new [Funding and career tool](#) SDU Go have made in cooperation with the research support units at the other faculties. The tool can extract the funding programs that are relevant for your career stage.

Contact TEK Innovation

TEK Innovation offer advice and support throughout the entire application process. We will be prepared to provide interested researchers with all the support needed in order to prepare their proposals. Please contact us to make arrangements!

For further information or easy access to funding deadlines and funding opportunities, visit our [web site](#).

Best Wishes

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