

TEK Innovation

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Information from TEK Innovation

TEK Innovation Office at MCI

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

Time: 10th February and 1st March

Workshops and information meetings at SDU

How to write a competitive grant proposal

A 2 days course for researchers and PhD students. The course targets and will be beneficial for researchers at all career stages.

The **purpose** of this course is to train participants in efficient grant proposal writing, and to provide a deeper understanding of the factors affecting the success of a grant proposal, both in Denmark and internationally. Main focus will be on applying for grants from the Danish Independent Research Council (DFF) and to some extent also other Danish public and private foundations.

The core activity of the course is for each participant to develop a competitive research grant proposal.

The next course (in Danish) takes place on **23 February/15 March 2016**.

The English version of the course will not be available on SDU-Odense campus in spring 2016, but will be available again on SDU-Odense campus during fall 2016.

The course, [2-Research Grant Proposal](#) (2-Projektansøgning), is module 2 of HR's four-module course series on "Project management for Researchers, but can be taken independently. You are very welcome to **contact** your faculty's [Research Support Unit](#) if you would like to learn more about the course program. Contact [Anette Bjerre Jensen](#) of Competence and Organizational Development with any questions regarding course practicalities. Course registration and additional info are found [here](#)

Information Meeting with Innovation Fund Denmark in Odense and Sønderborg (video link)

We are pleased to welcome you to this information meeting hosted by [Innovation Fund Denmark](#) here at SDU. The meeting will focus on requirements and guidelines relating to the forthcoming call for **Large-Scale Projects** (deadline 1st May) and **Industrial PhD and Postdocs** (deadline 7th March and 19th September).

In addition to presentations from the Innovation Fund Denmark, two successful applicants will share their experience with applying for funding to Large-Scale Projects and industrial PhD.

The meeting is intended for potential applicants as well as for administrative staff, and it is arranged in cooperation with the faculties' research support units.

Registration must be made before 22 February to tha@tek.sdu.dk and please state if you will attend the meeting in **Sønderborg** or in **Odense**

Time: February 24th 2016, 13:00 – 15:30

Place: Faculty of Engineering TEK-29-602-2 at Campusvej and on video link in M403 at campus Sønderborg.

Marie Skłodowska-Curie proposal writing 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" applications. 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 programme 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

GUDP Information meeting

There will be an information meeting in Copenhagen on **March 1st**. Put notice to the date compared to the Application Deadline March 16th. More information on where and when will be continuously updated on the [GUDP webpage](#).

Fund Conference 2016

Syddansk Vækstforum, Fredericia, Vejen, Kolding and Middelfart Municipality invites to [Fund Conference 2016](#).

The conference is about the public-private innovation, public-private partnerships and fund support options. It is aimed at private companies, entrepreneurs, municipalities, and educational and research institutions. There will be thematic presentations, stands and workshops from foundations and stakeholders on climate / energy / environment, welfare / welfare technology and experience industries.

Registration must be made before 24 February [here](#)

Time and Place: Sydbank Arena, Kolding on 1 March 2016.

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

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.

Syddansk Vækstforum

[Syddansk Vækstforum \(in danish only\)](#) is offering a range of grants for projects within the focus areas: Sustainable Energy systems, Welfare Technology and Tourism & Design. The grants are funded partly by the European Regional Development Fund/ The Social Fund. The projects have to contribute to the following targets:

- Increased number of innovative SME's
- Increased number of growth-oriented companies
- Improve energy and resource efficiency within SME's
- Reducing energy consumption in cities with more than 30.000 citizens

Especially the target on increased number of Innovative SME's is open for cooperation project with focus on product development & Innovation. The project demands participation of at least 3 regional SME's and a university or other knowledge partner.

Deadline: 1 March for outline proposals

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.

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.

Deadlines: 7 March and 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.

Deadlines: 7 March and 19 September at 12:00

The Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries: Grønt Udviklings- og Demonstrationsprogram (GUDP)

[GUDP](#) calls for grant proposals for research and development projects within the fields of food science and agriculture in a broad sense. GUDP has a strong focus on involvement of private companies in proposals for research and development project.

Max subsidies for a period up to 4 years: 0.25-2 mill DKK for small projects and network projects; 2-15 mill DKK for larger collaboration projects. Please note that it is possible to get feedback on your project idea if you contact GUDP.

Deadline: 16 March 2016 at 12:00

Danish Energy Agency: Energy Technology Development and Demonstration Program (EUDP)

[EUDP](#) calls for grant proposals for research and development projects. The primary objective of the EUDP programme is

- to support primarily development and demonstration of energy technologies
- to collaboration between public and private actors and
- to promote involvement in international activities within the area.

EUDP is also to contribute to exploiting and developing the commercial potential of Danish energy technologies in order to benefit growth and employment. EUDP funding is therefore awarded with an expectation that the projects funded will lead to market deployment of the new technologies developed by the project, and the EUDP programme expects to receive a concrete plan for this at the time of the application.

Furthermore, EUDP projects must support the Danish energy-policy objectives and have clear commercial potentials. This call for proposals includes

- the ordinary EUDP call – EUDP funding for projects is expected to be approx. 165 mill. DKK.
- a targeted action regarding energy efficiency and reduced CO2 emissions in transport – EUDP funding for projects is 7,9 mill. DKK.

The ordinary EUDP call includes support to project proposals to EU's ERA-NET COFUND initiatives within biomass and wind energy. See further information in this call.

Deadline: 7 April 2016 at 15:00

Please note that EUDP has only one call for proposals in 2016, and decisions of support are expected end September 2016.

Innovation Fund Denmark – Large scale projects

The IFD has both **open calls** and a number of **thematic calls** under the investment type “[Large Scale Projects](#)”. 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. They invest DKK 5-30 mill for 2-5 years in which your focus is on research, development and/or commercialization. These are typically collaborative projects with multiple parties in a public-private partnership.

Deadline: announced by IFD in February and expected to be around **1 May 2016**.

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

The Danish National Research Foundation (DNRF) invites researchers to submit outline proposals for new [Centers of Excellence \(CoE\)](#) which may start operating by 1 September 2017.

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 and Villum Foundations

VILLUM FOUNDATION and the VELUX FOUNDATION's [joint environmental program](#) seek proposals for system-partnership project ideas that can transform scientific and practical knowledge to concrete action. The goal is to promote sustainable use of land and sea in Denmark.

They are looking for distinctive, ambitious and multi environmental projects and they have allocated 50 million. kr. for distribution within the environmental program in 2016.

Deadline phase 1: 22 February at 12:00

L'Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science-award 2016

[For Women in Science](#) is a global, annual awards ceremony ordained of L'Oréal and UNESCO in cooperation with The Royal Danish Academy of Science and Letters, to get the good role models among young women in natural sciences brought to light - and attract more women to the natural sciences. Each of the up to three annual awards is worth 110.000 DKK.

Application forms and conditions can be found on the Academy of Sciences website www.royalacademy.dk

Deadline: 7 March

The Velux Foundations - block fellowships

[The Postdoc programme](#) 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. 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

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

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**

Proof of Concept: Call Opens **22 October 2015**, Deadline **16 February, 26 May and 4 October 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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