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# **Information from TEK Innovation**

# **TEK Innovation at MCI**

Lone Ladegaard Laursen (<u>lol@tek.sdu.dk</u>) and Susanne Kjelstrup (<u>sukj@tek.sdu.dk</u>) will be at MCI regularly. Please send a mail and request a meeting if you would like to discuss funding opportunities or have a concrete proposal that you plan to submit.

# Summer Vacation at TEK Innovation

The following from TEK Innovation can be contacted for support during the summer period:

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We wish you all a nice and sunny summer!

# Courses, Workshops and information meetings at SDU

## **DFF** information meeting

The Danish Research Council for Independent Research will present the CALL FOR PROPOSALS AUTUMN 2017 & SPRING 2018 at SDU on August 21.

At the meeting the following will be presented:

- The new call for proposals
- Requirements for applications
- The assessment process
- Assessment criteria

There will be time for questions. The meeting will be held in English.

# Time: August 21 from 13-15 at the BMB seminar room, Faculty of Natural science (<u>http://vejviser.sdu.dk/opslag?lid=301</u>)

### 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 October 24 and November 11, 2017. The next course in English takes place on September 19 and October 10, 2017

The course, Research Grant Proposals (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.

# Other relevant events and information

#### **Recommendations for the future Danish Research and innovation Strategy**

CO Industry (Centralorganisationen for industriansatte I Danmark and DI (Dansk Industri) has come with their recommendations for a future research and innovation strategy for Denmark. You can find their recommendations <u>here</u>

#### FORSK2025

<u>FORSK2025</u> form the basis for future investments in research. In FORSK2025 a total of 19 promising research topics are identified within four main areas:

New technological opportunities Green growth Better health People and society

#### Webinar: COST Network - What is COST network and how can you participate?

The ministry of Higher Education and Science invites to a webinar with focus on COST networks. COST supports bottom-up based networks for European researchers in a wide range of research areas. The networks include, among other things, opportunities for shorter educational stays, training schools and conferences, seminars and workshops. COST networks are open to all COST member countries, including Denmark. The webinar will be in Danish.

Registration before August 25.

Time: August 28 from 14-15.

#### **Interreg South Baltic green tech 2017**

Interreg South Baltic invites to a conference held at Roskilde Univarsity on September 12. Further information and registration at their <u>webpage</u>

### Hyperion Horizon 2020 OPEN Courses: Brussels, November 2017

The European Commission will publish the 2018-2020 Workprogrammes in late 2017 with Deadlines for Proposals in early 2018.

In November, Dr. Seán McCarthy will present two Open courses in Brussels.

These two Hyperion Open Courses are designed for newly appointed H2020 Advisors and researchers who are planning to submit proposals for the next Horizon 2020 calls. Details below:

#### Course 4634:

Title: "How to Write a Competitive Proposal for Horizon 2020" Date: Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016 Time: 09:30 to 13:00 Location: Hotel Leopold, 35 Rue du Luxembourg, Brussels Course fee: 375 euro per person See http://www.hyperion.ie/course4634.htm for details

Course 4635: Title: "How to Write the Impact of a Horizon 2020 Proposal" Date: Thursday, 16th November 2016 Time: 09:30 to 13:00 Location: Hotel Leopold, 35 Rue du Luxembourg, Brussels Course fee: 375 euro See http://www.hyperion.ie/course4635.htm for details

To book a place on these courses, please email mary.mccarthy@hyperion.ie

#### **Events related to H2020**

In preparation for the last 3 years of the Horizon 2020 Framework Programme the European Commission is presenting the upcoming calls in 2018-2020 at an array of topic specific events around Europe. This is a unique opportunity to receive crucial insight in the individual calls, meet the project officers and build quality partnerships with academics, researchers, industrial stakeholders, SMEs and government actors from all over Europe.

So save the dates and take notice of the opening of registration.

We are updating this list of events as the Commission announces them.

## Energy Info Days 2017

The <u>Energy Information Days</u> will present the new funding opportunities and innovative schemes offered by Horizon 2020's Work Programme 2018-2020. Applying for funding is a competitive process, and only the best project proposals will be selected. If you would like to know more about the type of projects we will be looking for, save the date and join us in Brussels next 23, 24 and 25 October 2017. The info days will:

- update you on the European Energy Efficiency policy;
- present you the Energy priorities of the H2020 Energy 2018-2020 calls for proposals;
- provide you with guidance on how to apply for funding;
- offer you dedicated workshops for each funding area e.g. Energy Efficiency, with the opportunity to meet the EASME energy team and receive answers to your questions;
- give you an opportunity to network and find project partners through the National Contact Points Brokerage event.

The registration will open in September.

### Information & Communication Technologies (ICT)

On **November 9-10 2017**, the Commission is hosting <u>the ICT Proposers Day 2017</u> in Budapest, where the 2018-2020 ICT Work Programme is presented. This means that all the topics and calls in the ICT area for the last 3 years of EU's Framework Programme Horizon2020 are revealed and you have a unique opportunity to consult directly with EU project officers.

TEK Innovation will lead a SDU delegation to the event. If you are interested in participating, please reserve the dates, let us know and more info will be provided later this year.

Register for the event here.

# Food security, Sustainable Agriculture and Forestry, Marine and Maritime and Inland Water Research and the Bioeconomy (Societal Challenge 2)

<u>Info Day</u> on the new SC2 Work Programme for 2018-2020 and a related brokerage day is complemented by two high level dissemination and policy events and a bioeconomy village highlighting SC2 projects and initiatives.

The event will take place in Brussels on **14-17 November 2017**.

Compulsory registration for these events will open in September.

#### Climate action, Environment, Resource Efficiency and Raw materials (Societal Challenge 3)

<u>Information Day and brokerage event</u> on the Horizon 2020 Work Programme 2018-2020, Challenge "Climate Action, Environment, Resource Efficiency & Raw Materials", will take place on 8-9 November 2017 in Brussels.

The event targets potential applicants to the calls for project proposals under the Horizon 2020 Challenge 5 "Climate Action, Environment, Resource Efficiency and Raw Materials".

Compulsory registration for the event will open in July. The event will be web-streamed (link will be available about 48 hours before the event on its website).

#### **European Biomass to Power Conference**

ACI's 7th Annual <u>European Biomass to Power Conference</u> will be taking place in Aarhus, Denmark on the 8th—9th November 2017.

Once again, the conference will bring together senior executives from the entire value chain, such as power producers, regulatory bodies, raw materials providers and researchers, as well as other influential stakeholders.

Key Conference Topics Include:

- Global Biomass Market Developments
- Policy & Regulation
- Finance & Investment
- Sourcing & Sustainability of Supply
- Biomass Handling & Storage
- Biomass to Power Projects in Europe Case Studies
- Breakthrough Technologies for Biomass to Power

Time and Place: Aarhus, November 8-9

# Danish public funding:

### Grønt Udviklings- og Demonstrationsprogram (GUDP)

<u>GUDP</u> 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.

Network: Max subsidies 0.25- 2 million DKK for a period up to 2 years. Collaboration projects: 0.25-15 million DKK for a period up to 4 years. Please note that it is possible to get feedback on your project idea if you contact GUDP.

Deadline: 24 August 2017 at 12:00

## Danish Research Council for Independent Research (DFF)

The call for autumn 2017 and spring 2018 has just been published The following changes have been implemented since the previous call:

- The deadline for DFF International Postdoc has been moved to the autumn.
- A fixed amount has been introduced to cover personal expenses in connection with DFF International Postdoc.
- The Danish Council for Independent Research | Humanities now offers DFF-Research Project 1
- Maximum project duration for DFF-Research Project has been prolonged to 4 1/2 years.
- A maximum amount for Non-university Research Education (PhD) of DKK 1,800,000 excluding overhead has been introduced.
- The funding instruments Research Networks | Humanities and Clinician Scientist Position | Medical Sciences have been modified.

DFF offers the following instruments

#### DFF Research project 1 and 2:

#### **Research project 1:**

In order to strengthen the quality of Danish research, DFF offers funding for research projects within a framework of up to DKK 1,800,000, excluding overhead. What characterizes a DFF–Research Project 1 is a clear and well defined problem statement, where the research activities must be at a high, international level. The council awards DFF–Research Project 1 grants for a maximum duration of 3 years.

#### **Research project 2:**

In order to strengthen the quality of Danish research and develop the level of collaboration, DFF offers funding for research projects to be carried out by several researchers (including postdoc candidates and PhD students) within a framework of DKK 1,800,000 – 4,100,000, excluding overhead. A DFF– Research Project 2 is characterised by a coordinated and mutually binding collaboration that takes its point of departure in a well-defined, joint problem statement. However, it may also be a project formulated by a single researcher, but which is to be carried out in a research team, when it can be argued that the project is particularly ambitious and resource demanding, and that the research objective cannot be obtained through a DFF–Research Project 1. The council awards DFF–Research Project 2 grants for a duration of up to 4½ years

#### Deadlines for Research project 1 and 2:

DFF Medical Sciences: 27 September, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. DFF Social Sciences: 28 September, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. DFF Technology and Production Sciences: 29 September, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. DFF Humanities: 3 October, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. DFF Natural Sciences: 4 October, 2017, at 4:00 p.m.

#### **DFF International postdoc**

The purpose of DFF-International Postdoctoral Grant is to strengthen the international mobility of young talented researchers, as well as to maintain and develop the competencies of researchers who are in the beginning of their research careers.

Applicant requirements: Researchers who have a PhD or are expected to submit thesis for defence within 6 months after the application deadline, or have obtained equivalent qualifications (such as a positive assistant professorship evaluation *"adjunktbedømmelse"*), may apply for a DFF-International Postdoctoral Grant. Your PhD must have been awarded by a Danish research institution. DFF emphasises that applicants are at the beginning of their research careers. Thus, calculated from the application deadline, no more than 3 years must have elapsed since you obtained your PhD. Leaves of absence such as maternity/paternity leave, illness or family care leave, leave for military service, humanitarian aid work, etc. will be taken into account. **Deadline for all research councils**: 1 November, 2017, at 4:00 p.m.

#### Sapere Aude: DFF–Starting Grant

The objective of the Sapere Aude: DFF–Starting Grant is to give excellent researchers, i.e. researchers who have achieved outstanding research results in their field, an opportunity to develop and strengthen their research ideas. The instrument also aims at promoting the mobility internationally as well as nationally among research environments, and thereby to strengthen the researchers' networks and careers. Starting Grants are targeted at top researchers who intend to gather a group of researchers and/or research students, in order to carry out a research project at a high, international level.

Sapere Aude: DFF–Starting Grant is aimed at younger, very talented researchers, who at the time of the application deadline and within the last eight years have obtained their PhD or achieved equivalent qualifications (e.g. a positive assistant professorship evaluation "adjunktbedømmelse"), and who have demonstrated ability to carry out original research at a high, international level.

You can apply for a DFF–Starting Grant for of up to 4 years' duration and a maximum amount of DKK 4,100,000, excluding overhead.

Deadline for all research councils: 5 April, 2018, at 4:00 p.m.

#### **Innovation Fund Denmark - Industrial PhD projects**

IFD calls for proposals for <u>Industrial PHD projects</u> 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: 25 September, 2017 Deadline for industrial PhD within the public sector: October 9, 2017

## Innovation Fund Denmark (IFD) – Industrial Postdoc

The Innovation Fund offers funding opportunities for <u>Industrial post doc grants</u>. 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: 25 September, 2017

### Deadline for industrial postdoc within the public sector: October 9, 2017

# Innovation Fund Denmark: Special Industrial Researcher Call 2017: Smart Buildings & Smart Cities: Balancing Technology and People

Innovation Fund Denmark and Realdania are investing in approx. 10 industrial researcher projects (PhDs and post docs) aimed to develop and concretise the field of smart buildings and smart cities by focussing in particular on the human role here. Read more about the special call for industrial researchers and register for the information meeting: <u>https://innovationsfonden.dk/en/application/smart-buildings-smart-cities-balancing-technology-and-people</u>

Deadline: 25 September 2017

# Innovation Fund Denmark: Special Industrial Researcher Call 2017: Bioresources and relations between food, health and lifestyle

Within this call, Innovation Fund Denmark would like to see Industrial PhD and Industrial Postdoc applications that develop and utilise new knowledge about food, health, lifestyle, consumer aspects, and their relations.

This also includes bio-production, incl. bioeconomy, climate and environmental factors, regulation and societal effects, and their relationship. Read more about the special call for industrial researchers: <a href="https://innovationsfonden.dk/en/application/industrial-researcher-bioresources">https://innovationsfonden.dk/en/application/industrial-researcher-bioresources</a>

Deadline: 25 September 2017

# EUopSTART

<u>EUopSTART</u> offers grants for the preparatory work of Danish businesses and knowledge institutions with a view to participating in selected European research programmes

The aim of EUopSTART is to intensify the internationalisation of Danish research and strengthen the relations between research institutions and businesses regarding research and innovation. EUopSTART therefore allocates grants for the preparatory work of Danish businesses and knowledge institutions with a view to participating in selected European research programmes.

## Cut-off dates in 2017:

• October 30 2017

The last cut-off day has been postponed due to the expected publication of the work programme for 2018-2020 in the middle of October 2017. It should thereby be possible to apply for EUopSTART funding for the calls in this work programme.

# **Private Danish Funding**

## The Villum Foundation : Outreach and Education

The objective of the <u>outreach and education</u> programme is to promote youth interest in science and technology and safeguard the new generation's general, technical and natural science education. The aim is to enable children and young people, through the scientific process, to engage critically and creatively in knowledge-building and development in Denmark.

The total grant amount in 2017 is up to DKK 12m and we expect to fund 3-6 projects with a timeframe of up to three years, i.e. up to approximately DKK 2-4m in total for each project.

The programme has two focus areas:

#### A: Funding of outreach projects.

Provides support to previously established outreach projects in science and technology which have already documented valuable impact and are now ready to be taken to the next level. The main applicant is a Danish non-profit organisation that already supports outreach projects in science and technology. The project may involve several partners, including academic institutions in Denmark or abroad.

#### **B: Research**

Funding research that has the objective to develop evidence-based approaches in designing, implementing, integrating and evaluating outreach projects with the purpose of promoting youth interest in science and technology.

The main applicant is a higher-education or research institution. The project may involve several partners, including non-profit organisations or academic institutions in Denmark or abroad.

#### Deadline: August 28, 2017.

International funding:

#### **Canon Foundation in Europe - Research Fellowships 2017**

Each year, to contribute to international understanding between Europe and Japan, we offer up to 15 Research Fellowships to highly qualified European and Japanese researchers.

Candidates need to have obtained at least their Master's degree within the past ten years. Exceptional candidates who received their qualification more than ten years prior to application will also be considered. These candidates are required to provide further supporting information in their application. Non-nationals are required to have permanent citizenship in either Europe or Japan.

We welcome applications from all fields of research. European Fellows pursue a period of research in Japan and Japanese Fellows at host institutions in Europe. Fellowships are awarded for periods of at least three months up to a maximum of one year. More information at their <u>webpage</u> **Deadline: September 15**,

#### **Matsumae International Fellowship**

The Matsumae International Foundation (MIF) invites for applications from non-Japanese researchers to the Matusmae International fellowship. The Applicants must hold a Ph.D. (Doctorate) degree, or be recognized by MIF as possessing equivalent academic qualifications, be 49 years old or under and have sufficient conversational ability in English or Japanese to prevent insurmountable difficulties during their research

activities in Japan. The Applicants should not have been in Japan in the past and/or in the present and should have firm positions and professions in their home countries. The applicants should return to their countries on completion of their fellowship stay by MIF.

The MIF gives first priority to applicants within natural science, engineering and medicine. The grant covers research and stay, Insurance, transportation (a round-trip air ticket to/from Tokyo) and Lump sum on arrival for a period of from three to six months.

More information on the Foundations website

Deadline: August 31, 2017.

## Marie Sklodowska-Curie Individual Fellowship

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/host in the academic or non-academic sector.

Read more <u>here</u>

Deadline: 14 September 2017

### **FET-OPEN**

FET Open continues to foster early-stage research for radically new technological possibilities. It supports promising novel ideas from all technological areas without prescribing any theme. Funding is available for Research and Innovation Actions as well as for Coordination and Support Actions.

https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/news/fet-open-funding-opportunities-next-call-deadline-17-january-2017

Deadline: September 27, 2017

#### Nordic Centre of Excellence – New learning and teaching environments and practices

NordForsk's Education for Tomorrow is announcing NOK 25 million in funding for one Nordic Centre of Excellence (NCoE).

The focus of the NCoE may be early childhood education and care, primary education or teacher education, or combinations of these contexts. Research proposals are invited to study, for example:

- Teaching and learning processes and student engagement;
- Inclusive and multilingual education;
- Adaptive learning, digital technologies and use of media;
- Teacher education and professional development;
- School environment, well-being and interaction with local communities.

The scheme is open to researchers based at universities, university colleges, universities of applied sciences and research institutes in the Nordic countries. The consortium must involve partner institutions from at least three Nordic countries.

Applicants are invited to apply for funding to establish a Nordic Centre of Excellence with a budget of NOK 25 million and a duration of five years. The intention is to provide funding for one Nordic Centre of Excellence, subject to quality, under this call.

Participating partners

This call is a joint effort between the Academy of Finland, the Danish Ministry of Higher Education and Research, the Icelandic Ministry of Education, Science and Culture, the Re-search Council of Norway, the Swedish Research Council, and NordForsk.

#### The application deadline is 13 September 2017 at 14:00 CEST.

## **European Research Council grants (ERC)**

The ERC awards funding to excellent investigators looking to set up or consolidate their own independent research team or programme, as well as to already established research leaders. The ERC's frontier research grants operate on a 'bottom-up' basis without predetermined priorities and awards flexible, long-term funding for a period of up to five years.

The three main ERC frontier research grants will be available under Work Programme 2018: Starting; Consolidator; and Advanced Grants.

There are specific eligibility criteria for a Principal Investigator applying to the Starting (StG) or Consolidator (CoG) Grants based on the date of award of his or her first PhD. This "streaming" allows applicants to be compared with researchers at a similar career stage.

To be eligible for ERC StG your PhD is awarded from 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2015 (inclusive). To be eligible for ERC CoG your PhD is awarded from 1 January 2006 to 31 December 2010 (inclusive).

If you are interested in applying for one of the ERC grants, please contact, EU Funding Advisor Lone L. Laursen (lol@tek.sdu.dk) as soon as possible since preparation is key to win these competitive grants. **Deadlines**:

The call for ERC Starting Grant opens on July 18 2017 with an application deadline on October 17 2017.

The call for ERC Consolidator Grant opens on October 24 2017 with an application deadline on February 15, 2018.

The call for ERC Advanced Grant opens on May 17 2018 with an application deadline on August 30 2018.

#### **ERC Synergy Grant**

The ERC Synergy Grant scheme, which ran under two pilot calls in 2012 and 2013, is re-launched in the ERC Work Programme 2018. The deadline might change depending on the actual date of adoption of the Work Programme. The perspective is to fund 25 to 30 projects in 2018, with grants of maximum 10 M€ for up to 6 years.

Synergy Grants brings together top researchers with complementary skills and knowledge and enable them to jointly address a commonly chosen challenging research problem in unconventional ways, potentially leading to major breakthroughs that they would not be able to achieve working alone.

#### Read more about the scheme here

**Important dates**: It is expected that the call will be published on 19 July 2017 (subject to the adoption of the Work Programme 2018 by the European Commission), with a **deadline of 14 November 2017**.

# Other funding opportunities

You may find further information about other funding opportunities at <u>our web site</u> under "<u>Funding</u> <u>opportunities</u>" Here you will also find a new <u>Funding and career tool</u> 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 <u>web site</u>.

#### **Best Wishes**

#### **TEK Innovation**

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