

## Call for applications – grants for science engagement

Danida Fellowship Centre (DFC) aims at promoting science engagement to bring evidence-based knowledge from Danida supported research into action.

***The objective of the support to science engagement is to share and promote uptake of science based knowledge and results, and to strengthen the link between Danida supported research and target/end users of the research outputs.***

The proposed activities must add an extra engagement dimension to the ongoing Danida funded research project to which the application is linked. Funding can only be considered for activities that cannot be funded through existing funding in an ongoing research project.

Activities must fall within one or more of the following four categories:

1. Activities that promote knowledge exchange and networks across sectors and/or disciplines to strengthen engagement of public authorities, private sector, community groups, civil society organizations, and/or others in the research.
2. Activities that test and apply engaging methods that can bring the research into play in alternative/innovative ways and amongst audiences that otherwise would not be reached.
3. Activities that specifically aim at public engagement or reach to a broader public audience e.g. through a media platform or channels.
4. Activities that promote collaboration and engagement across geographical borders between multiple Danida funded research projects within a specific theme, e.g. a South-South exchange visit between ongoing Danida funded research projects with the same thematic focus.

### Application process

An application for an activity must be submitted to DFC by the **project lead of an ongoing Danida funded research project**. The application for the activity must be submitted via DFC's electronic application system [SurveyMonkey Apply](#).

**The deadline for applications is 1 November 2022 at 13:00 (CET)**

The application must contain the following elements as per the online application form:

- Name of applicant (research project lead and coordinator of activity)
- Institution responsible for management and transfers of the grant
- Selection of one or more categories for support
- Justification for the value added of the activity to the ongoing research project
- Background, activity description, objective(s), outcomes and outputs, including media outputs
- The target group for/participants in the activity
- The objective of the planned activity
- The project period and timeframe for the activity
- A description of the management of the activity – how the activity will be organised and the post-activity reporting responsibilities
- A budget incl. an indication of possible co-funding

A science engagement activity can be supported with an amount of up to 100,000 DKK. No overhead can be charged. In 2022, a total of 500,000 DKK is available for this funding window.

DFC will assess the applications and prioritise amongst the applications received. Criteria for selection are the value added of the activity, its innovative approach, the expected outcomes and anticipated participants, and an assessment of how the suggested activity corresponds to the objective of the support. A reply to the application will be provided within 2 months after deadline. Activity can thus at the earliest be planned for implementation in early 2023.

If the application is approved, DFC will enter into dialogue with the coordinator of the activity, and a contract including the agreed practical set-up, process, and transfer of funds will be made. The responsibility for the management and accounts of the grant rests with the responsible institution for the particular research project to which the science engagement activity is linked. Funds cannot be transferred to a private account.

Please note that DFC is not able to provide any assistance to stays of researchers in Denmark in relation to these grants. Visa, tickets, accommodation and allowances are all to be managed by the involved institution(s), and this should be reflected in the budget if relevant.

## **Reporting and accounts**

At the latest three months after the end of the implementation of the activity, a brief narrative end of activity report and the accounts must be submitted via [SurveyMonkey Apply](#) to DFC. The narrative report must briefly describe the results of the support vis-à-vis the objectives and expected outcomes indicated in the application, including media outputs. A final list of participants must be attached to the report.

The accounts must clarify how the approved budget has been spent. None of the budgeted expenses can be funded by other sources. Unspent funds must be returned to DFC. The accounts must always be signed by the coordinator of the activity and a financial officer of the research institution responsible for the grant. For grants to Danish institutions where the audit responsibility rests with the National Audit Office of Denmark, no further audits are needed. The accounts must include a management endorsement of accounts confirming this audit responsibility. For other institutions receiving a grant, the accounts must include an auditor statement or receipts documenting all expenditures. An amount of no more than 5,000 DKK for audits can be included in the budget for the activity.

In case the reporting and accounting have not been submitted in time to DFC, it will be considered non-compliance with the objective of the support, and DFC will request a full return of funds to DFC.