

Call for applications – grants for early-career researchers' stay in Denmark

To promote early-career researchers' (former Danida-supported South PhDs) ability to keep in contact with Danish universities at which they have taken part of their study, Danida Fellowship Centre (DFC) provides funds for short-term research stays in Denmark.

The main purpose of the stays is for early-career researchers who have obtained a PhD degree as part of a Danida-funded research project to keep connected to the Danish university and expand their research network. The objectives of a visit could be to expand on previous collaboration, explore future collaboration, conduct joint outreach activities, a joint publication, etc. At least one activity during the visit must promote knowledge exchange across sectors and disciplines within the thematic area of the research.

Application process

A joint visitor/host application must be submitted to DFC for financial support for a research stay in Denmark. The duration of the stay may be between 1-3 months, and the Danish institution hosting the visiting researcher must appoint a coordinator for the stay and endorse the application.

To be eligible for funding for a visit, the visiting researcher must have obtained his/her PhD on a Danida funded project no more than five years before the date of the planned exchange visit. To promote collaboration and network between early-career researchers across borders and institutions it is encouraged to include more than one former PhD student in an application. In addition, visits of female researchers are particularly encouraged.

The application must be submitted via DFC's electronic application system [SurveyMonkey Apply](#).

The application must contain the following elements:

- Name of applicant (visiting researcher) and name of coordinator of visit at the Danish research institution
- A description of the planned activities (incl. knowledge exchange event) during the visit and the researchers/persons involved
- The objective of the visit
- Expected outputs and outcomes
- A timeframe for visit
- A description of who is responsible for planning the visit and the post-visit reporting
- A budget

It is possible to apply for up to 100,000 DKK per exchange visit (with one or more visiting researchers). An overhead of maximum 20% can be charged by the institution responsible for the stay.

Applications can be submitted continuously, i.e. no deadline has been set. The call is open as long as funds remain. DFC has a budget of 500,000 DKK (2021-22) for this type of activity.

A committee at DFC will assess the application. The committee will look into the expected outcomes of the research stay, and assess how the stay corresponds to the purpose of the support. The reply to the application will be provided within 2 months after submission.

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 (to the institution hosting the stay). Funds cannot be transferred to a private account.

The timeline in applications must take into consideration the time needed for application of visas, etc. This must be arranged with the Danish host institution. DFC may be able to assist with accommodation but not with other practicalities concerning the stay, please [click here](#) for further information.

Reporting and accounts

A brief end of stay report must be submitted via [SurveyMonkey Apply](#) to DFC at the latest three months after the visit has been conducted. This apply even if a joint publication is pending. The report must briefly describe the results of the stay vis-à-vis the objectives and expected outcomes indicated in the application.

The accounts must equally be submitted three months after the conclusion of the visit and clarify how the agreed upon 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 be signed by the coordinator of the activity and a financial officer of the research institution hosting the stay. For grants to Danish institutions where the audit responsibility rests with the National Audit Office of Denmark accounts of the grants must be accompanied with a management endorsement of accounts signed by responsible coordinator of activity and the financial officer.

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