



Call for applications for Danida science engagement grants 2024

Danida Fellowship Centre is pleased to announce a new call for Danida science engagement grants.

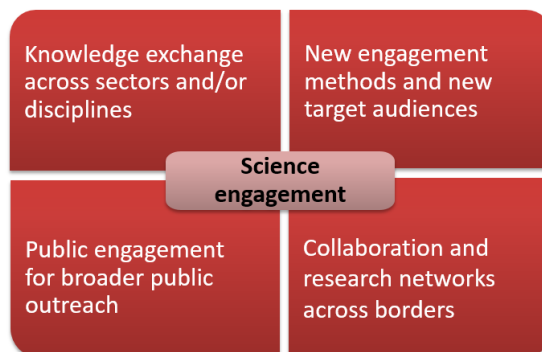
Danida Fellowship Centre (DFC) aims at promoting science engagement to bring evidence-based knowledge from Danida supported research into action. The objective of the support for science engagement is to share and promote uptake of science based knowledge and results, and to strengthen the link between Danida supported research and end users of the research outputs.

What can be supported?

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 between the Danida supported research and public authorities, private sector, community groups, civil society organizations, and/or others.
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.
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 joint science engagement activities or exchange visit between ongoing Danida funded research projects with the same thematic focus.

The proposed activities must add an extra engagement dimension to a Danida funded research project to which the application is linked.



A science engagement activity can be supported with an amount of up to 75,000 DKK plus 5.000 DKK earmarked for audit. No overhead can be charged. In this application round, a total of 400,000 DKK is available for funding of science engagement activities. A second application round is planned in the second half of 2024.

Funding can only be considered for activities that cannot be funded through other means, e.g. through existing funding in an ongoing research project.

Who can apply?

An application for an activity can be submitted to DFC by the project lead of an ongoing Danida funded research project *or* a former project lead of a Danida funded project, which was completed in 2022 or 2023.



When to apply?

The deadline for this call for proposals is Wednesday 10 April 2024 at 13:00hrs CET. Applications will be accepted only if submitted via the online application form in [SurveyMonkey Apply](#).

Grant applicants will be informed of the outcome of their applications within two months of the application deadline. An activity can thus at the earliest be planned for implementation in second half of June 2024. 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.

What must be included in an application?

The application must be submitted in English and 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
- Background, activity description, objective(s), outcomes and outputs, target group, including potential media/social media outputs
- Justification for the value added of the activity to the ongoing or former research collaboration project
- 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.

The amount applied for in DKK must be indicated in the application form and the costs must be broken down and quoted in the relevant budget lines. The grant must only be used to cover eligible costs included in the budget submitted with the application.

The budget may include following budget items:

- Travel and accommodation
- Materials and consumables
- Meeting expenses
- Dissemination and outreach
- Audit (compulsory, max 5,000 DKK)

How are the grant applications assessed?

A Selection Committee at DFC will select the successful grant applications based on the following criteria:

1. How well the activity responds to the objectives of this call.
2. Value for money, including the expected outcomes and anticipated participants

Applications for science engagement activities, which are gender balanced and include collaboration between two or more Danida funded research projects will be prioritised. You can explore relevant Danida funded research projects in the Danida Research Portal [here](#).

Co-funding of the activity by other sources is strongly encouraged.

As part of the selection process, DFC reserves the right to consider a diverse selection of activities, themes and target groups in as many different countries/regions as possible.



What to do if the grant is awarded?

The activity must be implemented in 2024 or first half of 2025 and DFC must be informed if case of delay of the planned time schedule for the activity.

The responsibility for the management and accounts of the grant rests with the responsible institution for the particular ongoing or former research project to which the science engagement activity is linked. Funds cannot be transferred to a private account.

It is the responsibility of the coordinator of the activity to ensure that the activity is widely publicized for all relevant participants well ahead of the event. This includes, if relevant, inviting a representative from the Danish Embassy to attend the event in the country where the activity will be implemented. It is also the responsibility of the coordinator of the activity to explore whether a national Danida alumni network exist in the country where the activity will be implemented and inform the network well ahead of an event (if relevant). Information about the national Danida alumni networks and relevant contacts can be found [here](#).

Kindly note that in connection with all public communications concerning the event, it must be stated that the grant was provided by Danida Fellowship Centre and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark. Please send an e-mail to research@dfcentre.dk to receive logos. Please ensure that you get the consent of your participants and contributors to share any photos or film for wider communications purposes on social media and other online platforms.

Please also 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.

What are the requirements to 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 possible media/social media outputs. A final list of participants must be attached to the report.

The applicant will be responsible for managing the grant and must ensure the following:

- The approved activity is carried out within the agreed timeframe
- The outputs are achieved
- The grant is used exclusively for the approved activity and expenses
- The present grant guidelines are followed
- The deadlines and requirements for reporting and submitting accounts are met

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 be audited and signed by the coordinator of the activity and a financial officer of the research institution responsible for the grant. An earmarked amount of 5,000 DKK for audits can be included in the budget for the activity.

If the reporting and accounts are not submitted to DFC on time, it will be considered a violation of the grant conditions and the applicant may be requested to return the funds provided under the grant.

If you have any questions, please contact the DFC Research Management Team on research@dfcentre.dk