

5. Funding:

Focus on upcoming calls

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 - i. Call from Nordic Innovation
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Spar Nord Fonden - Ph.d./Postdoc stipendier 2020

Programmet blev indstiftet i 2018

– og hvert år opfordres og inviteres forskere i Danmark til at søge.

Ansøgninger 2020

Spar Nord Fonden sætter nyt tema for hvert kalenderår – og for 2020 lægges følgende motivation til grund for ansøgninger til Spar Nord Fondens Ph.d./Postdoc-projekter:

FN's 17 Verdensmål har sat fokus på grundlæggende problemstillinger, som står højt på dagsordenen hos regeringer, virksomheder og andre organisationer. Verdensmål 10 har til formål at reducere ulighed i (og mellem) lande.

Siden finanskrisen er den økonomiske ulighed steget i Danmark. Der er blevet større forskelle mellem rig og fattig, og dermed – ikke mindst også – mellem børn af rige og fattige familier. Men på trods af denne udvikling, er Danmark stadig et af verdens mest lige lande. Hovedparten af den internationale forskning på området har udgangspunkt i lande med en langt større ulighed, hvorfor Spar Nord Fonden ønsker at sætte fokus på forskning i danske forhold.

Vi ønsker at støtte forskning, der undersøger de mulige konsekvenser af den øgede ulighed i Danmark. Hvilke effekter har en øget økonomisk ulighed på arbejdsmarkedet, uddannelsessystemet, karrieremuligheder, social mobilitet og sammenhængskraften i samfundet? Hvis der er betydelige konsekvenser ved uligheden, hvilke tiltag kan så hjælpe til at reducere disse? Projekterne kan have fokus på effekter og konsekvenser på forskellige niveauer (nationalt, regionalt, nabolag etc.) og for forskellige grupper i samfundet (børn, unge, voksne, ældre og mellem generationer).

Spar Nord Fonden indbyder hermed til ansøgninger om Ph.d./Postdoc-projekter, der har fokus på at besvare disse spørgsmål. Vi forventer, at projekterne tager udgangspunkt i empiriske undersøgelser med påvisning af årsagssammenhænge – og dermed bidrager til nye indsigter omkring Verdensmål 10, som har fokus på ulighedsreducerende politiske tiltag.

Procedure

- Application deadline to Spar Nord Fonden is May 1st at noon.
- Application can be written in Danish or English.
- It is possibly to apply both with and without an specific (named) candidate – candidates for PhDs or postdocs cannot be applicants (only Professors/Associate Professors can apply)
- Max. budget 2.200.000 DKK – no overhead.
- Before applying (DO NOT WAIT UNTILL THE LAST MINUTE):
 - Clear application plans with head of section (strategic fit, time available – remember max. limit of 2 Ph.D. students per main supervisor).
 - Coordinate if there are plans of submitting applications with similar focus.
 - Get Berit involved in the application process.
 - Get at least one person, who has not been directly involved in preparing the application, to review/comment on the application before final submission (send to id, I will either comment myself or find someone better qualified).

Nordic innovation -call for proposals

Circular cities and new circular solutions:

- Circular Cities: Public-private collaboration & Nordic cities as frontrunners in circularity
- **New circular innovations, products, services and processes**

Area 2: New circular innovations, products, services and processes

“A transition to a circular economy requires new business models and innovative products and designs that make use of non-toxic materials that can be endlessly cycled. Areas of interest include new circular materials, technologies, pilots and collaborations that have the potential to transform our societies.”

- “the involvement of industry and the direct benefit of the project for companies in the Nordic region will be part of the evaluation criteria.”

“We are looking for consortia that show ambition, complementary strengths, competence and experience with cross border activities. [...] we emphasize the significance of active participation of problem and technology owners...”

“Applicants seeking to build a strong Nordic base/consortium for future EU projects on the circular economy are also invited to participate in this call.”

- Project size 0,5-3 million DKR, maximum duration 24 months, project start June 2020.
- Requirement of 50% own contribution.
- Deadline 26 March 2020

<https://www.nordicinnovation.org/programs/call-proposals-circular-cities-new-circular-solutions>

Other upcoming calls

DFF (Independent Research Fund Denmark) - internationalisation

DFF research stay, deadline 26 March

Promote the internationalisation of Danish research. Funding for a research visit of a duration of at least 3 months at a research institution abroad.

Requires a PhD degree or equivalent.

https://dff.dk/ansogning/dff-opslag-forskningsmidler-2019_dk.pdf (in Danish)

DFF International PostDoc, deadline 26 March

To "consolidate an independent research profile". 1.3 mill. DKK for a 2-year Postdoc project at research institution abroad.

https://dff.dk/ansogning/dff-opslag-forskningsmidler-2019_dk.pdf (in Danish)

DFE thematic call

Call is to be launched in end of March with submission date June 11.

Thematic topics:

- Green transformations
- The impact of early measures (social area)
- The economic impact of
 - Welfare investments
 - Climate, nature and environment

(Further developments of economic models and principles of calculation)

<https://dff.dk/aktuelt/nyheder/information-om-proces-for-danmarks-frie-forskningsfonds-udmontning-af-tematiske-midler-i-2020-22>

Carlsberg Foundation

Receives applications for

- Grants for organizing international conferences in Denmark
 - The Carlsberg Foundation supports international conferences in Denmark with up to DKK 60,000. The grant is specifically intended to support the participation of leading international researchers and young postdocs or outstanding PhD students.
 - <https://www.carlsbergfondet.dk/da/Ansoeger/Sog-Stotte/Opslag-og-Vejledning/Conferences>
- Grants for field expeditions or research stays at leading foreign research institutions.
 - The main applicant must be at Associate Professor/Senior Researcher or Professor level.
 - The maximum grant amount is DKK 100,000
 - <https://www.carlsbergfondet.dk/da/Ansoeger/Sog-Stotte/Opslag-og-Vejledning/Field-trips>

No fixed deadlines.

INFORMATION ADDED AFTER THE MEETING

Funding for research stays does not necessarily include overhead. If a research stay is approved by the head of section, the department will – to the extent there is lacking funding for administrative costs – cover the expenses associated with the administrative fee to the faculty.

Meetings with Danish foundations

A brief overview of main lessons learned in relation to applications within business and management

Innovationsfonden/Innovation Fund Denmark

- Grand solutions thematic calls – one of the themes has a second application deadline on 17 August 2020: **Research and Innovation solutions Aiding the Green Transition** (total budget approx. 700 mill., 1st deadline was 27 February 2020).
- <https://innovationsfonden.dk/en/programmes/grand-solutions>
- Overall assessment criteria:
 - Excellence – quality of research and innovation
 - Value creation
 - Efficiency of project execution
 - Implementation of the results
- The IFD staff emphasised the importance of describing a the likely value creation potential of the project – the application must make probable a specific effect for businesses (with and estimated effects). It is not enough with a vague description of the value to the business community.

Obel Family Foundation

- New funding strategy: focus on North Denmark, mental health (children and youth), art. <https://obel.com/>
- Research funding is phased out. This does not imply that AAU cannot apply - but pure research projects will not receive funding, emphasis is on the practice-related and application-oriented perspective.
- Size of grants typically between 1 and 5-6 mill. DKR.
- Related to a business angle, projects e.g. exploring how layoffs affect employees *might* be relevant, since young people are employees....
- The foundation's staff is more than willing to discuss project ideas, and will let interested applicants know if they find that a project idea is too far-fetched in relation to the foundation's strategy.

The Velux Foundation - HUMpraxis

- Deadline for 2020 call (expressions of interest) is 3 March – so this is mainly information relevant for 2021.
- Focus on major societal challenges related to:
 - Marginalised groups (children, youth, adults, elderly)
 - Ageing (challenges to the quality of life of vulnerable elderly people)
 - Nature, climate and environment
- <https://veluxfoundations.dk/da/invitation-humanvidenskab-og-praksis-2020>
- Aim is to combine research and practice. Important that there is a genuine collaboration on addressing a societal challenge - and an equal balance between research and practice (practice shouldn't be the study object or an add on; research shouldn't be evaluation or add on).
- Supports 3-5 year collaboration projects that have the potential of becoming incorporated (rooted) in participating organisations/implemented in practices.
- NB: Also an open call for expressions of interest in 'Algorithms, Data and Democracy – a Strong Democracy in a Digitalised World' – deadline 1 May 2020, <https://veluxfoundations.dk/en/algorithms-data-and-democracy>

AP Møller Foundation

- Focus on projects with a social aim. The most relevant programme seen for a DBM perspective is the programme aimed at increasing the number of marginalised persons who find employment or get enrolled in education.
- Emphasis on collaboration with partners representing the practitioners – not add-on, but true involvement.
- The foundation's staff are generally very engaged in the idea development phase. Potential applicants with a project idea are welcome to ask for a meeting with a project advisor to explore if the idea fits – or can be developed to fit – with the foundation's policy.
- <https://www.apmollerfonde.dk/socialindsats/programmer/program-1-fokusomraader/>

6. Next meeting

Fixed time for the two annual meetings:

Last Friday in February and 2nd to last Friday in August.

Next meeting is Friday August 21st 2020.

Ideas for thematic session?

Who would like to co-organise the meeting?