



EXPLORATORY PRE-SEED GRANTS – NORDIC COUNTRIES

OBJECTIVES

The exploratory pre-seed program is a stimulus fund established to accelerate commercialization of biomedical research findings and development of novel technologies within the life sciences. The goal of an exploratory pre-seed grant is to stimulate entrepreneurship and to explore the potential of research findings at a very early stage (pre-seed), and to prepare the project for a full pre-seed grant at a later stage.

AREAS OF SUPPORT

The program seeks to support application-oriented research and to test new ideas that may lead to the development of new medical treatments, disease prevention, devices and diagnostic methods as well as new industrial biotechnology in the life science area.

ELIGIBILITY

The applicants can be faculty members, researchers and students based at universities, hospitals and other knowledge institutions in the Nordic countries. Projects from incubator development programs are also eligible.

FUNDING

DKK 5 million are available for the funding of:

- Up to 10 project grants of up to DKK 0.5 million per year.

DKK 2 million are earmarked for:

- Follow-up grants of up to DKK 200,000 for specific commercialization related activities. Projects aspiring for the additional budget should present supplementary motivation.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The application must be completed and submitted using the internet-based application system, via www.novonordiskfonden.dk.

It is important to carefully read the "Information and guidelines for applicants", accessed via the Foundation's website before initiating the application process, as this document contains the complete call as well as useful guidance regarding the internet-based application system.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS

The application system opens March 3, 2016 and the deadline for applications is April 5, 2016 at 16:00, see <http://www.novonordiskfonden.dk/en/content/exploratory-pre-seed-grants>

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