



## Call for Lundbeck Foundation NIH BRAIN Initiative

### Background

The Lundbeck Foundation's ambition is to make Denmark leading in neuroscience research by funding relevant biomedical, health, clinical and other sciences in Denmark. The goal is to foster world-class research at Danish universities and Danish university hospitals. At the same time, our grants must help provide an environment that stimulates the best graduates and scientists at all career levels.

The Foundation wishes to encourage and support international collaboration between researchers through the sharing of experience and ideas between Danish and international research institutions. In partnership with National Institutes of Health (NIH) the Lundbeck Foundation supports the involvement of researchers at Danish institutions in the Brain Research through Advancing Innovative Neurotechnologies (BRAIN) Initiative. The BRAIN Initiative is a multi-agency effort, with a coordinated contribution from 10 NIH Institutes and Centers (<http://braininitiative.nih.gov/>).

The purpose of the Lundbeck Foundation NIH BRAIN Initiative programme is to allow researchers at Danish institutions to join NIH BRAIN Initiative projects.

Lundbeck Foundation believes that diversity strengthens science and for this reason diversity, including, but not limited to, gender and ethnic origin, is encouraged. It is therefore important that we receive applications from as many qualified scientists as possible, from all backgrounds.



### Research theme

The research should be within the field of basic or clinical neuroscience, or science with clear relevance to neuroscience. The term 'neuroscience' is used here in its broadest sense, hence including medical, technical, natural and social sciences as well as humanities.



### Who can apply?

Applicants must hold a PhD degree or have similar experience and be affiliated with a non-commercial Danish research institution.



### Which proposals are eligible?

Your project proposes frontline clinical, translational or basic research with a potential benefit for Danish neuroscience. The research project may be fully based in Denmark at a Danish non-commercial research institution or partly be based at a US non-commercial research institution. In any case, the entire grant must be managed by the Danish institution. The Lundbeck Foundation does not fund drug trials conducted, either wholly or partially, in collaboration with commercial enterprises. Consequently, the Foundation only funds investigator-initiated trials conducted independently of industry. Furthermore, the Foundation does not fund research projects aimed at directly supporting commercial entities (drugs or enterprises) or have commercial implications for specific commercial enterprises.



### How much?

The Lundbeck Foundation is allocating up to DKK 10 million to this call. Grants are up to DKK 3 million each and cover up to three years. The budget may include all staff and non-staff costs related to the project, including your own salary. Up to 10% of the budget can be reserved for indirect costs if appropriately justified. Funding for full PhD stipends (including tuition fee and conference travel costs) can in total be budgeted up to DKK 1.500.000 per PhD student. PhD students are expected to become associated with Neuroscience Academy Denmark (NAD) and take part in relevant activities and PhD courses offered by NAD, [www.neuroscienceacademydenmark.dk](http://www.neuroscienceacademydenmark.dk).



### How to apply?

Researchers at Danish institutions who are interested in participating in NIH BRAIN Initiative funded awards are advised to contact the principal investigator of the NIH BRAIN Initiative award to inquire if there is mutual interest in collaboration. If there is interest, the researcher from a Danish research institution can apply to the Lundbeck Foundation for funding of the Danish-based research activities.

You must submit your application, written in English, via the Lundbeck Foundation's application system at <https://lanas.lundbeckfonden.com/>

Please note that the Foundation will not consider or assess any application material which is not submitted via the application system.

Your application must include the following:

- Research plan including anticipated impact
- Reference list
- CV of applicant and NIH grant holder
- Publication list
- Budget
- A letter of support from the Danish host institution
- A letter of support from the NIH grant holder

Please follow the guidelines on the application form.

You are welcome to contact Senior Grant Manager Ulla Jakobsen, [uj@lundbeckfonden.com](mailto:uj@lundbeckfonden.com), or Scientific Project Manager Line V. Kristensen, [lvk@lundbeckfonden.com](mailto:lvk@lundbeckfonden.com), if you have any questions regarding your application.



## ☑ Evaluation process

The evaluation will be based on the scientific excellence characterised by the criteria below:

- Applicant and collaborator (scientific achievements, scientific collaboration and network, commitment)
- Research project (ground-breaking nature, potential impact, scientific approach, feasibility, synergy)
- Host environment (scientific skills, facilities, commitment)
- Expected implications for human health
- Expected benefit to Danish neuroscience

Applications are evaluated by the Lundbeck Foundation Research & Prize Committee (<https://www.lundbeckfonden.com/en/grants/review-panels/>) who select the applications to be peer reviewed by external, international experts. Applicants will be invited to comment on the peer reviews. Based on the application, the peer reviews, the applicants' written reply to the peer review the Research & Prize Committee will make recommendations for funding or rejection to the Foundation's Board of Trustees, who will make the final decision.

### Important dates:

- Deadline for application: 13:00, 9 August 2022
- Rejection or approval of grants, December 2022



## What are the grant conditions?

If your proposal is successful, you must accept the Lundbeck Foundation's Terms and Conditions for Research Grants. The current version can be seen here <https://www.lundbeckfonden.com/en/grants/terms-and-conditions-for-research-grants/>

The purpose of the Lundbeck Foundation is *to create powerful ripple effects that bring discoveries to lives through investing actively in business and science at the frontiers of their fields.*