



## Translational Cancer Hub - 2026 Call for proposals

The **Translational Cancer Hub** at Odense University Hospital and the University of Southern Denmark (SDU) is committed to transforming cancer research and welcomes innovative proposals that align with our mission to bridge laboratory discoveries and clinical applications. The TCH is now accepting applications for its annual funding cycle.

### Eligibility Criteria:

- Proposals must demonstrate a strong interdisciplinary approach. Each application must include two co-applicants (Co-Principal Investigators, Co-PIs): **one basic researcher and one clinical researcher**, working together to address critical challenges in oncology. We particularly encourage submissions from co-applicants who have not previously collaborated.
- Co-PIs must be affiliated with NAT, Health or OUH. Adjunct professors cannot serve as Co-PIs but can be collaborators.
- Each researcher may serve as a co-PI on only one application in each round.
- Projects should promote sincere collaboration, leveraging diverse expertise and state-of-the-art technologies to drive innovation.
- We particularly encourage projects where students or early career employees from basic research labs spend significant time in clinical research environments, and vice versa. This includes both PhD scholarships, postdocs and pre-graduate fellowships.

### You can apply for:

Personnel (max 1 year of salary of a Research assistant, a PhD student or a postdoc) and consumables up to a max total of 450,000Kkr per grant. This includes PhD fees in case of PhD students for the funded year. Projects must start no later than January 2027, for a max duration of 12 months. It is not possible nor required to include overhead in the budget, as funding granted through the Translational Cancer Hub is internally covered.

### Application Process: Applications must include:

- a research proposal (strictly adhering to the application template, available in the attachment)
- CVs including a few relevant publications of the co-applicants (max 2 pages each).

All material must be submitted to the email address of Paolo Ceppi [pceppi@bmb.sdu.dk](mailto:pceppi@bmb.sdu.dk) with the email subject "TCH application 2026". Proposals will be evaluated for scientific excellence by the TCH Steering Committee, with the optional assistance of internal/external reviewers. Successful projects will demonstrate strong potential for significant impact on cancer research and patient outcomes, as well as the likelihood of securing subsequent external funding. **Deadline: 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2026**, decision expected in a about month.

Join us in advancing cancer research and improving patient care through collaborative, translational efforts. For more information and to submit your application, please contact [pceppi@bmb.sdu.dk](mailto:pceppi@bmb.sdu.dk).