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Applying for co-financing of assistant professors, postdocs and PhD students, Department of Political Science and Public Management

*Background*

The department and faculty dedicate a great number of resources to attract external funding in order to conduct high-quality and pioneering research. In extraordinary cases the department may choose to co-sponsor a position of an assistant professor, post doc and PhD to increase the chances of the department meeting one of its strategic goals. To ensure a transparent but also timely process for co-financing, the following model has been implemented.  
 The model for co-financing was introduced January 1, 2016 and has been subject to minor alterations.

The purposes of the model are:

1. to make it transparent to all that it is possible to apply for co-financing of a temporary position, e.g. when applying for large research grants, but also to underline what the conditions for receiving co-financing is;
2. to have fixed deadlines for applications for co-financing in relation to external funding, and
3. to ensure that applications arrive early and, accordingly, minimize cases of fast-tracking.

*Model as of February 2019*

* The department will only co-finance a temporary employment in extraordinary cases – and only if the project clearly supports either the department strategy or the section’s research strategy
* Everyone applying for large external grants (e.g. Carlsberg, FSE, EU, etc.) or having other funds at their disposal can apply the department for co-financing of an assistant professor, post doc or PhD positions. However, such applications must be discussed with the relevant head of section before submission.
* The application deadline for co-financing is 6 weeks prior to the deadline for the full external funding application or the deadline for submitting application for changing existing budgets.
* It is possible to apply for co-financing for researchers who are not employed at the department when they apply. As such the department is open to externals who wants to apply for significant funds and thus pay their own salary at SDU in case the funding is granted. For externals to be eligible to apply for co-financing they must be endorsed by the relevant Head of Section to ensure a match between the supposed project and the section strategy. Furthermore, the overhead of the grant applied for must cover *at least* a) all expenses the department would have towards wage and pensions (the sum of the co-financing), b) the SDU “project tax” (currently 10% of the total project budget), and c) a departmental housing fee of 50.000 DKK a year.
* Applications should be sent to the Head of Department, and they must hold a preliminary project description and a budget. The application must also contain a statement on how the project may contribute to gender equality and to the applicant’s research profile/ further career.
* All applications will be assessed by the department management team to qualify the Head of Department’s final decision.