

SDU2020

Aims

The University of Southern Denmark is setting up a research fund of 100 million Danish kroner with the aim of strengthening the university's contribution to addressing grand challenges to society. The name of the fund is SDU2020 and it is being funded by the Vice-Chancellor's strategic fund. This means that they constitute new funds for research at the University of Southern Denmark, financed by the university's savings.

The primary aim of any grant given by the fund will be to contribute to addressing grand challenges to society, such as those described in Horizon2020 and FORSK2020, and one criterion in assessing applications will be that financial assistance will increase the applicant's chances for attracting funding from Horizon2020 or FORSK2020. Applications should provide documentation for how this additional funding is expected to be achieved.

Recipients of grants must during the course of the project apply for external funding from Horizon2020, FORSK2020 or other similar national or international funds that focus on addressing major problems in society. A brief annual report should be made to the executive board, and in the event of failure to achieve progress or reach milestones, the grant may be withdrawn.

Contributions to projects from the SDU2020 fund can amount to between 5 and 20 million Danish kroner.

Applicants must be researchers employed at the University of Southern Denmark, and the funds applied for must be used for research carried out at the university. The research itself can form part of a collaboration with external partners.

Funds can be applied for to cover salaries, running costs and infrastructure, though grants will not be made to provide salaries for individuals already employed by the University of Southern Denmark.

Assessment criteria

In addition to the criteria mentioned in the above aims, applicants will be assessed on the following criteria:

- Documented research results published in internationally recognised journals
- Documented international relations with other researchers with a high academic profile
- Documented participation in a research degree
- The ability to generate income in the form of commercialisation, innovation and start-ups
- The ability to attract external funding

- The project's collaboration with other partners at home and abroad (universities and businesses, for example). Preference is given to projects with international collaboration.
- The project's multi-disciplinary nature
- The research plan's social relevance or knowledge potential
- Potential ramifications for course development
- Attraction of internationally, highly merited researchers
- Potential for talent development among young researchers

Process

There will be a pre-qualification phase and a final application round as is the case with, for example, the Danish National Research Foundation.

The following process and deadlines will apply:

Deadline	Activity	Supporting material
November 1, 2012	Deadline for submission of declaration of interest. Max. two pages in English + attachments.	See application form in attachment.
November 22, 2012	Executive board meeting. The executive board will select the applications that will go on to the final application round.	-
February 1, 2013	Selected applicants submit a more detailed application.	There will be no application form for this phase.
June 1, 2013	International assessment.	-
June 14, 2013	Executive board meeting. Discussion of comments from the assessment committees. Final decisions regarding the distribution of funding will subsequently be taken by the Vice-Chancellor.	-

Projects receiving financial assistance must be completed by 2020, and all efforts will be made to ensure that the funds are distributed before the end of 2013.

Attachment. Application form for declaration of interest

SDU2020 - Declaration of interest

Deadline: November 1, 2012.

Please send to rektor@sdu.dk

Max. two pages in English. Further material can be enclosed.

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Title of proposal	
Proposed project (short description of purpose, aims, plan, approach, external funding, personnel)	
Relation to Horizon2020 / FORSK2020. Which program you will apply to and when?	
Budget	
Planned starting date Planned completion date	
Project manager (name of researcher, phone, institute)	
Other participants (name, institution)	
Recommended by head of department (date and name)	
Enclosures (include number and name)	