



Welcome to the April 2026 issue of the DTU funding newsletter from Research Support DTU.

The newsletter contains calls for funding from the main public and private Danish funders and EU, and funding-related news and events.

All researchers (including postdocs, PhDs and research assistants), Heads of Department and the Research Administrative Network (FAN) at DTU receive the newsletter approximately 10 times per year. We hope that you find it useful.

Calls for funding can also be found on [DTU Inside](#), and you can use the AI-based platform [DTU Funding Tools](#) for identifying EU funding opportunities and finding collaborators.

For information on support for research proposals, please see under each call and the textbox at the end of the newsletter.

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News

ERC will introduce major changes to their eligibility criteria for WP2027. For WP2027 – and right now only for WP2027 – the resubmission restrictions will be extended by a year for previous applicants. Thus, applicants who received a score C at step 1 in ERC StG, CoG or AdG in the calls for WP2024, WP2025 or WP2026 – or a B score at step 1 of those calls for WP2025 or WP2026 cannot apply to any WP2027 ERC main grant calls, including Synergy and ERC Plus. Advanced Grant 2026 applicants cannot apply to Synergy Grant 2027 irrespective of their result. Read more about the restrictions [here](#), and the rationale behind the restrictions [here](#).

[Independent Research Fund Denmark \(DFF\)](#) has published all 2026 calls. Measures have been introduced to limit the number of applications, **meaning that you (as applicant) may now submit only one application in 2026**, and in future calls, and hold a maximum of two active DFF grants. DFF is hosting two webinars on 22 and 27 April 2026 for those considering applying, covering both the independent and thematic calls, as well as the most important changes, including the **new format requirements for the applicant's CV and Track Record**, and the reduced use of external reviews: [Read more and join via Zoom here](#).

European Defence Fund (EDF) launches two bottom-up calls. Disruptive Research for Defence call funds SME- and research-led projects proposing disruptive defence technologies in any area, including adaptations of civilian innovation. Defence Innovation / Development Actions call funds innovation and development projects across any defence domain, aligned with EU priority technology areas such as digital, biotech and resource-efficient technologies. More info [here](#) and [here](#).

Villum Investigator (VI) DTU Information meeting. On 7 May 2026, from 13.00 to 14.30, there will be a Villum Foundation information meeting for potential applicants to the VI 2026 call, which has a deadline of 20 August. Applicants are expected to be active researchers with a track record of excellent research within technical and natural sciences for the last 10 years or more. For further details on the meeting program and registration, [please read and register here](#).

Questions/support contact Lise-Lotte Olsen Pirovano: lilop@dtu.dk

ERC Starting Grant information meeting. On 8 June 2026, from 14.00 to 15.15, there will be an ERC Starting Grant information meeting for potential applicants (deadline October 2026). Potential applicants must be able to demonstrate a promising track-record of early achievements. As from WP2027 the applicants PhD age can be between 0 and 10 years, calculated from 1/1 2027. For further details and registration, please [read and register here](#).

Questions/support contact Johannes Lundin Brockdorff: jolb@dtu.dk

Novo Nordisk Foundation information meeting: NNF will come to DTU on June 10 from 9.00 to 11.00 to present its current funding programs and calls. Following the presentation, it will be possible to speak with representatives from the NNF departments: Technical Sciences, Natural Sciences, Biotechnology, Agri-Food, Biomedical Research, Innovation, Education & Outreach, and NNF Grant Management.

The program, meeting room in 101 and sign-up for the meeting will be posted on DTU INSIDE.

Building your CV for funding for an academic career - webinar for postdocs and late PhD students

Research Support DTU organizes an online information meeting for postdocs and late PhDs at DTU on CV building.

Wednesday 20 May 2026, 9.30-10.30 hrs - [please register here](#). Registration deadline is 18 May.

At the meeting, we will go through:

- The big picture of getting funding
- What (from a funding perspective) constitutes a competitive CV for an independent researcher?
- Available calls for proposals at your level
- Good advice to young researchers

Questions contact Mette Christiansen : mech@dtu.dk

[MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships](#) – 2 webinars for applicants:

Online seminar for applicants hosted by Aalto University (FI), 3 June, 12.00-15.15 hrs. (CEST):

Agenda:

- Introduction to MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships (MSCA PF) funding
- How to write a successful MSCA PF proposal: Excellence, Impact, Implementation
- MSCA PF experiences and success stories

Audience participation is encouraged with polls and inviting questions in the chat.

The webinar will be held in English.

The webinar is hosted by Aalto University and open to all researchers applying with a Nordic Five Tech University as host – this includes DTU.

The seminar is also relevant if you are a supervisor planning to invite a researcher from abroad to work in your group on an MSCA Fellowship.

Please register latest 1 June 2026: <https://link.webropolsurveys.com/S/9B77ABFABAD8A91E>

Organiser: Aalto University, Research Services. For further information, please contact Mervi Lipponen, mervi.lipponen@aalto.fi

Online workshop for applicants hosted by Research Support DTU, 24 June, 10-12 hrs.:

Get a grip on the different parts of an MSCA PF application. We will go through the template with focus on the non-scientific parts, e.g., training and communication. The webinar will include writing exercises.

[Sign up for the webinar here.](#)

Support staff are welcome at both webinars.

Deadline for the MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships is 9 September 2026.

Questions contact Mette Christiansen: mech@dtu.dk

DNV Foundation: New Nordic research funding opportunity - Basic research on autonomous systems, critical raw materials, and societal risks. Starting in 2026, the Norwegian *Stiftelsen Det Norske Veritas* (the DNV Foundation) will fund high quality basic scientific research in the Nordics, in the order of NOK 50–100 million annually. Eligible applicants are universities in Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden. The initial thematic areas include autonomous systems, critical raw materials, and societal risks. The calls opens end of May. For more information on eligibility, scope, budget, evaluation criteria and application, see: [Research funding from Det Norske Veritas Foundation](#)

1. Project Grants up to DKK 10 million

DFF-Research Project 1 supports bottom-up research projects with a clear and well-defined research question. Project duration is typically 3 years, but up to 4 years if it includes one or more PhD students. To be eligible, you must have a minimum of 3 years of PhD experience. You can apply for DKK 2.55 million excluding overhead. There is a new format requirement for applicants' CVs and Track Records. You can only submit one application to the DFF in 2026. Read [Call for Proposals for Independent Research 2026](#).

Deadline: 12 May 2026

NNF Infectious Diseases Catalyst Grants provide catalytic funding for exploratory, use-inspired, and innovative research projects that have exceptional potential for future direct impact on global challenges within human infectious diseases. In 2026, projects submitted to this call for applications must be within one of the two scientific themes: Novel AMR tools or Pandemic Influenza.

Funding can be up to DKK 4 million for projects with a single applicant (one PI) and up to 7 million for collaborative projects (one PI plus one co-PI) over three years.

Deadline: 15 May 2026

[Independent Research Fund Denmark \(DFF\)](#) supports [Green research](#) under the DFF-Thematic call 2026-2029. Applications must be interdisciplinary, i.e., that two of the three main scientific areas defined by the European Research Council (ERC) be present in the application. The applicant and the required Co-PI must be from or represent two different main scientific areas. ERC's definition of the three main scientific areas is as follows: (1) Life Sciences, (2) Physical Sciences and Engineering and (3) Social Sciences and Humanities. Applications must also include at least one PhD student or postdoctoral candidate. The budget is up to DKK 5 million + overhead, with a duration of up to 5 years. There is a new format requirement for applicants' and Co-PIs' CVs and Track Records. You can only submit one application to the DFF in 2026. Read [Call for Proposals Thematic Research](#).

Deadline: 2 June 2026

[Independent Research Fund Denmark \(DFF\)](#) supports [Research on artificial intelligence](#) under the DFF-Thematic call 2026-2029. It includes the general requirements of a Co-Principal Investigator and at least one PhD student or postdoctoral candidate. The budget is up to DKK 5 million + overhead, with a duration of up to 5 years. There is a new format requirement for applicants' and Co-PIs' CVs and Track Records. You can only submit one application to the DFF in 2026. Read [Call for Proposals Thematic Research](#).

Deadline: 2 June 2026

[Independent Research Fund Denmark \(DFF\)](#) supports [Clinical and independent research](#) under the DFF-Thematic call 2026-2029. It includes the general requirements of a Co-Principal Investigator. The budget is up to DKK 5 million + overhead, with a duration of up to 5 years. There is a new format requirement for applicants' and Co-PIs' CVs and Track Records. You can only submit one application to the DFF in 2026. Read [Call for Proposals Thematic Research](#).

Deadline: 2 June 2026

[Independent Research Fund Denmark \(DFF\)](#) supports [Research on artificial intelligence in the cancer field](#) under the DFF-Thematic call 2026-2029. DFF requires that either the applicant or the Co-PI (as a minimum) is employed in the healthcare system. The budget is up to DKK 5 million + overhead, with a duration of up to 5 years. There is a new format requirement for applicants' and Co-PIs' CVs and Track Records. You can only submit one application to the DFF in 2026. Read [Call for Proposals Thematic Research](#).

Deadline: 2 June 2026

[Independent Research Fund Denmark \(DFF\)](#) supports [Research on fertility](#) under the DFF-Thematic call 2026-2029. It includes the general requirements of a Co-Principal Investigator. The budget is DKK 5 million + overhead, with a duration of 5 years. There is a new format requirement for applicants' and Co-PIs' CVs and Track Records. You can only submit one application to the DFF in 2026. Read [Call for Proposals Thematic Research](#).

Deadline: 3 June 2026

[NNF Project grants in Endocrinology and Metabolism](#) aim to obtain knowledge and/or better treatment or prevention relevant to the human organism within the area of endocrinology and metabolism, relating to cellular energy homeostasis, and hormonal disorders of the endocrine system. Areas supported include research involving patients and/or clinical practice but could also include animal models, model organisms, cellular- or sub-cellular systems (with clear whole body relevance) as well as in silico analysis, with the overall purpose of solving challenges related to endocrinology and metabolism in health and disease. Funding up to DKK 4.5 million for projects lasting up to three years.

Deadline: 4 June 2026

[Independent Research Fund Denmark \(DFF\)](#) supports [The Inge Lehmann Programme](#) (promoting an even gender ratio) for research projects (DFF-Research Project 1). Up to 2.55 million DKK + overhead for typically 3 years but up to 4 years if it includes one or more PhD students. You must have a PhD between 2 and 6 years of age and be employed as an assistant professor/associate professor or researcher/senior researcher. There is a new format requirement for applicants' CVs and Track Records. You can only submit one application to the DFF in 2026. Read [Call for Proposals Thematic Research](#)

Deadline: 17 June 2026

[DFF-Research Project 2](#) supports bottom-up collaborative research with a duration of up to 4,5 years. A minimum PhD age of 8 years is required for the PI. You can apply for between DKK 2.55 million and DKK 4.45 million excluding overhead. External reviews are no longer the default. There is a new format requirement for applicants' CVs and Track Records. You can only submit one application to the DFF in 2026. Read [Call for Proposals for Independent Research 2026](#).

Deadline: 7 October 2026

[Independent Research Fund Denmark \(DFF\)](#) supports [Arctic research](#) under the DFF-Thematic call 2026-2029. It requires collaboration between researchers from at least two different research environments in the Danish Realm, of which at least one of the research environments must be residing in the country where the research activities are taking place. Furthermore, it requires that either the applicant or the required Co-PI is associated with an institution in a country within the Danish Realm. Applications must also include at least one PhD student or postdoctoral candidate. The budget is DKK 5 million + overhead, with a duration of 5 years. There is a new format requirement for applicants' and Co-PIs' CVs and Track Records. You can only submit one application to the DFF in 2026. Read [Call for Proposals Thematic Research 2026 \(Arctic and the Danish Realm\)](#)

Deadline 2 September 2026

[Plant2Food: Call round 2026](#)

In 2026, it is mandatory to refer to a posted idea or challenge when applying for funding.

This idea or challenge may be just a few lines but must be posted by 30 April.

The Abstract application deadline is 19 June.

Full application (by invitation) deadline is 2 October.

The application process, dates etc. can be found here: [Call round 2026](#)

For questions contact Iben Bang-Berthelsen: iber@dtu.dk

Workshops for co-creating the research idea can be seen and signed up to here: [The latest news from the Plant2Food platform](#)

[The LEO Foundation project grants](#) supports research in skin immunology, inflammatory skin diseases, skin physiology & drug delivery, advanced therapeutics, and systems medicine.

Deadline remaining in 2026: 25 August

[NNF Exploratory Interdisciplinary Synergy Programme](#) aims to enable creative, novel, high-risk/high-gain interdisciplinary research and support exploration of early-stage, un-tested ideas that requires interdisciplinary collaboration and solutions. See the guidelines regarding the call's definition of interdisciplinarity. These grants support early testing of the high-risk/high-gain idea and its basic concepts to secure preliminary data that can reinforce continuing into a more complex and expanded project stage.

Projects must align with NNF's strategic focus areas of Biomedical Sciences, Biotechnology, and Natural and Technical Sciences, with applicability in health or sustainability. Research within Social Sciences and Humanities can be an element of the proposal but not the primary approach.

Funding up to DKK 6.8 million over three years.

Deadline: 3 September 2026

Questions contact John Wittschieben: jpewi@dtu.dk

[NNF Project Grants for research within nutrition related cardiometabolic diseases \(CMDs\)](#) aim to develop new understandings and the translation/implementation of new and existing knowledge into society within prevention and management of nutrition related CMDs, as well as to support science capital in Denmark within nutritional sciences.

Funding up to DKK 4 million (DKK 5 million if the project includes an international co-applicant) for projects lasting up to three years.

Deadline: 8 September 2026

[William Demant](#) Fonden supports research projects and infrastructure within audiology. Online application system in Danish only.

Deadline: Running

[The Danish Maritime Fund](#) supports projects for growth and development of the Danish maritime sector. Overall themes are maritime business development, maritime education and recruitment, and maritime research. The next deadline is 13 August 2026.

Contact: Head of Maritime DTU Mette Sanne Hansen: mesa@dtu.dk

2. Project Grants above DKK 10 million

[NNF Interdisciplinary Synergy Programme](#) aims to enable creative, novel, high-risk/high-gain interdisciplinary research and provide long-term support of interdisciplinary collaborations and research ideas. See the guidelines regarding the call's definition of interdisciplinarity. Projects must be grounded in robust preliminary data that justifies the pursuit of the high-risk/high-gain concept over a four-year project term. Applicants with interdisciplinary project ideas that have yet to secure preliminary data are encouraged to consider the [Exploratory Interdisciplinary Synergy Programme](#).

Projects must align with NNF's strategic focus areas of Biomedical Sciences, Biotechnology, and Natural and Technical Sciences, with applicability in health or sustainability. Research within Social Sciences and Humanities can be an element of the proposal but not the primary approach.

Funding up to DKK 19.4 million over four years.

Deadline: 20 May 2026

Questions/support contact John Wittschieben: jpewi@dtu.dk

3. Innovation and Demonstration Grants

[MUDP: 130 millioner til udvikling af ny miljøteknologi i 2026 - MUDP](#)

MUDP supports development and demonstration projects within environmental efficient solutions to prioritized environmental challenges. Industry participation and co-financing is required. See prioritized areas in the call text. There is DKK 61 million available for this call in 2026.

Deadline: 19 May 2026

[DTU Discovery Grant](#) is DTU's own instrument for funding commercialisation projects emerging from research done at DTU. It is often the first step on a commercialisation journey for researchers. You can apply for DKK 20,000 - 150,000. Project period max. 6 months. Application must be endorsed by your department and DTU Skylab.

Deadline: Every Wednesday at 16:00 (but allow time for your Skylab innovation partner to check and endorse your application).

Questions contact Michael Persson: miper@dtu.dk

[Skylab Funding](#) helps students and young researchers (PhDs, postdocs) find soft funding and grants for their startups and prototypes. You can apply for DKK 15,000 – 150,000.

Deadlines twice a year. Check website for next deadline or contact Ida Bjerring Mehl: idabm@dtu.dk

[Frontier Grants | Lundbeckfonden](#) aims to facilitate the transition from basic research with significant potential to an attractive prospect for investors. Research within Biomedicine or health sciences, i.e. - not limited to brain health. A Frontier Grant provides financial and interactive support to test and develop the commercial and translational potential of basic research finding together with the researcher and allowing for mentoring and professional development activity. Funding up to DKK 5 million over 18 months.

Deadline: Running

4. Collaborative EU Grants

Horizon Europe Pillar I: Excellent Science

No open calls at this point

Horizon Europe Pillar II: Global Challenges and European Industrial Competitiveness

Horizon Europe Pillar II is implemented mainly through calls split across **6 thematic Clusters** and each having its own biannual Work Programme and one Work programme for Horizontal Activities. A significant part of Horizon Europe will also be implemented through institutionalized **partnerships** via Joint Undertakings which have their own separate Work Programmes. Pillar II is also organized into 5 crosscutting **Missions** aiming to solve some of the greater challenges facing our world.

Questions/support contact Charles Lawrence (cwila@dtu.dk) or Faton Avdijaj (favdij@dtu.dk).

Below is an overview of calls from the 2026 work programmes.

Note that the stated budgets are for the calls and not individual call topics.

[Health](#) (Cluster 1)

Aims to improving and protecting the health and well-being of citizens of all ages, development of health technologies and make public health systems more cost-effective, equitable and sustainable, prevent and tackle poverty-related diseases and support and enable patients' participation and self-management. The next call for proposals will be from the 2026-2027 Work Programme.

- Call **HORIZON-HLTH-2026-02, Opens – Closes:** 10 February 2026 – 15 September 2026, EUR 93 million, 1 call topic, 1 project to be funded

Related missions: [Cancer](#)

Related partnerships: [Global Health Partnership](#), [Innovative Health Initiative](#), [PARC](#), [THCS](#), [Personalised Medicine](#), [Rare Diseases](#), [One Health/AMR](#), [Pandemic Preparedness](#)

[Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Societies](#) (Cluster 2)

Aims are to strengthen European democratic values, including rule of law and fundamental rights, safeguarding our cultural heritage, and promoting socio-economic transformations that contribute to inclusion and growth. The 2025 work programme is complete, the next calls are from the 2026-2027 work programme, scheduled to open in December 2025:

- Call **HORIZON-CL2-2026-01**, Opens – Closes: 12 May 2026 – 16 September 2026, EUR 296.5 million, 26 call topics, 71 projects to be funded
- Call **HORIZON-CL2-2026-02**, Opens – Closes: 12 May 2026 – 15 September 2026, EUR 60 million, 1 call topic, 1 project to be funded

Civil Security for Society (Cluster 3)

Aims to address challenges arising from security threats, including cybercrime, as well as natural and man-made disasters. There will be one call for proposals in 2026 from the 2026 Work Programme:

- Call **HORIZON-CL3-2026-01**, Opens – Closes: 6 May 2026 – 5 November 2026, EUR 127 million, 20 call topics, 32 projects to be funded

Digital, Industry and Space (Cluster 5)

Aims to build a competitive, digital, low-carbon and circular industry, ensure sustainable supply of raw materials, develop advanced materials and provide the basis for advances and innovation in global challenges to society. The open/upcoming calls for proposals for 2026 are:

- Call **HORIZON-CL4-2026-03**, Opens – Closes: 10 March 2026 – 3 September 2026, EUR 92.00 million, 8 call topics, 15 projects to be funded
- Call **HORIZON-CL4-2027-01**, Opens – Closes: 22 September 2026 – 2 February 2027, EUR 224.00 million, 10 call topics, 62 projects to be funded
- Call **HORIZON-CL4-2027-02 Two Stage**, Opens – Closes (1st stage): 22 September 2026 – 2 February 2027, EUR 90.00 million, 2 call topics, 25 projects to be funded
- Call **HORIZON-CL4-2027-04**, Opens – Closes: 17 November 2026 – 18 March 2027, EUR 275.00 million, 11 call topics, 7 projects to be funded
- Call **HORIZON-CL4-2027-05**, Opens – Closes: 17 November 2026 – 18 March 2027, EUR 25.00 million, 1 call topic, 6 projects to be funded
- Call **HORIZON-CL4-2027-06**, Opens – Closes: 22 September 2026 – 2 February 2027, EUR 35.00 million, 2 call topics, 14 projects to be funded

Related missions: [*Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities, Adaptation to climate change*](#)

Related partnerships: [*Chips JU, Smart Networks and Services, ADRA, POTONICS21, ECSP, European Partnership on Metrology, Made in Europe, P4Planet, Globally competitive Space Systems*](#)

Climate, Energy and Mobility (Cluster 5)

The aim of the cluster 5 work programme is to make the energy and transport sectors more climate and environment-friendly, more efficient and competitive, smarter, safer and more resilient. The following calls for proposals are open/will shortly open:

- Call **HORIZON-CL5-2026-09**, Opens – Closes: 5 May 2026 – 15 September 2026, EUR 132.19 million, 7 call topics, 21 projects to be funded
- Call **HORIZON-CL5-2026-10**, Opens – Closes: 4 June 2026 – 8 October 2026, EUR 265.19 million, 8 call topics, 15 projects to be funded
- Call **HORIZON-CL5-2026-11**, Opens – Closes: 4 August 2026 – 1 December 2026, EUR 243 million, 8 call topics, 18 projects to be funded
- Call **HORIZON-CL5-2027-01**, Opens – Closes: 17 November 2026 – 4 March 2027, EUR 123 million, 7 call topics, 23 projects to be funded
- Call **HORIZON-CL5-2027-02**, Opens – Closes: 3 December 2026 – 31 March 2027, EUR 218.27 million, 9 call topics, 16 projects to be funded
- Call **HORIZON-CL5-2027-03**, Opens – Closes: 15 December 2026 – 14 April 2027, EUR 134 million, 11 call topics, 20 projects to be funded

- Call **HORIZON-CL5-2027-04-Two-Stage**, Opens – Closes (1st Stage): 15 December 2026 – 14 April 2027, EUR 53-18 million, 2 call topics, 12 projects to be funded

Related missions: [Adaptation to climate change, 100 Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities](#)

Related partnerships: [Clean Aviation, Clean Hydrogen, Europe's Rail, Single European Sky ATM Research, Smart Networks and Services, Built4People, CCAM, Zero Emission Waterborne Transport, 2ZERO, Clean Energy Transition, Driving Urban Transitions to a Sustainable Future](#)

Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment (Cluster 6)

Reduce environmental degradation, halt and reverse the decline of biodiversity on land, inland waters and sea and better managing natural resources. Ensure food and nutrition security through knowledge, innovation and digitalization. The 2025 work programme is complete and the next calls for proposals will come from the 2026-2027 work programme:

- Call **HORIZON-CL6-2026-04**, Opens – Closes: 25 August 2026 – 26 November 2026 – EUR 60 million, 1 call topic, 1 project to be funded
- Call **HORIZON-CL6-2027-01**, Opens – Closes: 26 November 2026 – 9 March 2027 – EUR 261 million, 22 call topics, 44 projects to be funded
- Call **HORIZON-CL6-2027-02**, Opens – Closes: 26 November 2026 – 9 March 2027 – EUR 205.50 million, 16 call topics, 30 projects to be funded
- Call **HORIZON-CL6-2027-03**, Opens – Closes: 26 November 2026 – 9 March 2027 – EUR 71.0 million, 8 call topics, 14 projects to be funded
- Call **HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-two-stage**, Opens – Closes (1st Stage): 26 November 2026 – 9 March 2027 – EUR 41.00 million, 3 call topics, 7 projects to be funded
- Call **HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-two-stage**, Opens – Closes (1st Stage): 26 November 2026 – 9 March 2027 – EUR 34.00 million, 3 call topics, 6 projects to be funded

Related missions: [Adaptation to Climate Change, Restore our Ocean and Waters, A Soil Deal for Europe](#)

Related partnerships: [European Partnership accelerating farming systems transition, PAHW, Water4all, Circular Bio-based Europe, Rescuing biodiversity to safeguard life on earth, Climate neutral, Sustainable and Productive Blue Economy, Animal Health and Welfare, Safe and Sustainable Food Systems, Agriculture of Data](#)

Horizontal Activities

In 2025 the EC has introduced a new work programme under Pillar 2 – Horizontal Activities (work programme 14). Its first work programme covering 2026-2027 focuses on three strategic areas:

- Clean Industrial Deal: Supporting decarbonisation and climate technologies.
- AI in Science (RAISE): Advancing artificial intelligence for scientific discovery.
- RAISE Doctoral Networks: Training researchers in AI-driven science.

Its first calls for proposals for 2026 will open in December 2025:

- Call **HORIZON-CID-2026-01**, Opens – Closes: 18 December 2025 – 15 September 2026, EUR 275 million, 2 call topics, 16 projects to be funded
- Call **HORIZON-RAISE-2026-01-MSCA**, Opens – Closes: 28 May 2026 – 24 November 2026, EUR 30 million, 3 call topics
- Call **HORIZON-RAISE-2027-01**, Opens – Closes: 22 September 2026 – 2 February 2027, EUR 29 million, 2 call topics, 4 projects to be funded
- Call **HORIZON-NATURE-2027-01**, Opens – Closes: 6 October 2026 – to be determined, EUR 95 million, 4 call topics, 10 projects to be funded
- Call **HORIZON-BRIDGING-2027-01**, Opens – Closes: 6 October 2026 – to be determined (Draft call, details to be determined)

Horizon Europe Pillar II: Missions, Joint Undertakings/Partnerships and cross-cutting actions

Missions

- Adaptation to Climate Change: support at least 150 European regions and communities to become climate resilient by 2030
- Cancer: working with Europe's Beating Cancer Plan to improve the lives of more than 3 million people by 2030 through prevention, cure and solutions to live longer and better
- Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030
- 100 Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities by 2030
- A Soil Deal for Europe: 100 living labs and lighthouses to lead the transition towards healthy soils by 2030

Opening dates and deadlines for calls from the 2026 Missions Work Programmes:

- **Climate – HORIZON-MISS-2026-01**, Opens – Closes: 4 February 2026 – 23 September 2026, EUR 82.19 million, 7 call topics, 10 projects to be funded
- **Cancer – HORIZON-MISS-2026-02**: Opens – Closes: 10 December 2026 – 15 September 2026, EUR 126.20 million, 7 call topics, 18 projects to be funded
- **Oceans - HORIZON-MISS-2026-03**: Opens – Closes: 4 February 2026 – 23 September 2026, EUR 119 million, 5 call topics, 17 projects to be funded
- **Cities: HORIZON-MISS-2026-04**: Opens – Closes: 4 February 2026 – 8 October 2026, EUR 85.5 million, 3 call topics, 10 projects to be funded
- **Soil: HORIZON-MISS-2026-05**: Opens – Closes: 4 February 2026 – 23 September 2026, EUR 34.5 million, 4 call topics, 6 projects to be funded
- **Joint: HORIZON-MISS-2026-06-CLIMA-SOIL**: Opens – Closes: 4 February 2026 – 23 September 2026, EUR 20 million, 1 call topic, 2 projects to be funded

Partnerships and Joint Undertakings (JU)

[Innovative Health Initiative \(IHI\)](#) Call 12: Opens 15 January 2026, deadline 21 April 2026

[Driving Urban Transitions \(DUT\)](#) (2025 two-stage call): 2nd Stage Opens in February 2026, deadline 23 April 2026

[Chips JU - Lab to Fab Accelerators for Advanced Packaging and Heterogeneous Integration \(Chips for Europe 2025\)](#): deadline 7 May 2026

[Chips JU Global RIA 2026 - Open, Research-Oriented Call](#): deadline 7 May 2026

[CHIPS JU Global IA 2026 – Open, Market-Oriented Call](#): deadline 7 May 2026

[Chips JU RIA Resilience 2026 – Research-Oriented Call on 6G Front-End Modules](#): Opens 7 July 2026, deadline 17 September 2026

[ECS IA Resilience 2026 – Market-Oriented Call on Photonics](#): Opens 7 July 2026, deadline 17 September 2026

[ECS IA Resilience 2026 – Market-Oriented Call on Power Electronics](#): Opens 7 July 2026, deadline 17 September 2026

[CHIPS JU IA Resilience 2026 – Market-Oriented Call on Health Technologies](#): Opens 7 July 2026, deadline 17 September 2026

[Pre-announcement: Chips JU - Quantum Chips Design](#): Opens 7 July 2026, deadline 17 September 2026

[Pre-announcement: Chips JU - Quantum Chips Enabling Technologies](#): Opens 7 July 2026, deadline 17 September 2026

[Circular Bio-Based Europe \(CBE JU\)](#) The 2026 CBE JU call for proposals will open on 23 April 2026 and closes on 22 September 2026.

[Preannouncement: Brain Health Call 1 and 2 2026](#): Opens 8 January 2026, deadline for full proposals 30 June 2026

[BE READY Call 2026](#): Opens January 2026, deadline to be announced

Widening participation and the Strengthening the European Research Area

Aims at widening participation of organisations and individuals in European research and spreading excellence and strengthening the ERA by reforming and enhancing the European Research and Innovation system. 1 call for proposals from the 2025 Widening and ERA Work Programme is open and 6 from the 2026 work programme will be published in early 2026:

- Call **HORIZON-WIDERA-2026-01**, Opens – Closes: 23 April 2026 – 24 September 2026 – EUR 7 million, 1 call topic, 1 project to be funded
- Call **HORIZON-WIDERA-2026-04**, Opens – Closes: 13 January 2026 – 24 September 2026, EUR 30 million, 1 call topic, 60 projects to be funded
- Call **HORIZON-WIDERA-2026-05**, Opens – Closes: 23 April 2026 – 9 September 2026, EUR 7 million, 1 call topic, 1 project to be funded
- Call **HORIZON-WIDERA-2026-06**, Opens – Closes: 9 April 2026 – 9 September 2026, EUR 8 million, 1 call topics, 50 projects to be funded

Horizon Europe Pillar III

EIC Pathfinder Open for high-risk/high-gain science-towards-technology breakthrough research (including ‘deep-tech’). The research must provide the foundations of an envisioned technology.

Grants: up to EUR 4 million (higher amounts if duly justified)

Next **Call Opens**: to be announced (assume 3 months before close date)

Next **Call Closes**: 12 May 2026

Questions/support contact: Emily Riley emri@dtu.dk & Faton Avdijaj favdij@dtu.dk

EIC Pathfinder Challenges cutting-edge projects that would contribute to the specific objectives of the respective Challenge (see specific challenge guides below). The challenges for 2026 are:

- [Advanced Materials for Miniaturised Energy Harvesting Systems](#)
- [BIOTECHNOLOGY FOR HEALTHY AGEING](#)
- [DeepRAP: Deep Reasoning, Abstraction & Planning towards trustworthy Cognitive AI Systems](#)

Grants: up to EUR 4 million (higher amounts if duly justified)

Next **Call Opens**: 28 July 2026

Next **Call Closes**: 28 October 2026

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EIC Transition for results stemming from eligible EIC Pathfinder, FET, ERC Proof-of-concept, H2020/HE RIAs and EDF projects targeting innovation activities that go beyond the experimental proof of principle in laboratory (from TRL3/4). It supports both the maturation and validation of novel technologies from the lab to the relevant application environments (to TRL5/6).

Grants: up to EUR 2.5 million

Next Call Opens: 22 April 2026

Next Call Deadline: 16 September 2026

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Other EU Funding Programmes

Digital Europe Programme (DIGITAL). A complementary programme to Horizon Europe, DIGITAL funds collaborative projects to develop new technologies and infrastructure within four thematic areas – High Performance Computing (HPC), Artificial Intelligence (AI), Cybersecurity and European Digital Innovation Hubs (DIH), each with their own Work Programme (downloadable from the DIGITAL website [here](#)). As well funding digital technologies, DIGITAL funds the design and delivery of specialised programmes (including MSc courses) and traineeships for future experts in key digital competences in particular data and AI, cybersecurity, quantum and HPC.

No calls are currently open

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European Defence Fund (EDF) Funds collaborative research-based projects and development-based projects addressing key technologies and defence hardware for European Member States and Norway as described in annual work programmes. The 2025 Work Programme is complete and the next call for proposals will come from the 2026 Work Programme. The 2026 calls opened on the 22 January 2026 and close on the 29 September 2026.

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COST funds interdisciplinary research networks called COST Actions. These Actions bring together researchers, innovators and other professionals including industry specialists, who are based in Europe and beyond, to collaborate on research topics for a period of 4 years. COST funding covers the expenses of networking activities rather than research and as such is used to organise meetings, training schools, short term scientific missions, and other networking activities.

COST is open to all science and technology fields, including new and emerging fields. COST Actions offer a pan-European environment for individuals of all levels of seniority to grow their professional research networks and boost their careers.

You can apply to participate in an existing COST Action or propose the creation of a new one. The next deadline to **propose a new** COST Action is expected to be in October 2026.

Questions/support, contact Charles Lawrence: cwila@dtu.dk

5. Infrastructure Grants

 **Villum Infrastructure | Villum Fonden** - Only DTU departments with a current Villum Investigator or a current, permanently employed Villum Young Investigator are qualified to apply. Qualified departments are listed under the call. Only one application per qualified department may be submitted. The application is submitted by the PI. Projects can target new equipment, custom-built equipment, or upgrades to existing equipment or facilities. The grant can range from DKK 6 to 35 million, with a grant period of 4 to 6 years.

Deadline: 23 April 2026

Questions/support contact Lise-Lotte Olsen Pirovano: lilop@dtu.dk

6. Starting Level grants (Single PI)

Villum Young Investigator supports exceptionally talented young researchers in technical and natural sciences. Applicants must have 2-8 years of research experience after their PhD; Associate professors may have a maximum of 2 years standing at the deadline. You can apply for DKK 9 million for a 5-year project. If you are employed at DTU in a tenure-track or tenured position at the deadline, your salary must continue to be paid by your department throughout the project period. You may apply a total of 2 times for a Villum Young Investigator grant.

Deadline: 3 June 2026

Questions/support contact Lise-Lotte Olsen Pirovano: lilop@dtu.dk

Lundbeck Foundation Fellows 2027 are granted to outstanding and promising young researchers who are establishing or expanding their own research groups. The proposed research must be within the fields of biomedical, clinical or health science, or must facilitate research within these fields. PhD age 3-8 years. Grants are up to DKK 12 million for 5 years.

Deadline: 18 June 2026

Questions/support contact Lisbeth Rosager Pedas: lirop@dtu.dk

[NNF Data Science Investigator Programme 2026 - Emerging Investigator](#) supports highly promising starting group leaders with ambitious research projects rooted in data science and computational science. Projects must be with immediate or potential future applications within areas of relevance to NNF's Strategy. The Emerging Investigator grant is for talented starting group leaders (typically senior postdocs, senior researchers, or assistant professors) establishing their independence. Funding up to DKK 14.7 million over five years.

Deadline: 15 July 2026

Questions/support contact John Wittschieben: jpewi@dtu.dk

[Sapere Aude: DFF-Research Leader](#) supports excellent early career researchers, i.e., researchers who have carried out top class research in their field, with the opportunity to develop and strengthen their research ideas as well as their competencies as independent research leaders. The eligibility for an applicant's PhD age is 3-8 years. Prior mobility and management experience are a plus. The award is up to DKK 4.45 million plus overhead for 4 years. External reviews are no longer the default. There is a new format requirement for applicants' CVs and Track Records. You can only submit one application to the DFF in 2026. Read [Call for Proposals for Independent Research 2026](#).

Call deadline: 7 October 2026

Questions contact Lise-Lotte Olsen Pirovano: lilop@dtu.dk

7. Consolidator Level Grants (Single PI)

[LF Ascending Investigators | Lundbeckfonden](#) grants experienced and independent researchers with a demonstrated ability to conduct original research at a high international level. Support proposals from any research field with a high potential for impact on our basic understanding of the brain as well as prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of brain disorders. Grants up to 6 million DKK (up to DKK 7 million if substantial international collaboration) over 4 years.

Deadline: 9 June 2026

Questions/support contact Lisbeth Rosager Pedas: lirp@dtu.dk

[NNF Data Science Investigator Programme 2026 - Ascending Investigator](#) supports excellent research leaders within data science and computational science. Projects must be with immediate or potential future applications within areas of relevance to NNF's Strategy. The Ascending Investigator grant is for excellent and independent Associate Professors or experienced Assistant Professors (or equivalent) with the ambition and potential to rise to the highest international level. Funding up to DKK 14.7 million over five years.

Deadline: 15 July 2026

Questions/support contact John Wittschieben: jpewi@dtu.dk

8. Advanced Level Grants (Single PI)

[LF Ascending Investigators | Lundbeckfonden](#) grants experienced and independent researchers with a demonstrated ability to conduct original research at a high international level. Support proposals from any research field with a high potential for impact on our basic understanding of the brain as well as prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of brain disorders. Grants up to 6 million DKK (up to DKK 7 million if substantial international collaboration) over 4 years.

Deadline: 9 June 2026

Questions/support contact Lisbeth Rosager Pedas: lirp@dtu.dk

[NNF Data Science Investigator Programme 2026 - Distinguished Investigator](#) supports outstanding professors with novel research ideas within data science and computational science that have the potential for high impact. Projects must be with immediate or potential future applications within areas of relevance to NNF's Strategy. Funding up to DKK 14.7 million over five years.

Deadline: 15 July 2026

Questions/support contact John Wittschieben: jpewi@dtu.dk

[Villum Investigator](#) supports outstanding experienced researchers in pursuing original ideas in the technical or natural sciences. Applicants are expected to be active researchers with a track record of excellent research for the last 10 years or more. Applicants who are already established in Denmark may apply for up to DKK 30 million. Project duration is 6 years.

Deadline: 20 August 2026

Questions/support contact Lise-Lotte Olsen Pirovano: lilop@dtu.dk

[ERC Advanced Grant](#) is for excellent researchers with an impressive 10-year track record.

Grants up to Euro 2.500.000 for 5 years.

Deadline: 27 August 2026

Questions/support contact Johannes Lundin Brockdorff: jolb@dtu.dk

9. Recruitment Grants (International and National)

[NNF Start Package Grants](#) support a 'not-yet' or newly recruited candidate's establishment of an independent research group at the host institution – mobility rule: In the past 36 months, the candidate must not have conducted research activities at the recruiting institution for more than 12 months. Candidates must be tenure track assistant professor (up to 5 million DKK), associate professor (up to 8 million DKK) or full/clinical professor (up to 10 million DKK). Only applications submitted by the Head of Department will be considered for funding. NNF key themes apply.

Quarterly deadlines - next deadline (Q3): 25 June 2026

Questions/support contact Mette Christiansen: mech@dtu.dk

The NNF RECRUIT programme now runs twice a year – next call is expected to open April/May, with a deadline in the Autumn. When the call opens, information will be sent directly to all Departments Heads from Research Support DTU – and posted in the newsletter.

For more information, see last call here: [RECRUIT](#) and [RECRUIT Sabbatical](#)

Questions/support contact Mette Christiansen: mech@dtu.dk

[Lundbeck Foundation Start-Up Programme](#) supports the recruitment of researchers from abroad or industry, within the field of basic or clinical neuroscience, or science with clear relevance to neuroscience. Only applications submitted by the person with hiring authority for permanent positions are eligible for funding. Career levels: Associate professors (DKK 7 million for 4 years) and Professors (DKK 11 million for 4 years).

Deadlines in 2026: 13 August and 22 October

Questions/support contact Lisbeth Rosager Pedas: lirop@dtu.dk

10. Postdoc Grants

[Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowships \(MSCA PF\)](#) support researchers holding a PhD who wish to carry out their research activities abroad, acquire new skills and develop their careers. PhD age max 8 years). There are 2 types of Postdoctoral Fellowships:

1. **European Postdoctoral Fellowships** - open to researchers moving within or coming to Europe to pursue their research career. These fellowships take place in an EU Member State or Horizon Europe Associated Country and can last between 1 and 2 years.
2. **Global Postdoctoral Fellowships** - fund the mobility of researchers outside Europe. The fellowship lasts between 2 to 3 years, of which the first 1 to 2 years will be spent in a non-associated Third Country, followed by a mandatory return phase of 1 year to an organisation based in an EU Member State or Horizon Europe Associated Country. Only nationals or long-term residents (5 consecutive years) of the EU Member States or Horizon Europe Associated Countries can apply.

Deadline: 9 September 2026

Questions contact Mette Christiansen: mech@dtu.dk

Note the two webinars described under News and under 13. Funding events

[Danish Cancer Society postdoc fellowships](#). PhD age max 8 years. Going abroad is mandatory. Fellowships can be up to DKK 4 million for 2-3 years.

Deadline: See homepage (in Danish only)

[The DFF-International Postdoctoral Grant](#) supports the international mobility of younger researchers and their individual research profile by enabling them to independently manage a concrete research project at a research institution outside Denmark. The PhD must not exceed 3 years. It is a requirement that you spend at least 12 consecutive months abroad. The grant amount is up to DKK 1.55 million, excluding overhead for a 2-year period. There is a new format requirement for applicants' CVs and Track Records. You can only submit one application to the DFF in 2026. Read [Call for Proposals for Independent Research 2026](#).

Deadline: 5 November 2026

[Carlsberg Foundation Reintegration Fellowship](#) is a two-year postdoctoral fellowships at a Danish research institution after a Carlsberg Foundation Internationalisation Fellowship or another research stay abroad – applicant must be abroad at time of deadline. The applicant must be a postdoctoral fellow who has obtained a PhD degree from a Danish research institution and has demonstrated a strong connection to Danish research. PhD age max 5 years. The grant can cover full salary + some operating expenses.

Deadline 1 September 2026 – call opens 31 May 2026

[Human Frontier Science postdoc](#) supports long-term fellowships in biology or cross-disciplinary fellowships in other nat-tech disciplines. Fellowships are up to 36 months.

Deadline in 2026: Initiation of letter of intent: 5 May, submission of letter of intent 12 May

11. Other Grants

[Carlsberg Foundation Urgent research support](#) supports urgent applications that, due to the nature of the project, cannot wait for the foundation's next autumn call nor could have been applied for in the most recent autumn call.

Deadline: Running

[Carlsberg Foundation Conference grant](#) supports international workshops and conferences in Denmark. The grant is specifically intended to support the participation of leading international researchers, young postdoctoral fellows, and outstanding PhD students. Maximum grant amount DKK 80,000.

Deadline: Running

12. Prizes and Awards

If you have a strong candidate for nomination under this category 12. Prizes and Awards at your department that you would like Provost Christine Nellemann to recommend, you are welcome to contact Christine Nellemann with the completed recommendation materials.

[Grundfos Foundation - The Grundfos Prize](#) The Grundfos Prize purpose is to promote, acknowledge and support national and international research and solutions, which are useful to society. Since 2018, the Foundation has targeted young researchers under the theme “The Stars of Tomorrow”. The Grundfos Prize consists of the sculpture by artist Flemming Brylle and 1 million DKK.

Nomination deadline: 1 May 2026

[The Björn Carlson Baltic Sea Prize](#) is open for nominations. An annual prize for researchers or other individuals who have made a valuable contribution to protecting the Baltic Sea’s environment and ecology. The prize is designed to increase interest in the Baltic Sea and inspire commitment to and continuation of existing efforts to ensure a healthier Baltic Sea. The prize is SEK 5 million (90% for research, 10% personal prize).

Nomination deadline: 3 May 2026

[The BBVA Foundation “Frontiers of knowledge awards”](#) recognize fundamental contributions in a broad array of areas of scientific knowledge, technology, humanities and artistic creation. One award of Euro 400.000 will be awarded to each of eight listed scientific disciplines and domains.

Nomination deadline: 30 June 2026

[The Novonesis Biotechnology Prize - Call for Nominations](#)

The purpose of the Prize is to raise awareness of basic and applied biotechnology research. It is awarded to recognize outstanding European research or technology achievements that contribute to the development of innovative and sustainable biotechnology solutions for the benefit of people and the planet. Nominees:

- must have made an important contribution to European Science in areas of relevance to e.g. biomanufacturing, industrial, environmental, food or plant biotechnology
- must have a current position and an active research program at a public or non-profit research institution in a European country
- can have any nationality

The Prize consists of an amount for the awardee’s research (DKK 4.5 million) and a personal award (DKK 0.5 million). In addition, an international symposium within the awardee’s field of research will be organised.

[Submit nominations online](#) by 1 August 2026

13. Funding Events

ERC Advanced Grant – online workshop

mERCury, the network of National Contact Points (NCPs) for the European Research Council (ERC), is organising an online event on 29 April from 10-13.00 for researchers interested in the Advanced Grant. The

event will guide participants from shaping a truly “groundbreaking” idea to understanding the evaluation process of the European Research Council (ERC). [Read more and register here.](#)

Building your CV for funding for an academic career - webinar for postdocs and late PhD students

Research Support DTU organizes an online information meeting for postdocs and late PhDs at DTU on CV building.

Wednesday 20 May 2026, 9.30-10.30 hrs - [please register here.](#) Registration deadline is 18 May.

At the meeting, we will go through:

- The big picture of getting funding
- What (from a funding perspective) constitutes a competitive CV for an independent researcher?
- Available calls for proposals at your level
- Good advice to young researchers

Questions contact Mette Christiansen : mech@dtu.dk

MSCA PF online seminar for applicants 3 June, 12.00-15.15 hrs. (CEST):

Agenda:

- Introduction to MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships (MSCA PF) funding
- How to write a successful MSCA PF proposal: Excellence, Impact, Implementation
- MSCA PF experiences and success stories

The seminar is also relevant if you are a supervisor planning to invite a researcher from abroad to work in your group on an MSCA Fellowship.

Please register latest 1 June 2026: <https://link.webpolsurveys.com/S/9B77ABFABAD8A91E>

Organiser: Aalto University, Research Services. For further information, please contact Mervi Lipponen, mervi.lipponen@aalto.fi

ERC Starting Grant information meeting.

On 8 June 2026, from 14.00 to 15.15, there will be an ERC Starting Grant information meeting for potential applicants (deadline October 2026). For further details and registration, please [read and register here.](#)

Questions/support contact Johannes Lundin Brockdorff: jobl@dtu.dk

MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships online workshop for applicants, 24 June, 10-12 hrs.:

Get a grip on the different parts of an MSCA PF application. We will go through the template with focus on the non-scientific parts, e.g., training and communication. The webinar will include writing exercises.

[Sign up for the webinar here.](#)

Support staff is welcome.

Deadline for the MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships is 9 September 2026.

Questions/support contact Mette Christiansen : mech@dtu.dk

[Plant2Food: Call round 2026](#)

Workshops for co-creating the research idea can be seen and signed up to here: [The latest news from the Plant2Food platform](#)

Research Support DTU can help you with calls where we have given a contact person – for all calls we are always happy to answer your questions

- [A list of department support staff can be found here on DTU Inside](#)

This newsletter contains calls from the main public and private funding bodies in Denmark and the EU Horizon Europe framework programme. You may find additional calls here:

- [Funding opportunities DTU Inside](#)
- [Legatbogen](#)