



Welcome to the June 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.

Calls/events with 2 weeks or less to deadline are marked with ⏳

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This will be the last newsletter before the summer holidays – we wish all of you a lovely summer ☀️

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News

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New events in this newsletter are:

- Sapere Aude: DFF-Research Leader Information Meeting

- MSCA DN Coordinator workshop

ERC will introduce new eligibility windows for Starting and Consolidator grants as from WP2027.

Starting from WP2027 you can apply for ERC Starting Grant, if your PhD is more than 0 and less than 10 years. For ERC Consolidator Grant your PhD age should be more than 5 and less than 15 years. A researcher can only be awarded one ERC Starting Grant and one ERC Consolidator Grant in their career. The reason for the changes is that academic career paths vary significantly across countries and disciplines in Europe.

European Defence Fund (EDF) launches two additional 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](#).

COST Management Committees

In May, COST announced 80 new Actions networks (see [COST-OC-2025-1-approved-Actions-booklet.pdf](#)) that give researchers and innovators the opportunity to come together and collaborate on a topic within their research area over a four-year period.

The Danish Agency for Higher Education and Science has initiated the process of appointing members to the boards of these actions, the so-called Management Committees (MC).

Denmark can appoint two members to each Management Committee. Applications from main and co-applicants to an Action have priority for the MC places, and in addition, the places are distributed according to factors such as gender and age.

Find the application form and read more about COST Actions, Management Committees, etc. [here](#). If you are interested in participating in the Management Committee in a relevant network, you can send your application to COST@ufm.dk **no later than Sunday 21 June**.

2026 2027 Horizon Europe NTNU Expertise Brochures

These brochures aim to foster partnerships for Horizon Europe Pillar II collaborations. They offer a comprehensive overview of research capabilities, organized by cluster, making it easier for external stakeholders to identify synergies for their proposals. As with the previous editions, the intention is to support the creation of collaboration dialogue between NTNU and EU stakeholders and possibly generate European projects. Explore the brochures [here](#).

The Novo Nordisk Foundation has announced its [2027 Challenge Programme](#), which aims to support outstanding research collaborations between leading scientific experts working within one of four selected themes. The 2027 themes are:

- Theme 1: [Advancing Next Generation AMR Diagnostics for Lower Respiratory Tract Infections](#)
- Theme 2: [Heat and hypertension – understanding the mechanisms of interaction](#)
- Theme 3: [Unravelling electron transfer mechanisms in hybrid bio-electrocatalysis](#)
- Theme 4: [Harnessing novel Earth-abundant materials for sustainable technologies](#)

The Stage 1 deadline for all 4 themes is 7 October 2026. See more under category 2. Project grants above DKK 10 million below.

1. Project Grants up to DKK 10 million

[NNF Project Grants for research within Industrial Biotechnology and Environmental Biotechnology](#) support excellent research addressing major challenges within Industrial Biotechnology and Environmental Biotechnology, with a strategic perspective addressing major questions and challenges within these fields. The research should be fundamental in character but have a strategic outlook to scaling potential(s),

contribute to sustainability and, if relevant, increase productivity. The proposed research must involve a clear element of biotechnology.

Funding of up to DKK 4.3 million over three years.

Deadline: 20 August 2026

[NNF Project Grants for research within Plant Science, Agriculture and Food Biotechnology](#) support research addressing major challenges within plant, agricultural, and food science associated with developing sustainable agriculture and food production. The research should be fundamental in character with a clear and strategic outlook to improve sustainability and potential solutions.

Funding of up to DKK 4.3 million over three years.

Deadline: 20 August 2026

[Lundbeckfonden LF Experiment](#) supports extraordinary and bold research ideas that challenge the norms and prevailing ideas within its field of research. LF is seeking unique, high-risk ideas which have great potential to transform our understanding of an important neuroscience field if successful. Proposals without clear relevance for neuroscience will be rejected. You can apply for up to DKK 2.3 million for 2 year-projects.

Deadline: 27 August 2026

[NNF Regenerative Medicine Catalyst Grants 2026](#) provide catalytic funding for translational research projects withing the following thematic research areas:

1. Allogeneic cell therapy
2. Analytical methods to validate stem cell-based medicine
3. Engineering biomaterials for regenerative medicine therapy
4. Clinical development of cell therapies

The programme focuses on catalysing solutions to current challenges in the regenerative medicine (RM) field, thereby advancing the field, strengthening the Nordic RM ecosystem, promoting international collaboration, and lowering time- and cost-barriers to RM therapies.

Funding of up to DKK 5 million per grant for projects with one or more co-applicants from the same Nordic country, and up to DKK 10 million per grant for collaborative projects with at least one international co-applicant.

Deadline: 1 September 2026 (phase 1)

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

 **[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

[Det Norske Veritas Foundation - Autonomous systems](#)

Researchers from Nordic universities can apply for NOK 5-12 millions (around DKK 3,3-8 mio.) for an up to 3 year basic research project within autonomous systems. The PI must have completed a PhD. This call targets fundamental scientific challenges in enabling safe and trustworthy AI-enabled autonomous systems and managing the risks they introduce.

Deadline 5 July 2026

[Det Norske Veritas Foundation - Critical raw materials](#)

Researchers from Nordic universities can apply for NOK 5-12 millions (around DKK 3,3-8 mio.) for an up to 3 year basic research project within critical raw materials. The PI must have completed a PhD. The call prioritizes system-level basic research across the full value chain of strategic and mass materials, from geological formation and resource understanding to low carbon extraction, processing, recycling and the development of alternative materials and processes that reduce dependence on scarce or geopolitically sensitive elements.

Deadline 5 July 2026

[Det Norske Veritas Foundation - Societal risks](#)

Researchers from Nordic universities can apply for NOK 5-12 millions (around DKK 3,3-8 mio.) for an up to 3 year basic research project within societal risks. The PI must have completed a PhD. Growing geopolitical tension, harmful narratives, climate-related disruptions and rapid technological change all increase vulnerabilities for society at large and critical infrastructure in particular, increasing the need for civilian protection, preparedness and resilience.

Deadline 5 July 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 supporting societal learning for the green transition support societal learning to help accelerate the green transition of society. The purpose of this call is to support projects and initiatives that will innovate, implement and/or scale up more sustainable behaviour and practices among individuals, communities, and organisations in Denmark.

Funding of up to DKK 6 million over three years.

Deadline: 3 September 2026

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

NNF MicroMAX Collaborative Research Grants 2027 have the broader aim of strengthening the user community at the MicroMAX macromolecular crystallography beamline, as well as some general research and training goals involving MicroMAX and synchrotron crystallography. Projects should be within the NNF's strategic focuses on biomedicine, health sciences, sustainability, biotechnology, natural & technical sciences, or data science. Applications within natural, technical, or computational sciences must describe how the research enabled by the research infrastructure may have potential future applications in health or sustainability.

Applications must have 1 or 2 co-applicants at an eligible institution in DK or abroad. At least one applicant must have expertise within synchrotron-based crystallography or closely related method(s).

Funding up to DKK 7 million per project (2-4 years).

Deadline: 15 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 Challenge 2027 grants aim to support outstanding research collaborations working within one of four selected themes:

- Theme 1: [Advancing Next Generation AMR Diagnostics for Lower Respiratory Tract Infections](#)
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The NNF Challenge Programme gives leading researchers the opportunity to assemble a strong team that can collaborate in a centre-like structure with a unifying vision and mission to develop solutions to major challenges. The Programme provides long-term funding to enable scientific depth and focus and facilitate synergy between the research partners. Up to DKK 600 million will be awarded for 6-year grants of DKK 30-75 million each.

The Programme supports collaboration between leading scientific experts to form a consortium of 2-4 research groups. At least one applicant (either main- or co-applicant) must be at least 75% employed at an eligible research organization in Denmark and have their research group there. A researcher at an eligible European (European Union, Schengen Area plus United Kingdom) research organization can lead the collaboration and be the main applicant

Deadline: 7 October 2026 (Stage 1)

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

3. Innovation and Demonstration Grants

[IFD Grand Solutions Call: Defence technology and innovation.](#) The call targets research and innovation projects that can strengthen Denmark's defence capabilities through advanced technologies and solutions. It supports large-scale, collaborative projects bringing together universities, industry, and other key stakeholders. Funding per project (IFD investment): DKK 5–30 million with a 75% funding rate; Project duration: 1–5 years; Total call budget: DKK 105 million; Deadline: 1 September 12:00 noon

Questions/support contact Emily Elizabeth Riley: emri@dtu.dk

[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

[MUDP – Demonstration of full-scale solutions within environmental Technologies](#)

MUDP supports demonstration of a full-scale solution within environmental Technologies. See prioritized areas in the call text. There will be 61 million available for this call in 2026.

Deadline: 25 August 2026

[GUDP \(food, climate, environment\)](#)

GUDP supports green development and demonstration projects within the Danish food sector. The projects should be economical sustainable and solve some of the climate and environmental problems that the society faces. Industrial participation and co-financing are required.

The call is expected to open on 10 June, with a deadline on 20 August 2026.

[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

MSCA Doctoral Networks

Together with two or more European partners you can apply for up to 15 PhD-stipends for a common research programme, including joint research training. The aim is for the researcher to experience different sectors and develop their transferable skills by working on joint research projects.

Deadline for 2026: 24 November

Questions/support contact Lisbeth Rosager Pedas: lirop@dtu.dk or Mette Christiansen: mech@dtu.dk

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)

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

[IHI Call 13](#): Opens in Summer 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

[Pool 5: Accelerating Systemic Impact across the Danish CCUS Value Chain](#): deadline 22 June 2026

[Quantum Test and Demonstration Facilities \(Q-TEST\)](#): deadline 18 August 2026

[Global Research Collaborations](#): Opens 12 May 2026, deadline 3 September 2026

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. The following calls are open:

- 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 2027(expected)

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

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

[**Carlsberg Foundation Research Infrastructure**](#) support the procurement of research infrastructure. Funding may only be requested for the purchase of equipment or apparatus, as well as for access to international facilities, including subscription fees for a specific period. The applicant must be a tenured associate professor/senior researcher or professor employed at one or more Danish, Greenlandic, or Faroese research institutions.

Deadline: 1 September 2026

[**Carlsberg Foundation Digital Research Infrastructure**](#) support for the procurement of register data, access to databases, or the establishment of databases or text corpora. While the Carlsberg Foundation encourages interdisciplinary research, there must be a strong humanities or social sciences aspect. The applicant must be a tenured associate professor/senior researcher or professor employed at one or more Danish, Greenlandic, or Faroese research institutions.

Deadline: 1 September 2026

6. Starting Level grants (Single PI)

 [**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)

[Carlsberg Foundation Semper Ardens Accelerate](#) supports the consolidation of the applicant's independent research group or research environment. The applicant must be a tenured associate professor, employed at a Danish research institution who has been appointed for a maximum of two years at the date of the application deadline. DKK 7 million for 3-5 years.

Deadline: 1 September 2026

Questions/Support: contact Lisbeth Rosager Pedas: lirop@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)

[Carlsberg Foundation Semper Ardens Advance](#) supports internationally recognised professors as well as research groups to pursue visionary research projects at the highest international level aiming for scientific breakthroughs. DKK 15 - 25 million for a 5-year project.

Deadline: 1 September 2026

Questions/support contact Lisbeth Rosager Pedas: lirop@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 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

[ERC Plus Grant](#) is for excellent researchers and undisputed leaders in their research field. Please note that only around 30 ERC Plus Grants can be awarded, compared to approximately 1000 Starting, Consolidator and

Advanced Grants. This level of competitiveness should be considered when deciding whether to submit an application.

Grants up to Euro 7.000.000 for 4-7 years.

Deadline: 2 September 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

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

NNF Postdoctoral Fellowships for research within Industrial Biotechnology and Environmental Biotechnology supports outstanding postdoctoral scientists. The proposed research must involve a clear element of biotechnology, have an outlook to scaling potential(s), contribute to sustainability and, if relevant, increase productivity.

PhD-age of max 5 years

Funding of up to DKK 3.3 million over three years.

Deadline: 20 August 2026

NNF Postdoctoral Fellowships for research within Plant Science, Agriculture and Food Biotechnology supports outstanding postdoctoral scientists conducting research within plant science, agriculture and food biotechnology. The proposed research should address major challenges within plant, agricultural, and food science associated with developing sustainable agriculture and food production. The research should be fundamental in character with a clear and strategic outlook to improve sustainability and potential solutions.

PhD-age of max 6 years

Funding of up to DKK 3.3 million over three years.

Deadline: 20 August 2026

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 applicants' online workshop described 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, Greenlandic, or Faroese research institutions for postdoctoral fellows returning from research stays abroad – As a general rule, the applicant must be abroad at time of deadline. The applicant must be a postdoctoral fellow who has obtained a PhD degree from a Danish, Greenlandic, or Faroese 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. The Reintegration Fellowships will be offered for the final time as a separate funding instrument under Autumn Call 2026

Deadline 1 September 2026

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

[Carlsberg Foundation Field Trips / Research Stays](#) supports expenses related to field trips abroad and research stays at international research institutions with a budget exceeding DKK 100,000.

Deadline: 1 September 2026

[Carlsberg Mindelegat](#) supports researchers' communication of their own research to non-scientific audiences. Grant size DKK 50,000 - 200,000 for 2 years.

Deadline: 1 September 2026

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.

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

The Lundbeck Foundation Talent Prize is awarded to five scientists under the age of 30 (rules for leave of absence apply) who have made or contributed to original discoveries leading to the advancement of science, resulting in a better understanding, or improvement, of health and biomedical sciences in the broadest sense. The prize is DKK 300.000. The amount is split between a personal prize of DKK 100.00 and DKK 200.000 for research activities. Nominations are accepted from leading scientists (group leaders) at Danish universities, hospitals or other research institutions.

Deadline: 12 August 2026

The Lundbeck Foundation Young Investigator Prize seeks to celebrate young scientists who have contributed significantly to the advancement of science resulting in a better understanding, or improvement, of health and biomedical sciences in the broadest sense. The prize is awarded to a scientist under the age of 40 (rules for leave of absence apply). The prize is DKK 1.000.000. The amount is split between a personal prize of DKK 300.000 and DKK 700.000 for research activities. Nominations are accepted from leading scientists (group leaders) at Danish universities, hospitals, or other research institutions.

Deadline: 12 August 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

13. Funding Events

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, Clinical Medicine & Diabetes, Innovation, Education & Outreach, and NNF Grant Management. There will also be a representative from the BioInnovation Institute (BII).

The meeting will be in Glassalen in 101 and the program can be found at this [link](#) on INSIDE.

IHI Call Days - call 13

The IHI Call Days provides potential applicants with the information they need to put together a strong proposal. The IHI Call Days for IHI call 13 will take place from 24 to 30 June 2026 online and will include sessions on the individual topics as well as the rules and procedures. Register [here](#).

Innovation Fund Denmark webinar on new billion-level investments in Danish defence innovation. Watch the video [here](#).

GUDP information meeting

The next information meeting will be held on Wednesday, 24 June 2026, from 10:00 to 13:00 and will cover GUDP's application round 2, 2026. The information meeting will be held as a webinar. Register [here](#).

 **Research Support DTU** invites you to the **Sapere Aude DFF-Research Leader information meeting** for potential candidates who are considering applying for the Sapere Aude Grant. It is on 15 June at 14:30 in the afternoon in Building 101, meeting room S01 (ground floor). You can see the programme and sign up [here](#). Questions contact Lise-Lotte Olsen Pirovano: lilop@dtu.dk

Research Support DTU invites you to our Coordinators workshop for the **MSCA Doctoral Networks 2026**. The workshop will take place on 17 September from 9.00-12.00 in DTU's Meeting Centre, Building 101.

Read more and sign up here: [MSCA Doctoral Networks 2026 – Coordinators workshop](#)

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 are welcome.

Deadline for the MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships is 9 September 2026.

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

Free Third-Party Horizon Europe Webinars

Euro Media Training is holding the following free webinars in June on Horizon Europe, covering pre- and post-award:

Stress-free Communication & Dissemination Reporting in Horizon Europe

Monday 22 June at 11:00 CEST (1 hour)

Why Nobody Wants to Talk About Exploitation: Creative Methods to Engage Horizon Europe Partners

Tuesday 23 June at 11:00 CEST (1 hour)

Designing and Managing Financial Support to Third Parties (FSTP) in Horizon Europe

Wednesday 24 June at 11:00 CEST (1 hour)

Personnel Cost Calculation Challenges Across Horizon Europe, Digital Europe and Other EU Funding Programmes

Thursday 25 June at 11:00 CEST (1 hour)

From the Detailed Lump Sum Budget to the Integrated Part A Forms: A New Challenge Ahead Under the Horizon Europe 2026 Calls

Friday 26 June at 11:00 CEST (1 hour)

If you wish to participate in any or all of the webinars you must register [here](#).

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](#)

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