



AU Ideas 2013: Guide for Applicants

The Aarhus University Research Foundation (AUFF) and Aarhus University are launching another round of AU Ideas. The initiative aims at stimulating the development of novel research projects and the establishment of pilot centres. The programme is targeted at employees in research positions at Aarhus University, and is envisaged to help mature visionary and original project concepts.

Who can apply

Full time employed researchers (at minimum associate professor level) at Aarhus University.

AUFF Project Development

The application must be submitted via the AU electronic application system www.efond.dk/auff. Once you have registered, you can change/edit your application until submission.

The application must contain the following information, which is to be typed in or copy-pasted into the electronic application system:

About the applicant:

1. Career outline (a maximum of 2500 characters):
Keywords: Brief outline of your professional career: background, qualifications, past results (and expectations to future results). Listing of references.
2. List 5 key publications:
Please list your 5 most important/essential publications of particular relevance to the project.
3. Information about publications:
Total number of peer reviewed publications; number of monographs; number of edited books; number of book chapters; number of proceedings.

About the idea (project):

1. Description of the idea/research question (a maximum of 5000 characters):
Key words: The background of the idea and context. The research question itself. Its relation to other/existing research. Why is it important? Supporting materials and methods.
2. Description of the objectives (a maximum of 2500 characters):



Key words: The perspectives of the idea, now and in the long term. The process: Milestones within the project period. Expected results by the end of the grant period. National and international cooperation. Expected contribution to talent development. Plans for the future, if expectations are met.

3. Description of the novelty of the idea / research question (a maximum of 1500 characters):

Brief statement about the novelty and originality of the IDEA / project.

Budget:

The applicant must fill in the specified budget under step 3 in the electronic submission system.

1. The budget maximum is DKK 500,000 over a period of 1-2 years.
2. The applicant must give a brief explanation of the budget in the designated field under step 3 (a maximum of 2000 characters).
3. Please note that if the budget contains costs related to wages, these must be based on Danish collective agreements.

The Research Support Unit may be of assistance regarding questions related to wages.

Please refer to "AU Ideas 2013 budget guidelines" for specific budget requirements.

AUFF Pilot Centres

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About the applicant:

1. Career outline (a maximum of 2500 characters):
Keywords: Brief outline of your professional career: Background, qualifications, past results (and expectations to future results). Listing of references.
2. List 5 key publications:
Please list your 5 most important/essential publications of particular relevance to the project.



3. Information about publications:

Total number of peer reviewed publications; number of monographs; number of edited books; number of book chapters; number of proceedings.

About the idea (Pilot Centre):

1. Description of the idea/research question (a maximum of 5000 characters):

Key words: The background of the project and context. The research question itself. Its relation to other/existing research. Societal and scientific importance. Supporting materials and methods.

2. Description of the objectives (a maximum of 2500 characters):

Key words: The overall perspectives of the idea, now and in the long term. The process: Milestones within the project period. Expected result by the end of the grant period. National and international cooperation. Expected contribution to talent development. Plans following the end of the centre's grant period (content, financially and organisational) if expectations are met.

3. Organisation of the centre (a maximum of 2500 characters):

Key words: Management structures, collaboration (interdisciplinary, international), location.

4. Presentation of co-applicants (a maximum of 2500 characters):

Presentation of other members of the research group. Name, title, workplace and short resume.

5. Letter of agreement by head of department:

Must be uploaded as a pdf-file or jpeg-file.

Budget:

In addition, the applicant must fill in the specified budget under step 3 in the electronic submission system.

1. The budget maximum is DKK 7,500,000 over a period of 3-5 years.

2. Please note that if the budget contains costs related to wages, these must be based on Danish collective agreements and include pension, ATP and holiday payment. Please refer to the Research Support Unit, if you have any questions regarding wages.

3. The applicant must give a brief explanation of the budget in the designated field under step 3.



Eligibility screening of applications

After the deadline for applications, the applications will be subject to an eligibility screening based on the criteria described above.

Evaluation criteria

The applications will be evaluated on the following evaluation criteria:

- 1) The scientific quality of the proposed research project
 - Novelty and originality
 - Scientific/intellectual merits of the proposed research: clear, convincing and compelling
 - Description of research idea, and review of state of the art
- 2) The relevance of the proposed work and its broader impact, including an explanation of the length of the project.
- 3) Relationship between project scope and proposed budget

Academic track record is not an evaluation criterion in itself. The resume is required as documentation for the applicant's academic production.

Evaluation and selection process

Each eligible proposal will be evaluated by a review panel for each of the four AU academic areas i.e. Arts, Health, Business & Social Sciences and Science & Technology. The review panels will evaluate and prioritise the applicants within each field.

The assessments will be forwarded to the selection board. Based on the assessments of the reviewers, the selection board will make the decision on which applications will be recommended for funding to The Aarhus University Research Foundation.



Review panels:

Arts

Professor Helle Vandkilde
Professor Sten Vikner
Professor Jeppe Læssøe
Professor Morten Kyndrup

Health

Professor Helle Prætorius
Professor Henrik Toft Sørensen
Professor Mogens Vestergaard
Professor Jørgen Frøkiær

Science and Technology

Professor Bent Tolstrup Christensen
Professor Mogens Nielsen
Professor Bo Barker Jørgensen
Professor Karl Anker Jørgensen

School of Business and Social Sciences

Professor Joachim Scholderer
Professor Christoffer Green-Pedersen
Professor Dorthe Berntsen
Professor Torben M. Andersen

The selection board:

Morten Kyndrup, Chair
Jørgen Frøkiær, Vice-Chair
Bo Barker Jørgensen
Dorthe Berntsen
Torben M. Andersen
Karl Anker Jørgensen

Sources of help and additional information:

For additional information regarding the electronic submission system, the application process itself or the AU Ideas programme in general, please feel free to contact:

- Administrator Tove Østergaard Le by email TOE@adm.au.dk or phone +45 21 62 49 21



Timeline:

- Call: 14 March 2013
- Deadline for applications: Tuesday, 28 May 2013 at 12:00 (noon)
- Evaluation period: June-September 2013
- Applicants will receive answers: October 2013
- Expected project start: January 2014