



Flagships 2021

AUFF flagships is an initiative to support major research projects of extraordinary grade, high visibility and with considerable international impact on Aarhus University. In order to be considered for an AUFF flagship, the project must have a strong scientific breakthrough and innovative strength, as well as being able to effectively raise awareness of Aarhus University, both nationally and internationally. AUFF flagships must create synergy between research at the highest level and creatively underline general purpose, which can profile AUFF and Aarhus University in the general public.

Application procedure

Each dean can nominate one application for a flagship project. The applications received will be considered by the AUFF review committee and submitted for an external assessment. Finally, with due consideration for the external and internal assessments, the review committee selects a project that is recommended for grant of the Board of AUFF. The final grant from AUFF will not be issued until other funding has been obtained of at least the same amount as AUFF intends to grant.

Application requirements

- Application budget up to DKK 15 million kr.
- The application must be written in English
- Project description including illustrations and workplan (max 10 standard pages)
- References to project description can be attached additionally (max 1 standard page)
- Plan for public outreach (max 5 standard pages)
- Budget
- Commitment from other foundations or plan for how other funds will be able to support the project (max. 3 standard pages)
- CV for main applicant incl. publication list for the last 10 years (max. 5 standard pages)

Review process

Evaluators must be internationally recognized researchers in the field and be external to Aarhus University. Each evaluator assesses each application based on five criteria:

Criteria for evaluation:

1. Scientific level

(Keywords: Scientific breakthrough, innovative strength)

2. Public outreach

(Keywords: Branding value, synergy between research at the highest level and creative public outreach, profiling AUFF and Aarhus University in the general public, could effectively create awareness of Aarhus University both nationally and internationally, public visibility)

3. Implementation

(Keywords: Partnership with one or more national or international actors, commitments for support from one or more foundations, or a plan for how other support is obtained that matches the support of the Aarhus University Research Foundation. Budget, infrastructure, organization)

4. The applicant group

(Keywords: Academic level and potential of applicant / applicant group members. Involvement of younger researchers)

5. Overall

(Keywords: AUFF Flagships is an ambitious instrument with the intention of supporting actions of an extraordinary nature. In a competition between several flagship candidates, scientific quality and the potential for broad public visibility will play a crucial role in the final prioritization.)

Time schedule

- May 5, 2021 at 12.00: Application deadline
- Early-May: AUFF Review Committee Meeting 1. First discussion of applications.
- Mid-May: Appoint and contact potential evaluators.
- May - June: Review process with external evaluation.
- July - August: AUFF Review Committee process applications and associated external evaluations.
- Mid-August: AUFF Review Committee meeting 2. Decision regarding final recommendation for funding.
- 27 - 28 September: Foundation Board Meeting (Strategy Seminar).

Contact and more information

AUFF Review Committee Chairman Professor Karl Anker Jørgensen, 2680 4960 or kaj@chem.au.dk can be contacted about general questions for AUFF Flagships. Questions regarding the application procedure, requirements, framework and schedule can be directed to Tove Østergaard Le, Talent Development Unit, 2162 4921 or toe@au.dk.

The application (in a single pdf file) should be sent to Tove Østergaard Le, Talent Development Unit, via e-mail: toe@au.dk