

Call Global Research Collaborations

Application deadline: 3 September 2026 at 12:00 (noon) CET

Project duration: 2–4 years

Total budget: minimum 49 MDKK

Innovation Fund Denmark's investment per project: 2–8 MDKK

Maximum investment rate: up to 90 pct. of the total project budget

1. About the programme

The programme invests in ambitious research and technology collaborations that develop new knowledge and technology in areas of strategic importance to Denmark and contribute to strengthening Danish research within these areas. Funding is provided to projects that support strong, long-term collaboration between Danish research institutions and research environments in selected countries, bringing together complementary and enhancing knowledge bases and expertise. Innovation Fund Denmark emphasises that the projects establish a foundation for long-term international research and innovation collaboration to the benefit of Denmark.

Requirements for project organisation:

A Global Research Collaborations-project must be based on a collaboration between a Danish research institution and a research organisation from one of the following countries:

- Canada
- Japan
- Republic of South Korea

The Danish research institution acts as the main applicant, administers the grant, and is responsible for communication with Innovation Fund Denmark. The international research partner commits to participating in the project and may receive a specified share of funding.

Eligible cost types: The programme may cover costs related to salaries, equipment and materials, as well as other costs such as travel, accommodation, events and external services. All costs must support the project's research and innovation activities

Eligible activities: To a limited extent (maximum 10 pct.), costs for networking activities (e.g. workshops, conferences) may be covered. These activities should support knowledge exchange, relationship building and the establishment of long-term collaborations linked to the research project.

2. Strategic research areas

For this call, three critical technology areas have been selected as strategic priorities. These areas are strategically selected based on the framework described in the *Agreement on Research and Innovation 2026-2029* and are furthermore considered essential to Denmark's long-term security, resilience and competitiveness. Projects must therefore contribute to strengthening research and innovation within one or more of these areas.

Biosolutions

Projects for research and technology collaborations within biosolutions must have the aim of strengthening research and technological development that can contribute to the development of sustainable production and new solutions through the understanding, manipulation and use of living organisms. The efforts should be related to agriculture, food, environment, construction, transportation, process industry, and climate.

Projects within biosolutions can, among other things, support research and technology development in:

- Bio-based ingredients
- Fermentation technology, including precision fermentation and gas fermentation
- Cell culturing for high value products, including alternative proteins
- Processing, biorefining and conversion of side streams into valuable products and/or feed
- Industrial enzymes or biochemicals
- Methods for screening and analyzing large amounts of data to identify new biosolutions
- New crop seed treatment methods
- Bioenergy and bio-based environmental technologies, including carbon capture and storage
- Biotechnologically produced materials e.g. for use in textiles or construction
- Biostimulants and microbiological crop control agents that can help reduce agriculture's use and dependence on chemical pesticides and inorganic fertilizers
- Biotechnological solutions to reduce CO₂ emissions from manufacturing processes and end products

Quantum Technologies

Projects for research and technology collaboration within quantum technologies must contribute to maintaining and further developing the Danish positions of strengths in the field of quantum technologies and pave the way for further cooperation with strategically important international partners.

The call supports projects along the entire value chain – from early-stage foundational and theoretical research, through applied research, to projects demonstrating quantum technology.

Projects may be applied for within or across the following areas: quantum software, quantum computing, quantum simulators, quantum communication, and quantum sensors/metrology. Projects may focus on hardware and materials as well as on quantum algorithms and software.

Space Technologies

Projects for research and technology collaboration within space technologies must strengthen Danish space research and innovation by developing and enhancing the capacity of Danish research within the space domain. For example:

- space-based green solutions within climate, environment, and nature (including land use and monitoring)
- quantum and space-based communication

- defence and security
- utilisation of space data combined with AI, digital twins, and supercomputers

3. Assessment Criteria

The three overall assessment criteria are:

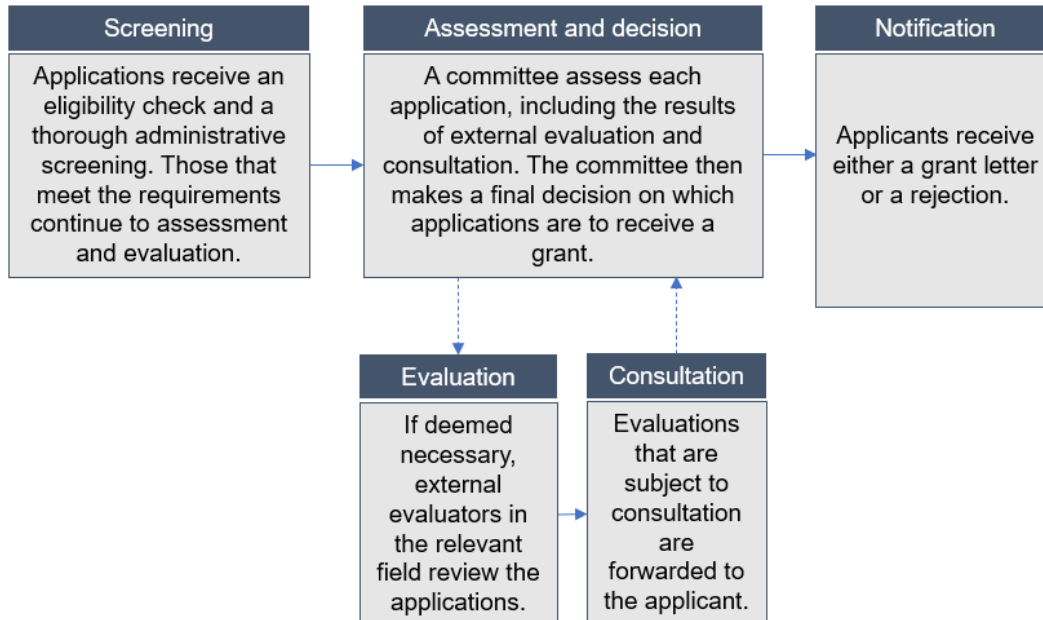
- **Quality of the idea** – the quality of the proposed research, including the extent to which the core research environments complement each other within the field.
- **Impact** – the value creation during and after the project period, including the relevance of the project results and the foundation established for further collaboration.
- **Quality of execution** – the effectiveness of project implementation, knowledge exchange and the realisation of project results.

Further information about the assessment criteria can be found in the Guidelines for the programme (see link in section 5: Guidelines and inspiration).

4. Evaluation process

Applications under this call will be assessed by the Grand Solutions Committee for Critical and digital technologies.

The evaluation process is described in detail in the Guidelines for Global Research Collaboration program. An overview is available here:



Timeline:

- Deadline for applications: **3 September 2026 12:00 (noon) (CET)**
- Response to applicants: **mid December 2026**

Applicants are notified of the decision via www.e-grant.dk. E-grant has prepared a FAQ that can be accessed [here](#).

Due to planned maintenance the e-grant system will be in read-only mode in the weeks 28-29. This has been taken into account for the submission deadline and it is encouraged that you also take this into account when planning your application preparation.

5. Guidelines

Applicants within this call must take into account the following:

- [Guidelines for Global Research Collaborations](#)

6. Contact

Innovation Fund Denmark hosts regular webinars and Q&As where everyone is welcome to participate. Registration for upcoming webinars and Q&A sessions takes place via Innovation Fund Denmark's website.

For questions regarding the present call, contact:

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7. About Innovation Fund Denmark

Innovation Fund Denmark accelerates Danish research and innovation to solutions that strengthen Danish society's competitiveness and sustainability. We do this by investing in researchers, companies and entrepreneurs who create value, jobs and solve societal challenges – and by realizing potentials in the innovation system.

Innovation Fund Denmark wants to promote diversity in all its aspects. Therefore, all interested applicants, regardless of ethnicity, religion, gender identity, disability status, age or professional areas, etcetera, are encouraged to apply for the fund's programmes.