

# Industrial Postdoc/PhD in the private sector

Important: This template is provided for preparation purposes only. The project description must be entered directly into the e-grant application form and will not be accepted as a separate attachment.

From the application round opening on 4 August 2026, the project description template will be integrated directly into the e-grant application form and will no longer be submitted as a separate attachment.

## Project description

- The project description can be written in Danish or English.
- Text formatting (e.g. bold, italics, tables) is not supported. Please use **line breaks** to structure your text and ensure readability.
- You must upload your time schedule as a one-page PDF file.
- You may upload a short PDF file consisting of up to 4 visual elements (e.g. tables, diagrams, or other supporting material). The PDF is for visualisation purposes only and must not be used to provide additional written content. Please refer to these elements in the project description as Fig. 1, Fig. 2, etc.
- For further details, please refer to our guidelines.

### The project's objectives

Description of the project's objectives and their news value for the company and the research area. \*

You have 1000 characters remaining.

### The project's success criteria

Which criteria determine if the project is a success? \*

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## State of the art

### State-of-the-art and, if relevant, theoretical background for the Industrial PhD/Postdoc project's field of research?

Here, please describe the current state of the Industrial PhD/Postdoc project's specific research field: How far has the research advanced, which barriers and openings have been encountered, what is known, and what is not known? Refer to research literature in the description. This section must describe where the research field is right now and is the reference point for the project objectives. If the field is unexplored, adjacent fields should be described.

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### State-of-the-art references

Use a reference system for the literature references that is acknowledged within the research area. This section may not be used for the state-of-the-art description itself.

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## Project description

### What are the project's hypotheses/research questions, and how will the project be carried out?

#### Hypotheses / research questions

Please describe the overall objective of the project. Which research hypotheses or questions does it investigate? Why are precisely these hypotheses/questions relevant to examine, particularly with regard to fulfilling the project objectives?

#### Project execution

Comprehensive and detailed description of the project research design (how the project is to be carried out), including (but not necessarily in this order):

- which specific research methods that are to be used,
- which and how data will be acquired,
- how data will be analyzed,
- where the project is to be carried out specifically,
- what other activities are to be carried out,
- how the project is organised and how roles and responsibilities are allocated between the participants: Which activities will the Industrial PhD/Postdoc candidate carry out and with what kind of support from which project parties, and which activities are to be carried out by others for the candidate?

The overall objective of this section is to clarify that the project has a sufficiently high research quality and is possible to carry out in practical terms.

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### Project description references

Project description references, if any (*may not* be used for project description)

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### How is the project structured, including work packages, milestones, success criteria, and time schedule?

The project structure, divided into work packages with corresponding milestones and success criteria, and illustrated in a time schedule chart

The milestones and associated success criteria of the project should be described clearly in order to make it possible to follow and assess the project's overall progress. Milestones and success criteria can be scientific or commercial. You must supplement the description with a one-page Gantt chart or similar timeline.

How is the project structured, including work packages, milestones, success criteria, and time schedule? \*

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### Appendices

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Click or drop a file - a.1.1 Project time schedule \*

Click or drop a file - a.1.2 Supporting Visual Material

Dissemination plan (only required for applications for Industrial PhD projects)

**What is the plan for the candidate's knowledge dissemination?**

A preliminary plan for the extent, type and duration of the candidate's knowledge dissemination (e.g. lectures at the university, participation in conferences, writing articles, briefing sessions and advising in the company/public sector organisation etc.). Please provide an estimate of the time spent on each activity and a total.

An Industrial PhD candidate enrolled at a Danish university is obliged to follow the knowledge dissemination requirements of the Danish PhD executive order (ph.d.-bekendtgørelsen). There are no formal requirements on the amount and specific content of the dissemination, which is left to the project parties to agree on.

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Commercial significance and impact

**What is the expected commercial significance and impact of the project, and how will it be realised?**

The results' expected contribution to the company's business and/or earnings

Description of how the project is expected to contribute to the company's business, for instance:

- by development of a product or service: Market size, strengths in comparison with competing services / products, the project's importance and placement in the development chain, etc.
- by development of processes, organisation or other internal matters: Size and importance to the company of the particular internal structures, how much the potential improvements are expected to affect the company economically (or otherwise), how the results will be implemented, etc.
- by pursuit of fundamental knowledge related to the company's commercial activities: Which commercial activities that the project is related to, the size of these activities (relative and absolute), how the knowledge produced by the project can clarify possible improvements of commercial activities, etc.

To the extent it makes sense, the commercial significance and impact should be quantified. If quantification is not possible, you should put extra focus on convincingly arguing for the significance and impact of the project.

Plan for implementing results and realising business contributions

This section is to describe how the company practically will make use of the project results.

Please describe here how the results will be applied in the company. Will this occur during or after the project, involving which resources and employees, etc.? A substantial plan should be described.

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