Interdisciplinary Network Scheme at Aarhus University

2015 Call

Aims and background
In support of Aarhus University’s aim to foster innovative cross-disciplinary collaboration, AU researchers are invited to submit proposals for interdisciplinary research networks. The networks are to work as platforms from which interdisciplinary projects, activities and funding applications will emerge at AU. The proposal should demonstrate:

- an ambitious and innovative scientific agenda for the network
- a degree of cross-faculty participation and interdisciplinary breadth that supports the proposed scientific agenda (minimum of two faculties involved)
- a clear potential to evolve into an interdisciplinary research center or platform with activities of high international standard
- added value in relation to already ongoing activities
- that the network will lead to applications to national and international funding schemes

Who can apply?
The applicant must hold a position at AU (minimum the level of associate professor) and must be employed at AU during the grant period. In case the grant holder leaves AU, the grant will not follow the grant holder but could be transferred to a new AU chair of the network. If an interdisciplinary network grant was awarded in 2014, the applicant cannot apply for another grant this year.

How is the application assessed?
Assessment criteria:
1. Quality of the scientific idea in the network
2. Interdisciplinary breadth in the light of the scientific agenda (relevance of participating AU researchers/research groups)
3. Quality of the proposed strategies for interdisciplinary collaboration
4. Scientific quality, leadership skills and experience of the main applicant with a specific focus on skills for facilitating interdisciplinary collaboration
5. Potential for future activities and funding applications to emerge from the network
6. Potential to evolve into an interdisciplinary research center or a collaborative platform of high international standard

AU’s Committee for Research and External Cooperation (Udvalget for Forskning og Eksternt Samarbejde) will assess the applications and decide on funding.
Budget
In this round, applicants can apply for funding of max. DKK 150,000 in 2015 and DKK 250,000 in 2016.

The overall budget for the networks granted in the period 2015-2016 is DKK 4 million.

The grant is expected to cover costs incurred during the establishment and lifetime of the network. For more information on the budget and eligible costs, please see Guide for applicants below.

Timeline for call 2015

- **Monday 8 June 2015 at 12:00: Deadline**
- 25 June 2015: Assessment by the Committee for Research and External Cooperation (Udvalget for Forskning og Eksternt Samarbejde)
- By middle of July 2015: The applicants will be informed shortly after the decision.
- 1 August 2015: Expected start of interdisciplinary networks

Contact
For more information, please contact a member of the Committee for Research and External Cooperation (Udvalget for Forskning og Eksternt Samarbejde) or

Knud Warming, The Research Support Office, warming@au.dk

Guide for applicants 2015

The application contains 4 mandatory sections:

1. Application form
2. Project description including
   a. The scientific scope and aim of the network
   b. The proposed projects/ activities, including a timeline
   c. Profile of the main applicant and the researchers/research groups involved (minimum of two faculties participating)
   d. The future planned applications and other activities, including a timeline
3. Budget
4. CV for main applicant

The relevant templates must be used for each of the sections above.

The application can be written in either Danish or English.

Budget

Eligible costs are

- Staff costs – for applicant, participants, external guest researchers and administrative support
- Travel expenses, e.g. participation in international networks, relevant meetings and incoming guests
- Costs related to organizing meetings, e.g. catering and materials
- Other relevant costs as justified in the application

Ineligible costs are

- Equipment costs

Salary rates

For information on salary rates for named persons at AU, please contact your local project finance administrator (projektøkonom).

If you do not know the salary rate for e.g. a guest researcher or a scientific assistant, please use the following standards:
Professor: 71,000 DKK per month
Associate Professor: 55,000 DKK per month
Assistant professor: 44,000 DKK per month
Scientific Assistant: 39,000 DKK per month
Secretary (HK): 37,000 DKK per month
Student assistant: 24,000 DKK per month

General information
The grant does not cover overhead expenses.
The funds granted cannot be transferred between calendar years. Costs already or subsequently covered by other funds are not considered eligible cost (no double funding).
Submission
The application including all sections must be sent as one pdf to the email-address:
elb@au.dk

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