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Danish Cancer Society's Prevention Lab

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1. Purpose Prevention Lab

Prevention Lab is an initiative supported by Knæk Cancer in 2023 with a total of DKK 25 million. The initiative is anchored in Danish Cancer Society's Department for Prevention and Information (FOR) and will, during 2024–2027, support innovative and practice-oriented research projects and experiments that have the potential to positively influence the health behavior and conditions of citizens and patients. The ultimate goal is to discover new methods and strategies to prevent cancer and improve cancer patients' health in Denmark.

This will be achieved by supporting:

New and innovative methods and approaches to prevention and health promotion.

Innovation is understood here as new or significantly improved goods, services, processes, organizational and management practices, or concepts implemented to create value and societal benefit¹. Prevention refers to initiatives that lay the groundwork for cancer prevention or identify cancer risk early. Health promotion refers to actions that improve health behavior and conditions of the population, including cancer patients.

Projects with potential impact on public health.

The project must have the potential to make a positive health difference for larger population groups in Denmark. It is an advantage if the project can demonstrate potential to reduce health inequalities.

Practice-oriented research projects.

The project must include both a practical and a research element. A Danish practice-based actor (e.g., municipality, general practice, hospital department, patient organization, company) must participate in the project, either as applicant or co-applicant. The project must be research-based, meaning a researcher from a recognized research institution must be involved, either as applicant or co-applicant. Researchers at all career stages are encouraged to apply, provided they have research experience. Project results should aim for publication in a peer-reviewed journal.

The requirements for applicants fall within the [Danish Cancer Society's prevention policy](#).

Examples of eligible projects for Prevention Lab:

- New solutions that are personalized and/or promote the health behavior or conditions of the population or cancer patients.
- Integration of new workflows and behaviors into communities, organizations, or systems.
- Interdisciplinary collaborations where technologies, methods, or organizational forms from other scientific fields or arenas are applied to the field of prevention and health.
- Innovative initiatives with proven success abroad, tested in a Danish context.

¹ Norwegian Research Council.

- Initiatives that identify or illuminate a public health issue using new methods or types of studies.

Examples of projects not eligible for consideration:

- Projects with a very small target group.
- Projects with low scalability potential.
- Treatment technologies or methods, e.g., new pharmaceutical treatments or laser technologies for cancer treatment.
- Diagnostic tools.
- Implementation or scaling of interventions already proven effective.
- Projects not addressing somatic health.
- Projects focusing on patient support initiatives.

Applicants are referred to other funding opportunities at the Danish Cancer Society.

2. Prevention Lab Review Committee

As part of the initiative, the Danish Cancer Society has appointed an external and independent assessment committee. The committee will assess the quality of the incoming applications in relation to the realization of Prevention Lab's goals. See the assessment committee [here](#).

The committee includes researchers, practitioners, and representatives of the citizen/patient perspective, and represents expertise in:

- Health behavior and the structural framework of health behavior.
- Bridging health research and practice.
- Public health and health inequality.
- Personalized prevention/AI/technology.
- Registry based research/biomarkers.
- Implementation research.
- Innovation.

3. Review of the applications

The review committee uses the following criteria to evaluate applications:

Primary evaluation criteria:

- **Innovative prevention and health promotion:** The project must use new and innovative methods and approaches to prevention and health promotion. Innovation is understood as new or significantly improved goods, services, processes, organizational and management practices, or concepts implemented to create value and societal benefit. Prevention refers to new initiatives that provide a basis for cancer prevention or identify cancer risks early. Health promotion refers to actions that improve public health, including for cancer patients.
- **Cancer relevance:** Assessment of the project's impact on the overarching goal of cancer prevention and promoting health among citizens and cancer patients. Emphasis is placed on improving conditions, reducing health inequalities, and the potential to benefit larger population groups.

Additional evaluation criteria:

- **Quality:** Evaluation of the scientific quality of the proposed method, including underlying concepts, models, and assumptions. The applicant's qualifications are also considered.
- **Research environment and practice collaboration:** Assessment of the collaboration and its quality.
- **Feasibility:** Assessment of the project's feasibility and potential for anchoring.

External assesment

Applications of particular scientific nature and applications from members of the review committee may be sent for external review.

4. Announcements, Grants and Deadlines

Announcement:	Prevention Lab, 2026
Application System:	Prevention Lab, Application system
Allocation for 2024:	Up to DKK 7 million will be allocated in 2026. Applications can request between DKK 300,000 and DKK 1,000,000.
Deadline:	The deadline for applications for the 2026 Prevention Lab allocation is September 29th 2026, at 3:00 p.m. Applications not submitted through the Danish Cancer Society's digital application system by the deadline will not be considered.
Assessment:	The assessment meeting will be held on November 25 th , 2026.
Response:	Results from the assessment committee's meeting will be announced in mid-December 2026. Rejections will not be justified.
Utilization:	A grant can be used starting January 1 st of the following year.

The dates are indicative, and changes may occur. Please check dates and other themes that are posted on our website on an ongoing basis: <https://www.cancer.dk/forebyg-kraeft/prevention-lab/>

5. Rules for applicants to Prevention Lab

The following rules apply to all applicants. Please ensure you can meet these conditions before submitting.

- Grants are not awarded retroactively.

- An applicant may submit only one application per call but may participate as a collaborator in several applications.
- You cannot reapply for funds for the same project in another KB pool within the same year, regardless of pool and applicant.
- Reapplication in subsequent years cannot be submitted without substantial and relevant changes.
- It is possible to hold more than one grant at a time, but the applicant's total number of grants at Danish Cancer Society will be part of the committee's overall assessment. Normally, it is possible to hold only one active project grant at a time from each committee (KBVU-BK, KBVU-MS, and KC). If the applicant already has a grant, they may apply again to that committee in the final grant year only.
- If support is obtained from other sources for the same purpose, Danish Cancer Society reserves the right to offset it against any KB grant. The applicant is obliged to inform Danish Cancer Society if support is obtained elsewhere.
- Relationships between applicants and private or own companies are not an obstacle to receiving support, but these relationships must be clearly disclosed under Commercial Interests in Project Information. Danish Cancer Society reserves the right to obtain a statement of solvency from companies in connection with any grant.
- Applicants may be affiliated with research institutions in Denmark as well as abroad, but the project must have potential for anchoring in a Danish context.
- The project must be of shorter duration (1–2 years, maximum 3 years).
- Applicants may be affiliated with Danish Cancer Society.
- The following are prerequisites:
 - The application is cancer relevant.
 - The applicant complies with the Danish Code of Conduct for Research Integrity: www.cancer.dk/dendanskekodeks (see: <https://new.cancer.dk/forskning/soegstoette/vejledninger-betingelser-og-skemaer/etik-og-integritet/>).
 - Necessary permits and approvals are in place before project start. It is the grant holder's responsibility to obtain permits and approvals, for example from data protection authorities, ethics committees, etc., before project start.
- Applicants who, within the past 10 years, have received, receive, or expect to receive support from companies, groups, funds, etc., whose production or turnover to a significant extent comprises ongoing income from the production and sale of clearly carcinogenic substances, especially tobacco, cannot receive support from Danish Cancer Society. See Danish Cancer Society's ethical guidelines: <https://www.cancer.dk/om-os/om-kræftens-bekaempelse/etik-og-ansvarlighed/etiske-retningslinjer/>

What can be funded?

- Scientific and non-scientific assistance (for example salary for PhD students, postdocs, lab technicians, statisticians, health professionals in municipalities or regions, etc.).
- Specific operating expenses directly related to the project.
- Equipment, specialized software or hardware (up to DKK 100,000).

What cannot be funded?

- Overhead (rent, telephone, electricity, water, bench fee, etc.), administration fees and similar, as well as percentage-based cost allocations.
- Tuition fees, supervision, guidance, and course costs and overhead in connection with PhD studies.

- Costs associated with gold Open Access: <https://www.cancer.dk/forskning/stoette-til-forskning/til-bevillingshavere/open-access/>
- Computers, computer equipment, software, and tablets, unless specialized hardware or software is required (must be justified in Detailed budget information).
- Expenses incurred before the application date.
- Honoraria and gifts for project participants.

6. Application system and forms

Applications and reporting are accessed via Danish Cancer Society's website: www.cancer.dk/ansoegning

Each person may create only one profile, and once an application has been created, you may not switch profiles. If you need to switch, you must create a new application in the correct applicant's name. Contact the Grant department if you have created two profiles by mistake so they can be merged.

Your personal data are used to quickly and securely identify the application and to communicate with you as an applicant. Information must be kept up to date and accurate.

You can work on your application (draft) continuously until the deadline, or until you send it by clicking Submit at the bottom of the page. After submission, you can no longer change your application.

Edits and updates to an application (draft) are made from your homepage under "My applications," where your applications are listed.

Remember to save your work after writing or editing, before leaving a tab or the application. Click "Save My Work" which is found at the bottom of each tab.

All mandatory fields must be completed before the application can be submitted. If a field is missing, an error will be displayed in red at the top of the form when you click Submit.

Some fields have minimum and maximum character limits. If these are not respected, the application cannot be sent.

Be aware that Word and the application form do not count characters in the same way.

Co-writing Associate

After creating an application, you can attach one or more Co-writing Associate(s) to help you complete the individual application. A Co-writing Associate cannot submit the application.

The association applies only to the specific application or grant. This means you can attach different people to different applications and grants.

If your application results in a grant, a Co-writing Associate can also create, complete, and submit reports on your behalf for that grant.

The application

Applications to the Prevention Lab may be written in either Danish or English. The online application is divided into four tabs. Below is an overview and guidance on completing each tab.

- Tab 1: Terms and Conditions
- Tab 2: Project Information
- Tab 3: Applicant's CV and Publications
- Tab 4: Attachments

At the top of the application, you will find two red buttons for convenience.

- View/Print: See the complete application, which you can export to a PDF file and print.
- View Guidelines: Link to our website where you can find the application guidelines, etc.

Tab 1 – Terms and Conditions

In the first tab, you must read the ethical guidelines and tick to confirm that you have read and accept the following conditions.

- That you will follow Danish Cancer Society's ethical guidelines and the Danish Code of Conduct for Research Integrity. Read more here: <https://www.cancer.dk/for-skning/soeg-stoette/vejledninger-betingelser-og-skemaer/vejledninger-og-betingelser/>
- That you have not received support from companies, groups, funds, etc., whose production or turnover to a significant extent comprises ongoing income from the production and sale of tobacco products.

Tab 2 – Project Information

Project Information is divided into the subcategories listed below.

1. Project Information
2. Workplace of the Project
3. Focus of the Project
4. Project Description
5. Responsible Manager and Collaborators
6. Danish Part of the Application
7. Budget and Managing
8. Information on Managing Institution

Project Information

It is important to start by selecting the correct scheme, as it determines the questions in the application form.

1. **Select Type of application:** Prevention Lab.
2. **Click "Save My Work" at the bottom of the page.**

You will also be guided by help texts in the application form.

Workplace of the Project

Project Institution: The main applicant's place of employment. This can be, for example, a municipality, a company, or a research institution. If the institution is not on the list, leave the field

empty, then select "no" in "Find project institution," and enter the institution under "Other project institution name."

Project Department: If the main applicant is a practice partner, this could be, for example, the Health Administration (in a municipality) or a company's development department. If the main applicant is a research partner, it could be, for example, the Department of XXX at a university.

Project Institute: The main applicant's institute (relevant when a university is the main applicant). Otherwise, enter the same name as "Project Institution."

Address: The address of the main applicant's workplace.

Co-operative Group: Indicate whether you are applying on behalf of a larger, formalized research group. For ad hoc collaborations, this field need not be completed.

Focus of the Project

Effort areas: Indicate the area of intervention.

Patient course: Indicate which stage in the patient pathway the project concerns.

Research areas: Indicate the primary and, if applicable, secondary research areas that best describe the associated research.

Primary Disease Area: Indicate which diseases the project targets.

Disease in focus: Optionally specify more precisely which diseases the project targets.

Focus Group: Indicate whether there is a particular focus group, if any. For example, if addressing breast cancer screening, the focus group is women. If it is all adults, indicate "None of the above."

Target group: Indicate the specific target group for the project. For example, if the project targets women aged 40–50, state this.

Project description:

Cancer relevance: State the relevance to cancer (1,000 characters).

Previously Submitted Application: Indicate whether you have previously applied to Danish Cancer Society regarding the same project, and if yes, what changes have been made.

Project description: Maximum 20,000 characters. The description should include the elements listed below. The project description must be concise and complete. You can draft it in Word and paste the text into the form. Any images and figures should be attached as PDFs under "Attachments."

The project description must include the following elements.

1. Problem and relevance: Which problem does the project aim to solve? Describe existing data, knowledge, and research environments nationally and internationally, and the project's relevance to Prevention Lab's objectives.
2. Objectives: The project's objectives, possibly in bullet points.
3. Innovation and novelty: Describe the project's innovative and novel aspects.
4. Methods: Describe the project's methods.
5. Project plan: Describe activities and timeline. You may upload diagrams under Attachments.
6. Organisation: Describe project organization and the collaboration between research and practice. You may upload diagrams under Attachments.
7. Expected impact and potential for anchoring: Describe potential impact on cancer prevention and, or improvement of cancer patients' health. Describe the potential for anchoring after funding ends.
8. Ethical perspectives: Describe ethical aspects for citizens or patients in the project.
9. Main risks and handling: Describe the main project risks and how they will be handled.

10. Dissemination: Describe how project results will be communicated.

It can be helpful to use clear sections, numbering, and capitalized headings to improve readability. Italics and bold text are not supported in the form.

Reference list: Optionally list literature or other references relevant to the project description.

Role of the Applicant: State the applicant's role in the project.

Project Innovation: Describe the innovative element in the project (max 2,000 characters).

Strategic Focus: Which strategic theme(s) in Danish Cancer Society's Prevention Policy does the project address? You may select one or more of the following: 1) Equality in health, 2) Responsibility for healthier generations, 3) Better health with and after cancer, and 4) More personalized prevention. Policy link: <https://mediebibliotek.cancer.dk/m/457e8e31b23c984d/original/Det-nytter-at-forebygge-krft-politik-for-forebyggelse.pdf>

Patient and public involvement: If relevant, choose the degree of involvement and describe the involvement of patients and, or citizens.

Responsible Managers and Collaborators

This section opens in a new window.

Responsible manager: The budget-responsible manager at the project performance site must be set up for digital managerial approval of the application (for Prevention Lab this is not necessarily a research manager). Through this approval, the manager confirms that the project with the stated budget can be carried out in the department or institute, and that the necessary facilities and resources will be made available.

The applicant cannot approve their own application. If the applicant is the scientific leader, the application must be approved by another responsible manager at the same or higher level. If the workplace cannot be found under "Institution," leave it blank and specify under "If institution was not found, please specify" which institution the manager is affiliated with (usually the same as the main applicant's workplace).

Before managerial approval, complete and save as much as possible, e.g., project title, project description, short project description, and budget.

Managerial approval is done by clicking a link in the emailed request. If the manager does not receive the email, it may be caught in a spam filter. If so, the manager can be deleted and re-created with an alternative email address, or the applicant can ask the manager to email for-skningsbevilling@cancer.dk confirming that the project can be carried out at the given institution. The application cannot be submitted until managerial approval has been sent.

Collaborator: Indicate any collaborators, their contact information, and CVs. If the collaborator is, for example, a group of health professionals, you may provide the responsible manager or contact person. A publication list is not required; enter "Not relevant" if so.

Statement from host institution: Upload a statement (max 1 page) from the host institution in PDF. The responsible manager must confirm that the project with the stated budget can be carried out in the organization.

Danish part of the application

Summary of the project description for non-professionals (in Danish): A short lay summary in Danish. Do not use technical, professional, or research terms, abbreviations, etc. The summary should include a description of the problem the project seeks to address, the project's purpose, novelty, a project plan, the collaboration between practice and research, potential results of

the project, and feasibility. It is recommended to have a layperson read the summary. A Danish-language summary for non-professionals is required. Even if the rest of the application is in English, this must be in Danish. Max 2,500 characters.

Budget and managing

The project budget must be completed in the application system's format. Note the following key points before you begin.

- It is possible to complete the budget in either Danish or English.
- You may apply for a minimum of DKK 300,000 and a maximum of DKK 1,000,000 in Prevention Lab.
- Prevention Lab supports projects for up to three years.

The budget form opens in a new window when you click "Enter budget." The budget is divided into budget years, where the first budget year equals the first possible grant year. A budget year does not need to follow the calendar year.

The budget consists of entries that are summarized in an overview. Entries should be allocated to the grant year(s) for which Prevention Lab funding is sought ("Applied from National Cancer Society"). You must also state if you have applied for ("Applied from Other Funders") or already received funding ("Received from Other Funds") for the same project from other sources. Also indicate any co-funding from the workplace, including in-kind ("Provided by workplace"). All amounts must be in whole Danish kroner, and in "Details" specify the year the expense relates to and the expense details. If further description is needed, use the "Detailed budget information" field (available after the budget window is closed). If the "Details" fields are exhaustive, you may simply refer to them in "Detailed budget information." Be aware that all amount fields must be completed, even with "0 kr." If the project consists of subprojects with separate budgets, state this under this section as well.

Within each year you can add budget items under the categories below.

- Salaries, scientific staff
- Salaries, other staff
- Operating expenses
- Equipment (up to a maximum of DKK 100,000)
- Travel expenses
- Other

Applied amounts must cover price and salary increases for the entire grant period, as a grant cannot be exceeded. If you have applied to other funders for the project, state in "Details" (for the relevant budget item) where you have applied and when you expect a response.

For salary budget items, specify the employment time (hours, months, or years) within each budget year. For months, state the number of full-time equivalent months. For example, someone working half-time on the project for a full calendar year would be entered as 6 months.

Salary rates: Remuneration must follow the workplace's collective agreement with the relevant union. Collective allowances depend on position category. Remuneration must not exceed the professional level necessary for the project's implementation. Individual or personal allowances are not given.

Danish Cancer Society's grants have fixed salary frames for research assistants or PhD students, postdoc fellows, etc. These frame amounts must be used in the application, as they will be used in the calculation and accounting of any grant.

Salary frame amounts for staff in project applications	
Research assistant or PhD student	625.000 kr. per year
Postdoc, associate professor, assistant professor:	735.000 kr. per year
Professor, including visiting professor (max 2 months), up to	845.000 kr. per year

In addition, you may apply for salaries for other staff categories, e.g., health consultants and student assistants. For honoraria and hourly wages, specify the hourly rate.

Operating expenses: For example, costs for materials, publishing (but not gold Open Access), and other project-relevant expenses. Applicants affiliated with institutions with VAT refunds must apply for operating expenses excluding VAT.

Travel expenses: Specify under transport, conference, and accommodation. Travel and stays abroad up to 1 month (31 days) are eligible for short visits to collaborators and for meetings and conference participation to present results. You may apply for up to 12,000 kr. for travel in Europe and 20,000 kr. for overseas travel for staff paid by the project.

Equipment: You may apply for equipment, software, or hardware up to DKK 100,000 per project application. The request must be justified. Applicants affiliated with institutions with VAT refunds must apply excluding VAT.

Remember to click "Save budget values" when the budget is complete.

Commercial interests: Describe any commercial interests in the project, e.g., development of new technology in a company, intellectual property rights, etc.

Information on Managing Institution

Managing institution: The institution that will administer the potential grant. If the institution is not on the list, choose "other" and specify which institution it is (for example, X-købing Municipality).

Administrative contact person: Provide the administrative contact person's details, including email and telephone.

Tab 3 – Applicant's CV and Publications

CV: Provide a concise CV for the main applicant. The CV should cover education and current and previous employment.

Publications: Applicants to Prevention Lab do not need to be researchers or have published articles. However, if relevant, list up to 20 publications relevant to the proposed project, with at least 10 from the past 5 years. Please include PubMed ID (PMID) or DOI for each publication. It must be clear which publications are accepted in international peer-reviewed journals.

Previous Grants: Indicate whether the applicant has received funds from Danish Cancer Society within the past five years.

Tab 4 – Attachments

Figures, images, graphs, etc., are not included in the project description text, but must be attached separately as PDF files. You may attach up to 6 files totaling a maximum of 12 pages in PDF format. Only attach files if necessary for the assessment of your application. Do not repeat information already provided in the application. Remember to include explanatory text for all files.

Submission

When your application is ready to send, click Submit at the bottom of the page, then confirm that you wish to submit. Once the application has been submitted, you will receive an email receipt.

7. Contact

If you have questions, you are welcome to contact the persons below. Choose the contact based on the nature of your question.

Application process and content questions: Program Manager, Kamilla Bolt, kambol@cancer.dk, tel. +45 35 25 77 01

Application system and formalities: Grant Coordinator, Anne Mette Bak, amb@cancer.dk, tel. +45 35 25 72 57