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Funding possibilities and application guidelines 2024

The Danish Cancer Society's Scientific Committee – Biology & Clinic (KBVU-BK)
The Danish Cancer Society's Scientific Committee – People & Society (KBVU-MS)
Knæk Cancer Committees (KC) and ad hoc committees



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1. The Scientific Committees

1.1 The Danish Cancer Society's Scientific Committee - Biology & Clinic (KBVU-BK)

The committee supports biological, translational, and clinical cancer research within medical and natural science.

The focus of KBVU-BK is to support scientific projects within biological cancer research, which improve our knowledge about, e.g., the early stages of cancer diseases and identify mechanisms and reasons for cancer to occur, grow and spread as well as the late complications that often follow a cancer course. The committee prefers applications about translational studies and clinical research bridging between scientific breakthroughs and clinical practice and studies developing and improving cancer treatment.

1.2 The Danish Cancer Society's Scientific Committee – People & Society (KBVU-MS)

The committee supports humanistic, social, and public health science and epidemiological cancer research.

The focus of KBVU-MS is to support scientific and preferably inter-disciplinary projects, engaging in psychological, cultural, social, and socio-economic aspects of cancer, including, for example, patient perspective, behavioural research, rehabilitation, palliative care, ethics as well as research related to the structure of the healthcare system and function with relevance to cancer. Furthermore, the committee will support cancer research projects in social medicine and epidemiology. Both quantitative and qualitative methods can be used.

1.3 Knæk Cancer committees and other ad hoc committees assessing thematic pools

Each year, the Central Board decides on a pool for thematic objectives. The assessment of applications for thematic purposes, including the Knæk Cancer themes, will, wherever possible, involve all or some of the members of the scientific committees, KBVU-BK and KBVU-MS. The committees may also be supplemented by or solely consist of external experts within the concerned field.



2. Allocations and deadlines

All applications must be submitted digitally in our application system no later than 15:00 at the application deadline. The signature page must be e-mailed no later than the same day. Read more in [step 6](#).

1 February

- [Project support](#) - main allocation KBVU-BK and KBVU-MS

1 March

- [Research Talent Award](#) (nominations)

14 May

- [Young Talented Cancer Researchers](#) - Postdoctoral fellowships in DK and abroad, as well as the establishment of research careers
- [Scholarship](#)
- [Stay abroad exceeding 1 month's duration without salary](#)
- [Stay abroad for less than 1 month's duration without salary](#)

20 June

- [Other Knæk Cancer allocations](#)

10 October

- [Scholarship](#)
- [Stay abroad exceeding 1 month's duration without salary](#)
- [Stay abroad for less than 1 month's duration without salary](#)

The deadlines are indicative, and changes may occur. Always check dates and other themes regularly posted on our website, www.cancer.dk/opslag.





3. Applicable rules for all applicants

- The application must be received digitally before the stated deadline
- Grants will not be allocated retrospectively
- You can only submit one application in each round of applications
- The application form and all attachments must be completed in English, except when it is stated specifically that it must be in Danish
- It is a precondition that
 - The research is cancer-relevant
 - The applicant complies with the Danish Code of Conduct for Research Integrity: www.cancer.dk/thedanishcodeofconduct
 - Necessary permissions and approvals are obtained before the project is started. It is the grant holder's responsibility to obtain permissions and approvals from, e.g., the Data Protection Agency, Ethics Committee and Animal Research Authority before the start-up of the project
 - '[3R-principles](#)' are followed in projects involving animals as the Danish Cancer Society complies with '[Joint European funding principles for research involving animals](#)' (opens in pdf)
- Applicants who, within the last 10 years, have received, receive, or expect to receive funding from companies/corporations/foundations which, to a large extent, depend on income from the production and sale of obvious cancer carcinogenic substances, particularly tobacco, cannot obtain funding from the Danish Cancer Society. See the [Danish Cancer Society's ethical guidelines](#).
- Efforts must be made to involve cancer patients, relatives, or other relevant players actively in the creation and design of the project – read more in step 3.3.
- Relationships between the applicants and private or own companies do not prevent the applicants from receiving funding - but these must be accounted for in the project application form step 3
- Applications can be made for specific expenses directly linked to the individual research project – see step [3.1](#)
- If support is received for the same purpose from other sources, the Danish Cancer Society reserves the right to make deductions in a potential grant. The applicant is obliged to inform the Danish Cancer Society if they receive support from other sources
- Calls are open for applicants who, in the planned project period, are associated with a Danish research institution and live in the Unity of the Realm (Rigsfællesskabet - Denmark, Greenland, and the Faroe Islands)

3.1 You can, in general, not apply for support for

- Overhead (rent, telephone, lighting, water, bench fee, etc.), administration fees and similar expenses, as well as percentage-wise fixed expenses
- Tuition fee, supervision, course expenses, as well as overhead in connection with PhD studies
- Costs related to [Open Access](#)



- Computers and computer equipment, unless it is related to specialised hardware/software (must be substantiated under 'Detailed budget information' in the application's step 3)
- Expenses defrayed before the date of application
- Establishment or operation of biobanks
- More than 3 year's salary for a PhD student (can only be applied for by the supervisor or the head of the institute)
- Running costs in relation to long-term stays abroad
- Salary for scholars (research year students) – must be applied for as a scholarship by the student instead

3.2 Review of the application

The committee's prioritisation of an application is based on:

- Cancer relevance
- Quality
- Feasibility
- Novelty value
- Qualifications of the applicant
- The research environment of the applicant, including relevant collaborators
- The application budget
- Patient involvement (in projects where it is estimated to be relevant – read more in step 3.3)

The entire committee makes the decision.

External assessment

Project applications from committee members are always sent out for external assessment, preferably abroad. Opinions of external assessors will be included in the application's overall assessment and sent anonymously to the applicant.

3.3 Patient involvement

Efforts must be made to involve cancer patients, relatives, or other relevant players actively in the creation and design of the project. Also, the patient perspective should be emphasised if it is estimated as relevant.

The type and the extent of the user involvement must be clearly stated in the research plan. If the applicant assesses that user involvement is not possible or expedient, this must be substantiated explicitly in the research plan.

Please be aware that if the committee considers patient or user involvement relevant to the project, it may affect the application negatively in the overall assessment if no patient or user involvement is planned.



4. Project funding

Application deadline: **1 February 2024 at 15:00**

Signature page: Must be e-mailed to forskningsbevilling@cancer.dk
- see [step 11.6](#)

Funding area/form: [KBVU-BK](#) project
[KBVU-MS](#) project

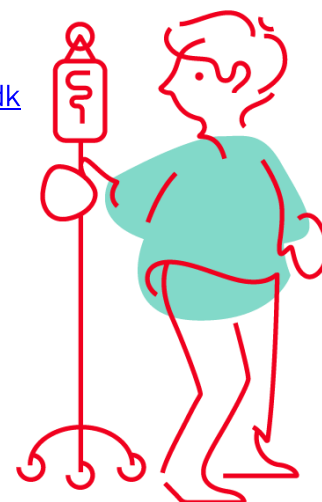
Pool KBVU-BK: up to DKK 80m, of which DKK 15m are expected from the Knæk Cancer collection
KBVU-MS: up to DKK 21m, of which DKK 10m are expected from the Knæk Cancer collection

Requirement Grantees who have received Knæk Cancer funds are requested to contribute to the communication about the granted project

Assessment committees: KBVU-BK and KBVU-MS, respectively

Notification: KBVU-BK: Mid-May
KBVU-MS: Beginning of April

Funding start date: A grant can be used from 1 January the following year



4.1 Purpose

The Danish Cancer Society wants to support scientific cancer research projects of high quality to support our goal of fewer people getting cancer, more people surviving cancer, and a better life after cancer.

4.2 You can apply for

- Scientific and non-scientific assistance (e.g., salary for PhD students, postdoctoral fellows, laboratory technicians, statisticians, etc.)
- Up to 20% of your salary as a buyout, however up to 50% buyout for clinical work
- Salary for a highly qualified guest researcher for a period of up to a maximum of 2 years
- Specific running costs, etc., directly linked to the individual research project
- Equipment up to a total of DKK 100,000
- Travel costs – a maximum of DKK 12,000 can be applied for travel in Europe and DKK 20,000 for travel overseas to a researcher paid by the project – please follow the guidelines for travel abroad for less than one month's duration



4.3 You cannot apply for

- Your PhD salary or project funds at all, as PhD students cannot apply for funding on their own – PhD salary can be applied for by the supervisor or another experienced researcher
- Your postdoctoral salary – as a postdoctoral fellow, you must apply for the pool 'Young talented cancer researchers' to cover your salary
- Scholarship salary (research year students) – as a pre-graduate, you must instead apply for the pool 'Scholarship'

4.4 Please note

- The applied amount must be a minimum of DKK 300,000 in total and a maximum of DKK 2m per year
- Applications which do not include project funding for the coming calendar year but only the following will be rejected
- Funds cannot be re-applied for the same project or fellowship within the same year, regardless of the pool
- Re-application of a project or fellowship the following year cannot be sent without significant relevant changes
- Funding for long-term projects can usually be applied for up to 3 years
- The applicant must have documented relevant research experience and must, as a minimum, be a first author of one article (preferably more) in an international journal with peer review or similar
- The application form and all attachments must be in English, except when it is stated specifically that it must be in Danish
- It is possible to have more than one grant at a time, but the applicant's total number of grants will be included in the committee's overall assessment
- An applicant applying for project funding on behalf of a cooperative group, e.g., DMCG, can also apply for and obtain funding for their project
- It must be clearly stated if funding is applied for on behalf of a cooperative group in the application's step 1 (the field 'Cooperative group'), and a statement from the group must be attached in the application's step 4

4.5 Budget

Further details regarding the budget and application system can be found in section [11. Application system](#)



5. Young Talented Cancer Researchers – research careers and postdoctoral fellowships

Application deadline:	14 May 2024 at 15.00
Signature page:	Must be signed and e-mailed to forskningsbevilling@cancer.dk See step 11.6
Funding area/form:	Young Talented - Research Careers Young Talented - Postdoc Fellowships
Pool	Up to DKK 20m, of which DKK 10m are expected from the Knæk Cancer collection
Requirement	Grantees who have received Knæk Cancer funds are requested to contribute to the communication about the granted project.
Assessment committee:	A committee consisting of members from both KBVU-BK and KBVU-MS
Notification:	End-September (preliminary notification) and end-November (final notification)
Funding start date:	A grant can be used from 1 January the following year



5.1 Purpose

The Danish Cancer Society wants to support young talents and their development within cancer research. Therefore, support is provided to younger researchers through project funding and postdoctoral fellowships.

Project funding for the establishment of research careers

The aim is to support the continuous development of young independent cancer researchers who have earned a PhD within the past eight years and demonstrated the ability to research at a **high level internationally**. The support is allocated to outstanding and ambitious projects within all aspects of cancer research. The funds are allocated to researchers who have already demonstrated their potential by already having obtained support for their salary; however, you can apply for a 50% buyout from clinical work.

Postdoctoral fellowship in Denmark and abroad

The aim is to support younger researchers with a PhD or equivalent degree who have not yet acquired a permanent position but can document research experiences to conduct an independent cancer research project in Denmark or abroad.



Postdoctoral fellowships abroad are allocated to Danish researchers who go abroad to conduct an independent cancer research project and obtain knowledge and experience in an international research environment. The grant is awarded exclusively to researchers employed at a Danish institution during their stay.

5.2 Establishment of research careers for young talented cancer researchers

5.2.1 You can apply for

- Scientific and technical assistance (e.g., salary for PhD students, laboratory technicians, etc.)
- Specific running costs directly linked to the individual research project
- Equipment up to a total of DKK 100,000
- Travel costs - a maximum of DKK 12,000 can be applied for travel in Europe and DKK 20,000 for travel overseas to a researcher paid by the project – please follow the guidelines for travel abroad for less than one month's duration.

5.2.2 You cannot apply for

- Own salary – however, you can apply for a 50% buyout from clinical work.

5.2.3 Please note

- Your PhD degree must not exceed eight years old by the application deadline. An exemption can be made for the requirement of a maximum of eight years of PhD in the case of periods of leave such as maternity, parental, sick and care leave, and military service. Professional issues, such as education, clinical training or the like, which is a necessary part of a career and where time for research has been limited, can also be considered.
- It is a precondition that the host institution gives priority to the area with the necessary facilities and resources/co-financing
- Postdoctoral fellows can apply if they have already secured their independent position
- The application form and all attachments must be in English, except when it is stated specifically that it must be in Danish
- A maximum of DKK 4m can be applied for 2 - 3 years
- The applicant must have documented relevant research experience and must, as a minimum, be a first author of one article (preferably more) in an international journal with peer review or similar

5.2.4 Budget

Further details regarding the budget and application system can be found in section [11. Application system](#)



5.2.5 The application MUST contain

- A description of your career plan in the project description
- An overview of previous research results, max. 2 pages (step 4)
- Statements from collaborators (step 2)
- Statement by the host institution with a guarantee of the necessary facilities and resources (step 2)
- Information about co-funding, including salary, from the host institution, should be specified in 'Provided from the workplace' in the application budget (step 3)

5.3 Postdoctoral Fellowship in Denmark

5.3.1 You can apply for

- Postdoctoral fellowship in Denmark (fixed amount)

In the budget, you specify the postdoctoral fellowship as a fixed amount of DKK 775,000 for 12 months (64,583.33 per month) for salary and running costs. If you work part-time on the project for an entire calendar year, you specify 6 months of fellowship in the application budget. The difference between the financial framework of DKK 775,000 and the actual salary can be used for running costs. The necessary running costs must be specified under 'Details' or 'Detailed budget information' (step 3).

5.3.2 Please note

- You must, as an applicant, have documented relevant research experience and must, as a minimum, be the first author of one article (preferably more) in an international journal with peer review or similar
- It must not be more than 4 years since you obtained your PhD at the end of the application deadline (excluding periods of leave)
- Support is only granted within the first 4 years of employment as a postdoc. By 1 year of employment, e.g., at the application deadline, a fellowship can be applied for the remaining 2 years, etc.
- Normally, the framework grant is allocated for up to a maximum of 3 years full-time and 4 years part-time
- The committee is favourably disposed towards researcher mobility, thus researchers who change the setting or travel abroad. **Therefore, you must have a maximum of two years of employment at the place where you obtained your PhD.** However, in step 3 of the application – 'Detailed budget information' – it is possible to state reasons for continuous research at the current place of work
- PhD certificate must be uploaded (step 2)
- A statement from the supervisor must be uploaded (step 2)
- Among others, part-time postdoctoral fellowships can be applied for by doctors who are undertaking a clinical specialist education to be employed for up to 4 years in the hospital where their clinical education takes place



- PhD students can apply if the supervisor's statement is attached, confirming the expected delivery of the PhD thesis within 10 months after the application deadline. If the grant is awarded, the project cannot start before the PhD degree has been obtained and the Funding Section has received documentation
- The application form and all attachments must be in English, except when it is stated specifically that it must be in Danish

5.3.3 Budget

Further details regarding the budget and application system can be found in section [11. Application system](#)

5.4 Postdoctoral Fellowship Abroad

5.4.1 You can apply for

- Own salary (fellowship)
- Travel costs and visa
- Freight charges
- Health insurance
- Extra costs for stay and accommodation
- Costs related to the establishment of stay exceeding 3 months

5.4.2 You cannot apply for

- Running costs in relation to a research stay abroad
- Trips initiated before the application deadline
- Childcare, per diems or local transportation during the stay abroad

5.4.3 Please note

- It must not be more than 4 years since you obtained your PhD degree at the end of the application deadline (excluding periods of leave)
- The fellowship is allocated as a specific grant for salary and travel costs for a maximum of 3 years
- PhD certificate must be uploaded (step 2)
- A statement or invitation from the host institution abroad must be uploaded (step 2)
- A statement from the supervisor must be uploaded (step 2)
- To inform about provider obligations, if any, in the budget
- The application form and all attachments must be in English, except when it is stated specifically that it must be in Danish
- To account for the length of stay and expected benefits
- To account for the place of stay for the research stay



5.4.4 Budget

An estimate of the stay abroad's income and expenses must be stated. The funding will be allocated considering the duration of stay and funding from other sources for the same purpose.

The rate for a fellowship abroad

Postdoc fellowship abroad 675,000 DKK/year

Any excess salary framework grant must be paid back to the Danish Cancer Society.

Travel costs

The cheapest way of public transportation is granted for the journey. If the stay **exceeds 6 months**, the grant also covers family members' travel costs (spouse/cohabitee and children - please see definition of provider obligations below). An extra homeward journey is covered if the family does not travel with the fellow.

Freight costs

Reasonable costs for transportation of household effects are covered. Transportation of furniture, cars and similar large objects cannot be covered.

Travel insurance

It is recommended to take out travel insurance, and the Danish Cancer Society will cover reasonable costs for this travel insurance.

Extra costs for stay and accommodation, as well as start-up costs

Extra costs for stay and accommodation will be covered. Besides this, it is possible to apply for start-up costs as a lump sum of DKK 15,000 when the stay exceeds 3 months. Support for extra costs and start-up costs must cover all other expenses than the above.

Rates

A maximum of the following rates below will cover extra stay and accommodation costs.

USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and Japan	
Single:	DKK 10,000 per month + DKK 15,000 for start-up costs (when the stay lasts for more than 3 months)
Provider:	DKK 12,000 per month + DKK 15,000 for start-up costs (when the stay lasts for more than 3 months)
Western Europe	
Single:	DKK 8,000 per month + DKK 15,000 for start-up costs (when the stay lasts for more than 3 months)
Provider:	DKK 10,000 per month + DKK 15,000 for start-up costs (when the stay lasts for more than 3 months)



Other countries

Will be set on an ad hoc basis. The applicant must give a well-founded proposal

Information about provider status must be stated in the application; otherwise, a potential grant will be calculated per the singles' rate.

A provider is a person who

- Is married, or
- Has dependent children under the age of 18, or
- Has lived with someone as a spouse or similar and has had the same address for at least 12 preceding months

Two persons eligible for funding, with the same address and communal housekeeping, can, as a maximum, get funding equivalent to one person with provider obligations from the Danish Cancer Society and other sources (Danish or foreign).

Further details regarding the budget and application system can be found in section [11. Application system](#)



6. Other Knæk Cancer (KC) allocations

Application deadline:	20 June 2024 at 15:00
Signature page:	Must be signed and e-mailed to forskningsbevilling@cancer.dk – see step 11.6
Funding area/form:	Please see the name of the Knæk Cancer allocation at www.cancer.dk/opslag
Pool:	Please refer to the homepage
Requirement:	Grantees who have received Knæk Cancer funds are requested to contribute to the communication about the granted project
Assessment committee:	Ad hoc committee
Notification:	End-September (preliminary notification) and end-November (final notification)
Funding start date:	From 1 January the following year

6.1 Purpose

The Danish Cancer Society wishes to support scientific cancer research projects of high quality to support our goal that fewer people get cancer, more survive cancer and a better life after cancer.

6.2 You can apply for

- Scientific and non-scientific assistance (e.g., salary to a PhD student, postdoc, laboratory technician, statistician, etc.)
- Up to 20% of your salary as a buyout, however up to 50% buyout for clinical work
- Salary for a highly qualified guest researcher for a maximum period of up to 2 years
- Specific project-related running costs directly linked to the individual research project
- Equipment up to a maximum of DKK 100,000
- Travel costs - a maximum of DKK 12,000 can be applied for travel in Europe and DKK 20,000 for travel overseas to a researcher paid by the project – please follow the guidelines for travel abroad for less than one month's duration.



6.3 You cannot apply for

- Own PhD salary or project funds at all, as PhD students cannot apply for funding on their own - PhD salary can be applied for by the supervisor or another experienced researcher
- Own postdoctoral salary - postdoctoral fellows must apply the pool 'Young talented cancer researchers' to cover their salary
- Salary for scholars (research year students) must apply for the pool 'Scholarship'

6.4 Please note

- The rules of the Knæk Cancer applications can vary depending on the post - therefore, always read the post thoroughly
- The applied amount must be a minimum of DKK 300,000 in total and a maximum of DKK 2m per year unless another amount is stated in the call for the specific KC pool
- Applications that do not include funding for the next year but only the succeeding year will be rejected
- Funding for long-term projects can generally be applied for up to 3 years
- Funds cannot be re-applied for the same project or fellowship within the same year, regardless of the pool
- Re-application of a project or fellowship the following year cannot be sent without significant relevant changes
- The applicant must have documented relevant research experience and must, as a minimum, be a first author of 1 article (preferably more) in an international journal with peer review or similar
- It is possible to have more than one grant at a time, but the applicant's total number of applications will be included in the committee's overall assessment
- An applicant who applies for funding on behalf of a cooperative group, e.g., DMCG, can simultaneously apply and obtain a grant for their project.
- It must be clearly emphasised if the application is made on behalf of a cooperative group, and a declaration from the group must be enclosed in step 4 of the application

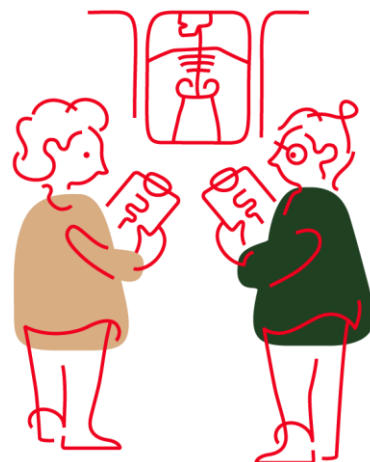
6.5 Budget

Further details about the budget and the application system can be found in [section 11](#). The application system



7. Stay abroad exceeding 1 month - without salary

Application deadline:	14 May and 10 October 2024 at 15:00
Signature page:	Must be signed and e-mailed to forskningsbevilling@cancer.dk - See step 11.6
Funding area/form:	Stay abroad exceeding 1 month
Assessment committee:	A committee consisting of members from both KBVU-BK and KBVU-MS
Notification: respectively	Expected end June and end November,
Funding start date:	At the earliest, a grant can be used from 1 July and 1 December, respectively, when the application notification has been received.



7.1 Purpose

The Danish Cancer Society wants to support young Danish researchers/scientists such as PhD students, postdoctoral fellows, lecturers, and junior doctors in training who travel abroad to conduct an independent cancer research project and to obtain knowledge and experience in an international research environment and who have already received funding for their salary.

7.2 You can apply for

- Travel costs and visa
- Freight costs
- Health insurance
- Extra costs of stay and residence
- Establishment of stay exceeding 3 months

7.3 You cannot apply for

- Salary
- Running costs in relation to the research stay abroad
- Trips initiated before the start of the application period, 1 July and 1 December, respectively
- Childcare, per diems or local transportation during the stay abroad
- Expenses for supervision and courses in connection with PhD studies



- Trips for supplementary training - exempted from the rule is supplementary training with a dedicated scientific and development scope - such as new cancer therapeutics or diagnostic methods connected with an ongoing research project.

7.4 Please note

- Statement/invitation from the host institution abroad **must** be uploaded (step 2)
- Statement from the supervisor **must** be uploaded (step 2)
- To account for the length of stay and expected benefits
- To account for the place of stay for the research stay
- To inform about provider obligations, if any, in the budget
- Typically, the grant is allocated for a specific travel grant covering travel costs up to a maximum of 3 years
- You can apply for one trip per year
- The application form and all attachments must be in English, except when it is stated specifically that it must be in Danish

7.5 Budget

An estimate of income and expenses concerning the stay abroad must be stated. The funding will be set by considering the duration of stay and potential funding from other sources for the same purpose.

Travel costs

The cheapest way of public transportation is granted for the journey and expenses for a visa. When the stay lasts for more than 6 months, the grant also covers family members' travel costs (spouse/cohabitee and children - please see definition of provider obligations page 12). An extra homeward journey is covered if the family does not travel with the fellow.

Freight costs

Reasonable costs for transportation of household effects are covered. Transportation of furniture, cars and similar large objects cannot be covered.

Travel insurance

It is recommended to take out travel insurance. It is often possible to take out travel insurance via the place of employment. The Danish Cancer Society will cover reasonable costs for this travel insurance.



Extra costs for stay and accommodation as well as the start-up costs

Extra costs for stay and accommodation will be covered. If the visit lasts more than 3 months, it is possible to apply for start-up costs as a lump sum of DKK 15,000. Support for extra costs and start-up costs must cover all other expenses than the above

Rates

Extra costs for stay and accommodation will be covered by a maximum of the below-following rates.

<p>USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Japan</p> <p>Single: DKK 10,000 per month + DKK 15,000 for start-up costs (when the stay lasts for more than 3 months)</p> <p>Provider: DKK 12,000 per month + DKK 15,000 for start-up costs (when the stay lasts for more than 3 months)</p>
<p>Western Europe</p> <p>Single: DKK 8,000 per month + DKK 15,000 for start-up costs (when the stay lasts for more than 3 months)</p> <p>Provider: DKK 10,000 per month + DKK 15,000 for start-up costs (when the stay lasts for more than 3 months)</p>
<p>Other countries</p> <p>Will be set on an ad hoc basis. The applicant must give a well-founded proposal</p>

Information about provider status must be stated in the application; otherwise, a potential grant will be calculated per the singles' rate.

A provider is a person who

- Is married, or
- Has dependent children under the age of 18, or
- Has lived with someone as a spouse or similar and has had the same address for at least 12 preceding months

Two persons eligible for funding, with a communal address and housekeeping, can, as a maximum, get funding equivalent to one person with provider status from the Danish Cancer Society and other sources (Danish or foreign).

Further details regarding the budget and application system can be found in section [11. The application system](#).



8. Stay abroad for less than 1 month - without salary

Application deadline: **14 May and 10 October 2024 at 15:00**

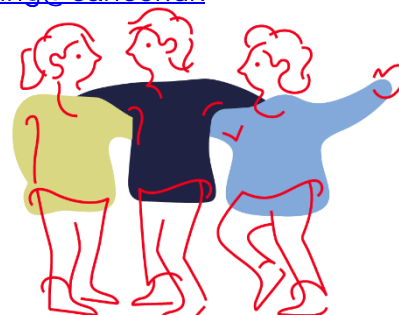
Signature page: Must be signed and e-mailed to forskningsbevilling@cancer.dk

Funding area/form: Stay abroad for less than 1 month

Assessment committee: A committee consisting of members from both KBVU-BK and KBVU-MS

Notification: End June and November

Funding start date: The travel can be made from the date of application submission. However, please be aware that the notification about a possible grant will not be given until end-July and end-November, respectively



8.1 Purpose

The Danish Cancer Society wants to support younger researchers, such as PhD students, post-doctoral fellows, lecturers, and younger doctors in training, who travel on a short-term stay abroad to attend a meeting or a conference. See who cannot apply in 8.4)

8.2 You can apply for

- Stays abroad for up to 1 month (31 days) duration in connection with a short-term trip to visit collaborators as well as attendance in meetings and conferences, where you present your research results by way of lectures or posters
- Trips in Europe up to a maximum of DKK 12,000
- Trips overseas up to a maximum of DKK 20,000

8.3 You cannot apply for

- Expenses defrayed before the date of application
- Payments for supervision and courses in connection with PhD studies
- Trips for supplementary training - exempted from this rule is supplementary training with a dedicated scientific and development scope - such as new cancer therapeutics or diagnostic methods connected with an ongoing research project. Technical supplementary training of non-scientific staff - for example, training in new techniques and use of new advanced equipment - must be applied for as project support in connection with a project application



- Conferences in Denmark – but it is possible to apply for the conference fee if a big international conference is held in Denmark for one year.
- The daily allowances must cover local transport expenses abroad

8.4 Please note

- You can apply for one trip less than 1 month per year
- The application form and all attachments must be in English, except when it is stated specifically that it must be in Danish
- When applying for a meeting or conference attendance where you present your research results by way of lectures or a poster, the abstract (in English) must be uploaded in step 2
- A recommendation from the main supervisor/head of department (max. 1 A4 page) must be uploaded in step 2
- If you apply for a study stay or a trip to a collaborator, you must upload an invitation from the host institution and a recommendation from the main supervisor in step 2
- You must inform the Danish Cancer Society if you receive funding from other sources. If second funding exists, a potential grant from the Danish Cancer Society will be reduced accordingly
- When applying, it is unnecessary to have approval that the abstract is accepted for presentation by way of lectures or posters, as the approval can be sent later. If acceptance is not available at the time of assessment, a grant can be given if acceptance is granted subsequently
- If you apply for specific budget items from other sources, you must specify that source in step 3 under 'Details'
- If several persons from a group of collaborating researchers apply for support to attend the same conference, usually only one researcher can obtain support for attendance
- The following persons cannot apply and receive funding
 - Students/persons with no candidate degree
 - Lecturers, chief physicians, professors
 - Researchers who work at a research institute abroad at the time of travelling

8.5 Budget

Travel costs

As travel grants are only awarded within a limited frame, the **cheapest** transport possibilities, such as train or **cheap** flight fares, must be used to the utmost extent. Support for more expensive stays abroad cannot be expected unless there are particular reasons which should be stated in the application. **Therefore, it is essential that travelling is planned well in advance.** If it appears after a possible grant has been awarded, it is necessary to use a different form of transport than the one stated in the application; the Danish Cancer Society must approve this **before** travelling.



Original tickets, receipts for transport to and from the airport, invoices, etc., must be attached as documentation when submitting the financial report.

The daily allowance covers local transport after reaching the destination (see below); therefore, no documentation is needed.

Conference fees

- It must be stated to what extent the fee covers ordinary meals. The part of the fee which concerns large social arrangements is not covered
- Original receipts and the registration form specifying what the fee covers must be attached as documentation when submitting the financial report.

Accommodation costs

- At a maximum, it is granted corresponding to the circular from the Ministry of Finance regarding compensation in the form of daily allowance during official journeys abroad
 - Read more on www.medst.dk - under 'cirkulære om Tjenesterejser'
<https://pav.medst.dk/tjenesterejser/>
- Daily allowances are calculated on an hourly basis at 1/24 of the current country rate of destination. The rate is also valid for travelling hours in Denmark.
- Travel time with means of transport, in which meal expenses are included in the ticket price, is not included when calculating the daily allowance. If the trip includes more than one country, the rate of the country in question is used when the journey to the new country begins
- If meal expenses are covered in advance (e.g., through fees or in connection with overnight stays), the daily allowance is reduced to 25%. The daily allowances, including local transport, etc., must cover the remaining expenses connected with the stay. If only certain meals are included, the daily allowance is reduced accordingly. Breakfast is calculated at 15%, lunch at 30% and dinner at 30%
- Hotel expenses are refunded according to the maximum of the circular of the Ministry of Finance. Original hotel receipt must be attached when submitting the financial report

Further details regarding the budget and application system can be found in section [11. Application system](#)



9. Scholarship

Application deadline:	14 May and 10 October 2024 at 15:00
Signature page:	Must be signed and e-mailed to forskningsbevilling@cancer.dk
Funding area/form:	Scholarship
Assessment committee:	A committee consisting of members from both KBVU-BK and KBVU-MS
Notification:	End June and November Rejections will not be reasoned
Funding start date:	At the earliest, a grant can be used from 1 July and 1 December, respectively, when the application notification has been received.



9.1 Purpose

The Danish Cancer Society wants to support young students who want a career as a cancer researcher. Students can apply for support to conduct a cancer research project full-time for a period, which will prolong the study time beyond the stipulated time. The project is expected to go beyond what is normally required of a thesis.

9.2 You can apply for

- Scholarship (fixed frame of DKK 10,000 per month) for up to 12 months

9.3 You cannot apply for

- Running costs, etc.

9.4 Please note

- A scholarship is personal and **must** be applied for by the student
- Typically, science speciality students must have worked at least 4-6 months on the project before the scholarship period (the bachelor project period does not count). However, this is not mandatory for medical students accepted at a pre-graduate research institution
- A PhD student attending a training course and persons with a candidate degree **cannot** apply for a scholarship
- The application form and all attachments **must** be in English, except when it is stated specifically that it must be in Danish



- It must be confirmed that the applicant will get qualified study guidance at the place where the project is conducted. Therefore, the following **must** be uploaded
 - A declaration from the workplace that they will host the project and put the necessary means at the disposal
 - A recommendation from the main supervisor of max. one A4 page. The recommendation must include a confirmation that the applicant will prolong the study time beyond the stipulated time, which is a prerequisite for a grant. Meaning that the study **MUST** be on hold for the scholarship period
- You are not allowed to receive SU at the same time as you have a scholarship
- If you have a second job in the same period, it must be stated in the application
- A grade transcript from the university **must** be uploaded. **CPR number must not appear in the uploaded transcripts**
- It is expected that the project can be finalised within the scholarship period
- The workplace pays out the scholarship and is not entitled to holiday pay
- The scholarship is reported to SKAT but without deduction of 'AM-bidrag' (Labour Market Contribution) and 'ATP' (Danish Labour Market Supplementary Pension)

9.5 Budget

It is not necessary to submit a budget when applying for a scholarship.

9.6 Project description

The applicant, in person, must write the project description, and the oncological or psychosocial relevance must be stated. Besides this, the project description must include the following:

- Information about the practicalities of the completion of the project
- Information about how long the applicant has been working on the project
- A status report of the project



10. The Danish Cancer Society's Research Talent Award

Deadline for nomination: **1 March 2024 at 15:00**

Signature page: Must be signed and e-mailed to forskningsbevilling@cancer.dk

Funding area/form: Research Talent Award – Basic, biological, and epidemiological cancer research
Research Talent Award – Clinical Cancer Research

Pool: 2 x DKK 100,000

Assessment committee: KBVU-BK

Notification: Beginning of September
Rejection will not be reasoned

Funding start date: The awards will be presented in August at [the Danish Cancer Research Days](#), arranged by [DCCC](#) and [DMCG](#), and the award can be used from 1 September



The award is granted for research-related costs, for example:

- Travel costs in connection with conferences, courses, and meetings with collaborators
- Purchase of research-related computer
- Laboratory equipment
- Materials

10.1 Purpose

Each year, the Danish Cancer Society allocates two Awards to support talented young researchers who have made a special effort in Danish cancer research. The award is allocated to young researchers who have shown an extraordinary research effort or obtained significant international breakthroughs and awareness results.

Two awards are allocated, one within basic, biological, and epidemiological cancer research, the other within clinical cancer research.

The award is DKK 100,000 and will be presented at the Danish Cancer Research Days arranged by DCCC and DMCG. The award can be used from 1 September 2021.



10.2 Nomination of a candidate for a Research Talent Award

Research directors and supervisors can nominate qualified candidates for the two Awards.

- The nominated candidate must be **under the age of 40 by the nomination deadline**
- The nomination must be in English and include the following:
 - Motivation
 - Description of the candidate's research effort and the cancer relevance. It must clearly describe what defines the candidate's extraordinary efforts and results. By nomination of a student, the research, which stands out from standard practice, must be described
 - Short CV including a list of publications
- Research directors or the supervisor nominate and submit via the application system

Further details regarding the budget and application system can be found in section [11. Application system](#)



11. The application system and forms

Access to the application and reporting system is available via the Danish Cancer Society's homepage: www.cancer.dk/ansoegning.

Until the application deadline, you can edit the application on an ongoing basis until you choose to submit it. Corrections and updates can be made via the Overview page by pressing 'Edit.'

Remember to save every time new information or corrections are entered before leaving each step: **Press 'Save changes', which can be found at the top and bottom of each step.**

In each step, you can see the mandatory fields which have not been completed, partly by the red/green square in the heading and the missing fields marked red in the left margin. All mandatory fields must be completed before you can submit the application.

A minimum or maximum of characters are stated in several fields; if not respected, it is impossible to submit the application.

Please note that Word and the application form do not count the characters similarly. All characters and spaces are included in the application form, whereas Word does not count 'enter'/'return'.

Application forms

The application forms for the several funding areas and application types can differ in layout and number of steps. In the following paragraphs, the application form will be described in general terms and primarily focus on applications about project costs, postdoctoral fellowships, stays abroad exceeding 1 month, etc. Still, the information can also be used in other types of applications.

The application form is divided into 6 steps:

Steps 1-4 concern the actual application

Step 5 offers the possibility to see the whole application and print a PDF

Step 6 is used to submit the final application

11.1. Step 1 - Personal information

Only one profile per person is allowed; once the application is completed, it is not permitted to change the profile. A new application must be made in the correct applicant's name in such cases.

The personal data are used for quick and secure application identification and communication with the applicant. The data may be reused and updated later.



Applicants who have obtained project funding from the Danish Cancer Society within the last five years must, in step 1, provide information about previous grants from the Danish Cancer Society. Besides this, you must submit a status report and information about the latest funded project's publications, irrespective of whether you apply for the same or a different project.

11.2. Step 2 - Project information

At the top of Step 2, tick off to confirm having read and agreed to follow 'the Danish Cancer Society's ethical guidelines' - <https://www.cancer.dk/om-os/om-kraeftens-bekaempelse/etik-og-ansvarlighed/etiske-retningslinjer/> and 'The Danish code of conduct for research integrity' - www.cancer.dk/thedanishcodeofconduct.

The project title will, among others, be used in connection with the announcement of a possible grant.

Collaborators

National and international collaborators can strengthen your application, and it is a **prerequisite for your application that the following collaborators are set up:**

- Supervisors, when applying for a postdoctoral fellowship
- Named scientific assistants and postdoctoral fellows when applying for salary (a short CV and a list of publications must be uploaded)
- External collaborators who contribute substantially to the project when applying for projects
- Guest researchers (a short CV and list of publications must be uploaded)

Collaborators who are set up will automatically get an e-mail to confirm that they agree to collaborate on the project. The confirmation is done by clicking the link in the received e-mail. If collaborators do not receive an e-mail, it might have been caught in a spam filter. If so, they can be deleted and set up again with an alternative e-mail address. The applicant may also request the collaborator to send an e-mail to forskningsbevilling@cancer.dk stating the approval as a collaborator on the specific project.

Management approval

The **manager in charge of research and budget responsibilities of the institution** where the project is to take place must be set up for digital management approval of the application. **By approving the application, the manager confirms and accepts that the stated project can be carried out in the department/institute and that the necessary facilities and resources are available.**

The applicants cannot approve their own application. If the applicant is head of the institution, another executive on the same or higher level than the applicant must do the digital management approval.



Before the digital management approval, as much as possible must be completed and saved, e.g. the project title, project description and short project description.

The management approval is done by clicking the link in the received e-mail. If the executive does not receive an e-mail, it might have been caught in a spam filter. If so, the executive can be deleted and set up again with an alternative e-mail address. The applicant may also request the executive to send an e-mail to forskningsbevilling@cancer.dk stating that the project can be conducted at the institution. The application cannot be submitted before the management approval is done.

Statement from the host institution (max. 1 A4 page) can be uploaded in step 2.

Project description

The project description **must** be in **English**.

The text can be copied into the application form if the project description has been prepared in Word. Any pictures and figures can be attached in the application's step 4 as jpg files.

Formatting text in the application form

To make *italic text*, mark the text with <i> at the beginning of the sentence and </i> at the end. To make **bold text**, mark the text with at the beginning and at the end.

It is possible to check the final formatting in the application's step 5.

The project description must include

When applying for project support for the pool 'Young talented cancer researchers', postdoctoral fellowships, and stays abroad exceeding 1 month, the project description **must** include

- Information about the purpose of the project (research question)
- Information about the preliminary studies that underlie the research plan
- Research plan, including methods and timeline
- Statistical considerations, including strength calculations, also regarding animal research
- The practicability of the project (workplace, resources, etc.)
- Information about to what extent the project will have an impact on the patients' cancer course
- Description of which clinical perspectives are related to the project and how project results can be widely or systematically implemented for the benefit of the patient in the clinic
- Information about the applicant's knowledge of, or contact with, researchers working on the same or similar type of project in Denmark or abroad, as well as an assessment of the project's significance internationally
- A statement on whether the project is subject to ethical restraints. If this is the case, it must be justified how the necessary measures of the project have been or will be met (e.g., by recombinant experiments, animal experiments or clinical trials)

In separate fields:



- A description of potential patient involvement in the project – from preliminary preparation to implementation. If it is estimated that patient participation is not possible or suitable, this should be explicitly stated in the project description
- A description of the cancer relevance

For the sake of the patient representatives of the Danish Cancer Society's research committees and the Danish Cancer Society's work regarding campaigns and information, three questions must be answered, and a Danish layman's abstract must be made, clarifying how the project contributes to the cancer cause. **The response should be precise and easily read without medical or technical terms.**

11.3 Step 3 – Budget and CV

Budget

The first year in the budget = the first potential funding year. If any, former project years can be stated in 'Detailed budget information'.

The budget must be written in English.

The budget consists of several items (step 3A) that will be accumulated into a budget overview. Budget items must be allocated to the actual project year(s) for which the funding is applied from the Danish Cancer Society. It must be indicated if you have applied for or been granted funding for the project from other sources. All amounts must be in Danish kroner, and please state the year the cost relates to in the field 'Details'. Furthermore, if there are particular circumstances concerning a budget item, these can also be stated in the 'Details on funding' or 'Detailed budget information' field. If the project is broken down into subprojects with separate budgets, this should also be mentioned here. The budget must be specified and justified in 'Detailed budget information'.

Applied funds must cover price and salary increases for the entire grant period, as a potential grant cannot be overspent.

Please state the source's name and when notification can be expected under 'Details' (for each budget item) if you applied for a grant from other sources.

You must state the length of the employment (hours, months, or years) for each budget year in connection with applications for salary costs. Please indicate the total number of months the person can be expected to be employed full-time - e.g., the length of employment of a person working part-time on a project in a calendar year is calculated as 6 months.

Salary to the same scientific assistant/PhD student is typically granted a maximum of 3 years.

The detailed budget should be specified in the following cost categories

- Salary, scientific staff
- Salary, technical staff



- Running costs
- Equipment, purchase, and leasing (up to a total of DKK 100,000)
- Travel costs
- Other

Salary must be specified as

- Own salary
- Salary for scientific assistants/PhD students
- Salary for non-scientific assistance
- Salary for guest researchers
- Other types of salaries and fees (type must be indicated)

Salary rates

Salaries are paid in accordance with the collective agreement concluded with the relevant local negotiating organisation at the workplace.

Special allowances are given depending on the job category necessary for the project. Salary must not exceed the professional level required to implement the project.

Individual/personal allowances are usually not granted and are subject to prior approval by the committee. If applying for that kind of allowance, please include a project-related justification in the 'Detailed budget information' in step 3.

Usually, the grants for salary will be granted as **salary framework grants**. Those grants cannot be overspent, and the remaining amount must be refunded.

The committee has fixed a salary framework rate for scientific assistants/PhD students, post-doctoral fellowships, own salary, etc. These framework rates must be used in the application, as they will be used to calculate a possible grant.

Salary framework rates for staff in project applications	
Scientific assistant/PhD student	575,000 DKK/year
Postdoctoral/lecturer/associate professor	675,000 DKK/year
Professor, including research professor	775,000 DKK/year
Framework rates for postdoctoral fellowships (personal)	
Postdoctoral fellowship in DK – Salary and running costs (unspecified)	775,000 DKK/year
Postdoctoral fellowship abroad	675,000 DKK/year

It is also possible to apply for grants for non-scientific assistants, including student assistants. You must indicate an hourly rate in connection with fees and hourly pay.

A postdoctoral fellowship must be applied for personally.



Postdoctoral fellowship in DK

A postdoctoral fellowship must be stated as a framework of DKK 775,000 in the budget. You can specify the necessary running costs in 'Details on funding' for the particular budget item or 'Detailed budget information.'

Postdoctoral fellowship abroad

A postdoctoral fellowship abroad can only be used for the fellow's salary. The grant is awarded exclusively to researchers employed at a Danish institution during their stay.

Any excess salary framework grant must be paid back to the Danish Cancer Society.

Running costs

Running costs cover, e.g., materials, laboratory animals, publication costs (except for Open Access), and other project-related costs.

The budget for running costs **must** be specified in 'Details' or 'Detailed budget information'. **Researchers affiliated with institutions obtaining VAT rebates must apply for running costs exclusive of VAT.**

Travel costs

Please note that **expenses for a stay abroad of less than 1 month's duration in connection with meeting and conference participation can be applied separately** by applying for ['Stay abroad less than 1 month'](#).

It is primarily younger researchers, such as PhD students, postdoctoral fellows, lecturers, and younger doctors enrolled in education, who can obtain a travel grant. If more than one person in a group of collaborating researchers applies for funding to participate in the same conference, typically, only one person will obtain funding.

Travel and accommodation costs for trips to conferences, collaborators, meetings, etc.

Must be specified in transport and accommodation costs respectively. Information about the name, destination, the purpose of the trip and relevance to the project must be stated in the application.

Equipment

Applying for equipment up to a total of DKK 100,000 in a project application is possible. The selection of equipment must be justified.

Regarding an equipment grant, it is a condition that the grant holder has the right to use the equipment as long as it is necessary for cancer research at the institution. The right of use can be transferred to other cancer researchers if the grant holder's use of the equipment ceases. **Researchers affiliated with institutions obtaining VAT rebates should apply for the equipment exclusive of VAT.**



If funds have not been allocated from other sources for the equipment's operation and maintenance, funding can be applied for from the Danish Cancer Society. The amounts must be specified as separate budget items in the application, and the need for the equipment must be explained.

CV

The Curriculum Vitae must be short and precise and hold information about education, including dates of achieved Master's degree and PhD if any, as well as current and previous employment. Publications are specified in a separate field.

Publications

Please specify up to 20 publications relevant to the applied project, hereof at least 10 from the past 5 years. PubMed ID (PMID) or DOI should be specified opposite each publication.

It must be clearly specified which publications are accepted in international journals with peer-review

H-index and the total number of publications should be stated, including the number of first-, last- and co-first/last authorships.

11.4 Step 4 – Upload figures

Figures (pictures, documents, etc.) are not inserted in the project description but are separately transferred as described in detail in Step 4. All documents and images **can only be uploaded as .jpg files**. Other file types must be changed to .jpg files before upload.

Typically, you can upload up to 12 figures/pictures depending on the funding area and type of application. Only use figures if it is necessary for the assessment of the application. Remember to write a text for all figures.

The following must be uploaded as figures

- Pictures, tables, photos, drawings, scanned letters and other materials relevant to the application

11.5 Step 5 - The combined application

In step 5, all information is gathered, and the application can be found as a PDF file ready for print.

11.6 Step 6 – Submit the application

As in each step, it is possible to see if the mandatory steps are incomplete.

If the application is ready to be submitted, tick off the checkbox to confirm that you have read the guidelines and confirm that the information presented in the application is correct. Click 'OK' and click 'Submit application'.



After submitting the application in our system, sign the front page (the signature page).
Send the signature page to forskningsbevilling@cancer.dk on the same day as the deadline.

Do not send the rest of the application by e-mail.



12. The committees' address and secretariat



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12.1 Funding

You are welcome to contact one of the below-mentioned persons from the Funding and Follow-up if you have questions regarding the application system, the application process, or an ongoing grant.

KBVU-BK project and Research Talent Award

Funding coordinator **Henriette Millschou Christensen**, henchr@cancer.dk, tel. +45 35 25 72 68

KBVU-MS project, Stays abroad less than/exceeding 1 month without salary and scholarships

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Knæk Cancer project, Young talented cancer researchers and professorships

Funding coordinator **Anne Mette Bak**, e-mail amb@cancer.dk, tel. +45 35 25 72 57

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Head of Funding and Follow-up **Christina J. B. Koefoed-Hansen**, e-mail ckh@cancer.dk, tel. +45 35 25 72 59

12.2 Follow-up

You are welcome to contact one of the below-mentioned persons if you have questions regarding research follow-up, research report, status report, research results and dissemination – either by approaching forskningsopfolgning@cancer.dk or directly.

Regarding grants to researchers not employed at the Danish Cancer Society

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