

## Call for proposals 2019

# Odense University Hospital PhD Fund for Operating Costs

<b>Application deadline</b>	<b>11 September 2019 at 23.59 p.m.</b>
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Proposals for Operating Costs for PhD students are invited. One call a year is expected, see above. Call and other information are available at the website for the [Odense University Hospital's PhD Fund for Operating Costs](#).

## Objective

"Patient first" is the underlying principle of OUH's ambition in creating value for our patients. To offer the best treatment, retain and attract the best qualified staff to the benefit of patients, it is OUH's ambition to strengthen research at the hospital. As one of several initiatives to reach this objective, OUH has set aside funding for Operating Costs for PhD students.

## Requirements for applicants

Eligible applicants are current PhD students at SDU and OUH or students who have obtained approval of a studentship at the University of Southern Denmark.

PhD students from all research disciplines are eligible to apply, including clinical near-patient research, epidemiology research, experimental laboratory research, health-service research etc.

## Eligible costs

Each applicant may apply for a minimum amount of DKK 50.000 and maximum amount of DKK 200.000 from the PhD Fund for Operating Costs. The council limits the distribution of funds for one year.

It is possible to apply for funding of operating costs only, e.g.:

- Employment or co-financing of non-scientific staff (NSS in English, TAP in Danish) for research projects (e.g. biomedical laboratory technician, research nurses etc.)
- Purchase of apparatus or other material for research projects
- Other research-promoting purposes

Please specify budget items in the application according to the instructions given in efond, e.g. divide into utensils, equipment, animals, etc.

The OUH Research Support offers instructions on how to prepare the budget. For assistance, please contact [reg.forskertservice@rsyd.dk](mailto:reg.forskertservice@rsyd.dk).

## Non eligible costs

It is **not** possible to apply for other costs, e.g.

- Own salary (Stipends)
- Salary for other researchers (SCS in English and VIP in Danish)
- Study fees
- Travel costs or conference fees
- Overhead, since the PhD Fund for Operating cost is a local fund
- Open Access publication. Please refer to the [SDU Open Access Fond](#)

For funding of PhD salary/stipends, please refer to [The Odense University Hospital PhD Fund](#). Please note that as of 2018 applying for funding of operating costs for PhD students is only available by this fund and no longer by the Odense University Free Research Fund.

## Assessment criteria

In assessment of the applications and allocation of grants from the fund, priority will be given to:

- The scientific quality of the research project (most important), e.g.
  - The scientific quality and innovative value of the research plan
  - The feasibility of the research plan
  - The competences of the project participants within the field in question
  - Support for the project in the research unit, scientifically as well as access to relevant material (data, apparatus etc.)
  - The significance and added value of involvement of any consortium for realization of the objectives of the project
  - Considerations about involving patients and/or relatives in the research
- The strategic value of the research project (secondary assessment criteria) related to Odense University Hospital's [Research Strategy](#).

## How to submit an application

You must submit your application via the electronic application system efond. Please read and comply with the instructions given in efond and enclose the following appendices in PDF format:

- Signed approval from both Head of Department and Head of Research at OUH stating that the project can be carried out at OUH
- Approval from the PhD School of a studentships at the University of Southern Denmark (SDU)
- Link to your full and up-to-date CV at the SDU webpage. If you are not yet employed at SDU, you may upload a CV including publications and grade point average
- If you are applying for an ongoing project, please include a progression report
- If you have been in contact with or if the project has obtained approval from the Scientific Ethical Committee, The Danish Data Protection Agency, etc., please upload approvals or other relevant information regarding contact.
- If many acronyms are applied in the application, please upload an overview of what they are an abbreviation of.

Please note that efond only allows uploading a total of four PDF-files and in addition four JPEG-files. If necessary, two or more files may be compiled into one.

Your application must be written in English (except layman's summary and the section regarding patient involvement. These parts must be written in Danish).

You will receive a confirmation by email from "efond" if the application is submitted correctly (please check your spam filter if you do not receive an email).

## Assessment procedure

The received applications will be reviewed and prioritised according to the above criteria by the Committee for the PhD Fund for Operating costs at Odense University Hospital.

If the application does not comply with the listed requirements in the call, the committee may reject the application for this reason alone.

The committee will prepare recommendations for the Board of Directors who will make the final decision.

All applicants will receive notice of the outcome of the application approximately a month after the application deadline.

## Considerations

Affiliation to OUH and SDU is necessary and academic affiliation of the project must be clear. Consequently, it is important that all participants including supervisors appear from the application.

Patients are members of the research council and they will be reviewing the applications with the other members of the council. The patients' primary focus is on the layman's description and description of patient involvement, why these parts must be understandable to a non-specialist.

It is important that the application describes considerations about patient-/relative involvement. The involvement can happen throughout the entire research process – from the planning of the project to dissemination of the results that are generated. The main purpose of health research is obtaining results that will be beneficial for patients.

Involving patients and relatives in the research process can help to ensure that the research focuses on those topics and issues that are most important from a patient perspective. Involvement by patients and relatives should be enhanced where it contributes the most value for the individual research project, and thus the value of the project to patients and society as a whole.

Examples of how and when you can involve patients and relatives:

- Clarification of research questions, outcome goals
- Reading the application – especially Danish sections (layman description, descriptions to Ethical Committee of Science)
- Dissemination of research results

Please find more inspiration at [VIBIS](#) (in Danish) or at [INVOLVE](#), a British organization which for many years have had focus on public involvement in research.

## Questions and contact information

Please forward questions to [ouh.forskning@rsyd.dk](mailto:ouh.forskning@rsyd.dk).