

Niels Bohr Professorship Program

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Call for Proposals

The Danish National Research Foundation (DNRF) hereby invites Danish universities to submit proposals for Niels Bohr Professorships within all research areas. The professorships may start operating from August 1, 2012, for a 5-year period.

Objective

The Niels Bohr Professorship Program seeks to attract strong, international, senior-level researchers that are able to significantly advance the internationalization of a specific area of research in Denmark with lasting, long-term effects. The DNRF welcomes proposals for research programs characterized by novelty, creativity and excellence.

The Niels Bohr professor must have a high standing in the international research community. The proposed research must be outstanding and cutting edge. During the funding period, the Niels Bohr professor must act as a catalyst, supporting a strong scientific cohesiveness, and demonstrate scientific/scholarly leadership of the receiving research group. The Niels Bohr professor must engage in research training activities, such as the supervision of PhD students.

The DNRF welcomes proposals where the Niels Bohr Professor stays in Denmark for the entire 5 year funding period. However, other models in which the professor remains in Denmark for shorter or longer visits are also welcomed. The time spent in Denmark is expected to correspond to 50-100 % of a full-time equivalent.

The Niels Bohr professor may start up a new research group or enter into an existing one. It is possible to bring along junior researchers to Denmark.

Requirements

Researchers at the level of full professor from foreign universities or research institutions can be recruited to a research group or environment at a Danish university for a permanent position or a long-term affiliation. Danes holding a full professorship or equivalent at a foreign university are also eligible.

A high level of commitment from the Danish host institution to the proposed Niels Bohr Professorship is required for applying. A clear vision for the embedment of the Niels Bohr Professorship after the termination of DNRF funding is expected.

The receiving research group must be capable of providing a suitable and focused research environment and infrastructure, supported by the host institution.

Available funding

Six to eight grants are expected to be awarded. The total funding for each grant is expected to be DKK 25-30M, including salaries for the Niels Bohr professor and associated junior researchers, salary for administrative support, operating costs, and 44% overhead. The salary level of the Niels Bohr professor is arranged with the host institution.

Eligible for funding

Applications must be submitted on behalf of one or more universities at the level of the Vice-Chancellor. Individuals cannot apply. Each university can submit up to the following number of proposals:

- University of Copenhagen: 4 proposals
- University of Aarhus: 4 proposals
- Technical University of Denmark: 3 proposals
- University of Southern Denmark: 2 proposals
- Aalborg University: 2 proposals
- Copenhagen Business School: 1 proposal
- Roskilde University: 1 proposal
- IT University of Copenhagen: 1 proposal

Please refer to the guide for applicants for a full account of proposal requirements and assessment criteria at www.dg.dk.

Deadline

Proposals must be received by the DNRF no later than **Friday, December 2, 2011, at 16.00.**

Form

Proposals must be written in English using an application form, which can be downloaded from www.dg.dk. The application form must be submitted as a single PDF file and sent as an attachment to an e-mail to dg@dg.dk.

Further information

Please refer to the guide for applicants, the application form and www.dg.dk for further information. Applicants are welcome to contact either Director Thomas Sinkjær, E-mail: ts@dg.dk, Tel.:+45 3318 1950, or Research Adviser Marie-Louise Munch, E-mail: mim@dg.dk, Tel.:+45 3318 1953 for further information.