

Call for proposals

The OUH Internationalisation Fund

- For support of highly specialised services

Special version with provisional activities in category d) Other purposes

Running application deadline

Proposals for The OUH Internationalisation Fund are invited. This call and applications forms are available for download at [the website of the Fund](#).

Overall objective

The Region of Southern Denmark and OUH strives to increase collaboration with hospitals and researchers abroad with the aim of increasing the rate of development, the volume and quality of research as well as introducing new clinical methods to the benefit of treatment of patients. Consequently, in e.g. its research strategy, OUH has prioritised international collaboration as a focus area.

The OUH Internationalisation Fund is established in order to strengthen research initiatives within all specialities. With the fund, OUH is able to co-finance international research stays and stays for learning new clinical methods with the aim of developing international research networks and/or developing diagnostic methods and methods for treatment for OUH employees and visits from researchers and clinicians to OUH. Treatment is used in the broadest sense. It includes, for example, prevention, assessment, diagnosis, care, follow-up, rehabilitation, and palliation.

Through on-going exchange and affiliation of research related know-how and manpower, it is OUH's aim via funding from The OUH Internationalisation Fund to strengthen and develop:

- Participation from OUH in international research networks.
- New diagnostic and treatment methods including, for example, prevention, assessment, diagnosis, care, follow-up, rehabilitation, and palliation as well as innovative technologies.
- Opportunities for constructing additional elite research centres.
- Opportunities for attracting and retain the best research talents.

The OUH Internationalisation Fund can be applied for within the four below mentioned different categories. For each category, requirements, eligible costs, etc., are listed separately:

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A total of DKK 5 m from the OUH Internationalisation Fund is available every year.

Please note that the valid call will always be the version available at the [website of the fund](#).

a) International research stays for clinicians and researchers including pre-graduate and PhD students

Objective

Financial support for researchers and clinicians who want to go on an international research stay and stays for learning new clinical methods within diagnostics and treatment including, for example, prevention, assessment, diagnosis, care, follow-up, rehabilitation, and palliation aiming to develop international research networks and/or developing diagnostic methods and methods for treatment.

Examples:

- Establishing new research relations.
- Learning new clinical methods.
- Study trip to international hospitals.
- Tour to relevant hospitals where junior researcher(s) and senior researcher(s) will present a research project as a part of building up research collaboration.

Requirements for applicants

The following requirements must be met in order to obtain funding from The Internationalisation Fund:

- PhD students must at the time of applying be enrolled as a PhD student at The University of Southern Denmark (SDU), and the main part of the PhD project must be carried out at OUH.
- Pre-graduate students must at the time of applying have a supervisor at OUH and be enrolled as a pre-graduate student at SDU.
- Researchers (postdocs, assistant professors, associate professors and professors) must be affiliated to OUH. In addition to researchers employed in a position divided between OUH and SDU, the affiliation may also be defined as researchers referring to a head of research at a clinical department at OUH. All applications must be approved by the head of department and head of research at OUH.
- Clinicians must be tenured.
- During the stay abroad the applicant must maintain an affiliation to OUH as either continued employment or taking a leave of absence.

Eligible costs

- Buy out of the clinical part of the employment (only possible to apply for this budget heading if the department employs a substitute or covers overtime in accordance with collective agreements for already employed staff).
- Travel expenses.
- Subsistence expenses (hotel/apartment for up to 6 months and daily allowances for the first 28 days of the research stay according to the [current circular for business travels](#)).
- Mandatory health insurance costs which the OUH general travel insurance does not cover, e.g. in the USA. The amount applied for travel insurance is on top of the maximum rates below.

For each applicant, the following maximum rates apply for the total amount available from the OUH Internationalisation Fund:

- PhD and pre-graduate students:

- A maximum of DKK 60,000 for research stays up to 6 months at a foreign research institution.
- Researchers (postdocs, assistant professors, associate professors, and professors) employed in a divided position between OUH and SDU and employees in non-limited positions at OUH may apply for:
 - 6 months: A maximum of DKK 500,000
 - 3 months: A maximum of DKK 250,000
 - 1 month: A maximum of DKK 80,000

Please note:

- Funding does not necessarily cover all expenses.
- Travel and hotel booking must be made via The OUH Travel Service (ouh.rejseservice@rsyd.dk) cf. [the OUH Travel Policy](#).

Non eligible costs

- Expenses already defrayed, i.e. the application must concern future expenses.
- Expenses related to accompanying family.
- Participation in international seminars, conferences, courses, etc.

The OUH Research Support offers instructions on how to draw up a budget. If you request assistance, please contact reg.forskertjeneste@rsyd.dk.

Assessment criteria

Applications are being assessed according to the above-mentioned objectives and requirements.

How to submit an application

You must submit your application via email to ouh.intpuljen@rsyd.dk stating "Application for the OUH Internationalisation Fund" and name of the applicant in the subject field and enclose the following appendices:

- Completed application form *a) International research stay for clinicians and researchers including pre-graduates and PhD students* (available for download at the [website of the fund](#)).
- Project description of a maximum of two pages including:
 - The purpose of the research stay.
 - How OUH is expected to benefit from the research stay, including number of and expected titles or themes of possible publications.
 - How you are planning to share the acquired knowledge at OUH from your research stay abroad, e.g. by a short report, a presentation, training of colleagues, making a video, participating in OUH TALKS or other.
 - Timetable for the research stay and for subsequent activities including publications.
- CV for the applicant(s) applying for research stay abroad or a stay for learning new clinical methods to improve diagnostics and/or treatments including, for example, prevention, assessment, diagnosis, care, follow-up, rehabilitation, and palliation (e.g. link to CV on the SDU website, otherwise two pages).
- Budget specified into:
 - Travel expenses
 - Subsistence expenses
 - Any other budget headings

- Written approval from both the head of department and head of research at OUH of the research stay abroad including a statement of how the department or research unit will benefit from the research stay.
- Invitation from the foreign institution where the research stay is taking place, if any .

Your application must be written in English or Danish.

You will receive a confirmation by email regarding receipt of your application.

Applications which fail to comply with the above formalities will not be considered.

Assessment procedure

The submitted applications will be reviewed by the assessment committee for The OUH Internationalisation Fund.

All applicants will receive notice of the outcome of the application approximately two weeks after confirmation of receipt of the application except in the month of July, weeks 7, 42, 52 and over Easter .

Questions and contact information

Please forward questions to ouh.intpuljen@rsyd.dk.

b) Affiliation of international adjunct associate professors and adjunct professors

Objective

Financial support for the affiliation of an adjunct associate professor or adjunct professor to a research unit at OUH.

Please note that a separate application regarding approval of the adjunct professor or the adjunct associate professor must be submitted to the University of Southern Denmark (SDU). Please refer to the [SDU website](#).

Requirements for applicants

The following requirements must be met in order to obtain funding from The Internationalisation Fund:

- Only the head of research may apply for the affiliation of an international adjunct associate professor or adjunct professor
- The research unit at OUH must apply SDU for approval of affiliation of the adjunct associate professor or adjunct professor. However, the application for funding of an adjunct professor from The Internationalisation Fund may be submitted before the SDU approval is given

Eligible costs

- Travel expenses
- Subsistence expenses according to the [current circular for business travels](#) (hotel and daily allowances or reimbursement of meals).

For each adjunct associate professor or adjunct professor, the following rates apply for the total amount available from The OUH Internationalisation Fund:

- A maximum of DKK 60,000 pr. year for a period of three to five years

Please note:

- Funding does not necessarily cover all expenses .
- Travel and hotel booking may be made via The OUH Travel Service (OUH RejseService) cf. [the OUH Travel Policy](#).
- If the adjunct associate professor or adjunct professors is booking travel and hotel, reimbursement will only be by receipts.
- Funding for research stays or stays for learning new clinical methods regarding diagnostics and treatment including, for example, prevention, assessment, diagnosis, care, follow-up, rehabilitation, and palliation to the home institution of the adjunct associate professor or adjunct professor must be applied by submitting a separate application in the category *a) International research stays for clinicians and researchers including pre-graduate and PhD students*.

Non eligible costs

- Expenses already defrayed, i.e. the application must concern future expenses
- Expenses related to a possible reception in connection with the adjunct professor's possible inaugural lecture

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Assessment criteria

Applications are being assessed according to the above-mentioned objectives and requirements.

How to submit an application

You must submit your application via email to ouh.intpuljen@rsyd.dk stating "Application for the OUH Internationalisation Fund" and name of the applicant in the subject field and enclose the following appendices:

- Completed application form *b) Affiliation of international adjunct associate professors or adjunct professors* (available for download at the [website of the fund](#)).
- Project description of a maximum of two pages including description of
 - The research area of the adjunct associate professor or adjunct professor
 - Tasks which the adjunct associate professor or adjunct professor will carry out at OUH. If the application concerns an adjunct associate professor or an adjunct professor who has previously received a grant from the OUH Internationalisation Fund, please indicate tasks carried out in the first period for affiliation.
- CV and publication list with selected publications within the past five years for the adjunct professor (a maximum of two pages).
- Budget specified into
 - Travel expenses
 - Subsistence expenses
 - Any other budget headings
- Written approval from the head of department
- Approval, if received, from SDU of the adjunct associate professor or adjunct professor .

Your application must be written in English or Danish.

You will receive a confirmation by email regarding receipt of your application.

Applications which fail to comply with the above formalities will not be considered.

Assessment procedure

The submitted applications will be reviewed by the assessment committee for The OUH Internationalisation Fund.

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Questions and contact information

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c) Visits from international researchers and clinicians

Objective

With the aim of developing international research networks and/or developing diagnostic methods and clinical methods for treatment including, for example, prevention, assessment, diagnosis, care, follow-up, rehabilitation, and palliation it is possible to apply for financial support for visits to OUH from international researchers and clinicians.

Requirements for applicants

The following requirements must be met in order to obtain funding from The Internationalisation Fund:

- Applications may be submitted by all levels of researchers and clinicians affiliated to OUH. In addition to clinicians employed at OUH, researchers in a combined position between OUH and SDU, the affiliation may also be defined as researchers referring to a head of research at a clinical department at OUH.

Eligible costs

- Travel expenses
- Subsistence expenses according to the [current circular for business travels](#) (hotel and daily allowances or reimbursement of meals for a maximum of 28 days).
- Expenses for a maximum of DKK 700 per person for up to four OUH employees, researchers with divided employment between OUH and SDU, PhD students and pre-graduate students affiliated to OUH and being close collaborators with the researcher or clinician for catering, dinner or similar in connection with visits from the researcher or clinician. Only one event, e.g. dinner, pr. visit may be covered by The OUH Internationalisation Fund.

Please note the following:

- Funding does not necessarily cover all expenses.
- Travel and hotel booking may be made via The OUH Travel Service. (ouh.rejse-service@rsyd.dk) cf. [the OUH Travel Policy](#).
- If the researcher or clinician is booking travel and hotel, reimbursement will only be by receipts.

Non eligible costs

- Expenses already defrayed, i.e. the application must concern future expenses.
- Expenses for accompanying family.
- Travel and subsistence expenses for researchers and clinicians employed at OUH who live abroad.
- Participation in seminars, conferences, courses, etc.

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Assessment criteria

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How to submit an application

You must submit your application via email to ouh.intpuljen@rsyd.dk stating "Application for the OUH Internationalisation Fund" and name of the applicant in the subject field and enclose the following appendices:

- Completed application form *c) Visits from international researchers or clinicians* (available for download at the [website of the fund](#)).
- Project description of a maximum of two pages including description of
 - Purpose of the visit
 - Tasks which the researcher or clinician will carry out at OUH
 - Research area, if relevant
- CV and publication list with selected publications within the past five years for both the visiting and the hosting researcher or clinician (a maximum of two pages for each)
- Budget specified into
 - Travel expenses
 - Subsistence expenses
 - Any other budget headings
- Written approval of the visit from both the head of department and head of research
- Written confirmation from the visitor

Your application must be written in English or Danish.

You will receive a confirmation by email regarding receipt of your application.

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Assessment procedure

The submitted applications will be reviewed by the assessment committee for The OUH Internationalisation Fund.

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Questions and contact information

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d) Other purposes to further collaboration with international hospitals and researchers *including activities in Denmark with an international scope (provisional while restrictions on travel activities due to COVID-19)*

Objective

Financial support may be granted to other purposes which will increase collaboration with researchers and clinicians at international hospitals and research institutions. With the aim of developing international research networks and/or developing diagnostic methods and methods for treatment including, for example, prevention, assessment, diagnosis, care, follow-up, rehabilitation, and palliation it is possible to apply for financial support for visits from international researchers and clinicians.

Examples:

- Activities related to attracting international researchers.
- Activities related to drawing up applications for funding in collaboration with international researchers.
- *Activities in Denmark with an international scope (provisional opportunity while restrictions on travel activities due to COVID-19).*

Restrictions are imposed on some travel activities and destinations due to COVID-19. As an alternative to travel to and from Denmark, it has been decided that researchers and clinicians may apply the OUH Internationalisation Fund for activities in Denmark with and international scope e.g.:

- *Inviting researchers living in Denmark to prepare participation in international research projects or research conferences.*
- *Arrange research workshops with international online participation of a maximum of 25 participants in Denmark.*
- *Hosting webinars with international adjunct professors at OUH/SDU or other relevant international collaborators.*

Funding for activities in Denmark with an international scope will cease when COVID-19 no longer has a significant impact on travel activities.

In all cases, activities must demonstrate an obvious opportunity for increasing the rate of development, research volume, and quality for the benefit of patient treatment.

Requirements for applicants

- Applications may be submitted by all levels of researchers and clinicians affiliated to OUH. In addition to clinicians employed at OUH, researchers in a combined position between OUH and SDU, the affiliation may also be defined as researchers referring to a head of research at a clinical department at OUH.

Eligible costs

- Costs related to the activities applied for
- *For the provisional "Activities in Denmark with an international scope" the following applies:*
 - *Travel and hotel expenses for up to 25 participants for domestic travelling (in Denmark only) according to the [current circular for business travel](#)*
 - *Catering for an amount within reason for the particular activity*

- Expenses for technical staff (TAP) contributing with technical assistance for online meetings or webinars
- A maximum of DKK 75.000 may be applied

Non eligible costs

- Expenses already defrayed, i.e. the application must concern future expenses

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- Completed application form *d) Other purposes to further collaboration with international hospitals and researchers* (available for download at the [website of the fund](#)).
- Project description of a maximum of two pages including description of
 - Purpose and activities
 - How OUH will benefit from the applied activities
- CV for applicant and any other involved researchers or clinicians
- Specified budget
- *For the provisional "Activities in Denmark with an international scope," please add*
 - a description of which activities the participating researchers or clinicians will perform
 - which research area(s) the activities will support
 - an approval of the applied activities from both the head of department and head of head research at OUH.

Your application must be written in English or Danish.

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Assessment procedure

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