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APPLICATIONS GUIDE

Visiting Professors Programme

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APPLICATION GUIDE

THE DCAcademy VISITING PROFESSOR PROGRAMME

The Academy Visiting Professors Programme supports international cardiovascular researchers visiting Danish research groups (up to a maximum of DKK 250,000 in total). Applications can be in any field within cardiovascular research.

While the programme is advertised at the professorial level, we recognize that different countries and universities use different titles to denote seniority. We will accept applications for Visiting Faculties consisting of senior academics (senior lecturer/Associate Professor or above).

Application can only be submitted upon request. Please send a letter of interest to the Director, Christian Aalkjær at ca@biomed.au.dk

PURPOSE

The Danish Cardiovascular Academy wishes to strengthen the Danish cardiovascular research environment through excellent interdisciplinary education and training of young researchers. The goal is to improve understanding of mechanisms of disease and improve disease prevention, diagnostics, treatment and rehabilitation of cardiovascular disease.

With the DCAcademy Visiting Professor Programme, we further aim to:

- *Promote international exchange of knowledge*
- *Position Denmark at an international level within cardiovascular research*
- *Create viable international networks and collaborations*

ABOUT THE DCAcademy VISITING PROFESSOR PROGRAMME

The DCAcademy wishes to support different types of Visiting Professors. This could be a longer visit in one research group, a shared visiting professor staying at multiple research groups or through multiple short visits over a longer period. Please indicate in the application why you choose a specific type of visit.

Recipients of Visiting Professor grants will have a number of exclusive possibilities, as well as some obligations. When accepting a grant from DCAcademy recipients agree to adhere to these obligations.

- The hosting research group must arrange a symposium featuring the Visiting Professor. The Symposium must be nationally announced in collaboration with the DCAcademy secretariat.

- If possible, the Visiting Professor must participate in the DCAcademy annual Summer Meeting. Participation is free of charge.
- The Visiting Professor must contribute to dissemination of results through DCAcademy website and Social Media platforms.
- The hosting research group will be able to apply the DCAcademy for additional funding in relation to above mentioned obligations
- The Visiting Professor will be invited to join the Danish Cardiovascular Academy Alumni-network, offering annual networking events.

ELIGIBILITY

Due to the collaborative purpose of the grants, the DCAcademy Visiting Professor Programme should also bring researchers from different disciplines and/or sectors together.

THE CANDIDATE

The candidate for the Visiting Professor grant must have employment at a foreign university at the time of initiation of the grant. While the programme is advertised at professorial level, we recognize that different countries and universities use different titles to denote seniority. We will accept applications from senior academics (senior lecturer/associate professor or above).

THE HOSTING RESEARCH GROUP

The hosting research group must be affiliated with a Danish Universityⁱ and be able to document research experience with the field of the candidate's specialty and account for expected outcomes.

INFORMATION ON THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Based on the Letter of Interest the DCAcademy may grant access to submission of application.

Applications are submitted through www.efond.dk/dca

In the application system you must provide relevant contact information, project title, short project description, and upload the main application document.

The main application document must consist of the following documents, merged into a single PDF-file in the order stated below.

(For readability purposes, all documents must be prepared using standard fonts, font size 11-12, and line spacing between 1.15 and 1.5 must be used.)

The following should be prepared by the hosting research group:

- Aim and programme of the Visiting Professor period.
(max 2 page)
- Description of the hosting research groups qualifications and current project(s) relevant for the suggested Visiting Professor and expected outcomes.
(max 2 pages).
- Description of how the candidate is expected to contribute to synergies within the cardiovascular research environment.
(max 1 page)
- Description of the candidate's qualifications and current projects relevant for the suggested hosting research group(s).
(max 2 pages including 5 most important publications).
- CV (max 2 pages)
- CV for principal investigator (host) at the hosting research group
(max 2 pages)
- Budget
- Other relevant documents (e.g. letter confirming funding for additional research related cost during the Visting Professors stay at the research group)

WHO CAN APPLY?

In order to apply for The DCAcademy Visiting Professor Programme, the following requirements must be fulfilled:

- You must be at Associate Professor level, or higher at a Danish University.
- You cannot already be involved in a DCAcademy Visiting Professor programme.

The grant must be activated within six months after receiving the grant notification letter (or by further agreement with the Danish Cardiovascular Academy).

After submitting your application, you will receive an email acknowledging receipt of your application – if you do not receive this email, please contact the Danish Cardiovascular Academy Head of Administration at etb@biomed.au.dk

EVALUATION PROCEDURE AND SELECTION PROCESS

The Danish Cardiovascular Academy Executive Management Team will process all incoming applications. Applications not fulfilling the eligibility criteria and/or technical requirements will not be considered.

All eligible applications will be forwarded to the Danish Cardiovascular Academy Grant Committee for a scientific evaluation.

Evaluation criteria

- **Significance:** The importance of the shared field of research.
- **Approach:** The quality of the programme in terms of fulfilling the DCAcademy's intentions with the programme.
- **Hosting Research Groups:** The international standing of the hosting research group.
- **Candidate:** The international standing of the candidate.
- **Environment:** The quality of the scientific environments in which the visit will take place.
- **Interdisciplinarity and cross-sectoral focus:** This is recommended and will be evaluated positively but is not mandatory.

Grant notification: The principal investigator at the hosting research group will be informed about the decision by the Danish Cardiovascular Academy. Decisions made within 2 months. Initiation of the Visiting Professor Programme should be within six months after receiving the grant notification letter. If this is not achieved, the grant can be retracted. The grant will be transferred to a Danish University or other research institution, who will be responsible for the grant are administering as described in the application and within Danish law.



FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information about the DCAcademy Visiting Professor programme, please contact the Executive Director Christian Aalkjær; ca@biomed.au.dk

For information about DCAcademy Visiting Professor programme, please contact Executive Assistant, Head of Adm. Emil T Brøndum: etb@biomed.au.dk.
