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Terms of Reference – Funds for Research 2026

The application deadline is February 17th, 2026, 12:00 noon GMT. The call text is available here

All applications must be submitted via the application portal prior to deadline.

All required fields are marked with (*). Explanations are provided when hovering over the circled question mark.

Below are rules and guidelines for the various sections in the application portal.

General Information
The **Project title** should provide a clear description of the project. Also provide a short name, an **acronym**, preferably describing the core project theme.

The **Host Institution** is the formal applicant, represented by the **Head of Institution** or a person authorized with the task.

A Letter of Commitment from the Host Institution is required as enclosure. Please use the provided template. In submitting the application, the Institution commits to the administration of a possible grant and to the funding listed as co-funding from the Host Institution.

The **Project leader** is the main contact person and must provide personal contact information. For PhD projects, the Project leader must either be the PhD Student or the Main Supervisor at the host institution.

We kindly ask you to provide **3 to 5 keyword**s describing the intended project area in order of importance. These will guide the Research Council in the selection of experts for proposal evaluation.

Please suggest **one to three peers** who you think could evaluate the application. These peers should preferably be from a Nordic country, but not the Faroe Islands. These must be specialists in the project's research field. There must be **no conflicts of interest** to your knowledge. You and the key researchers of the consortium can't have co-authored any work with these persons in recent years

This information will help us in our search for relevant peers.

Also, list the **main workplaces**, where the project will be carried out.

Finally, please provide expected start and end date for the project. We recommend the start date to be from August 1st 2026 or later, but preferably no later than March 1st 2027. The

project period must be minimum 6 months and maximum 4 years.

Summary – max characters 800
Please provide a **brief** summary of the project in English and Faroese – a detailed project description is to be enclosed. Please note, that the summary of projects that receive funding will be published in the Project database on Gransking.fo

The field for additional relevant information is optional. Information may include notice from PhD students' present position, explanations on preferred starting day due to present position, comments regarding previous applications or ongoing projects, etc.

Please state whether the current proposal (or a very similar one) is a **resubmission of a proposal** submitted and evaluated by the Research Council in the past 3 years. If so, please provide a detailed description of the changes and the reason for these changes as enclosure. This information will be used in the evaluation process.

Project Consortium – Research Team – max characters 1200
Please provide a list of key researchers of the project. CVs for these researchers are required.

A description of the research team is also required: Participating institutions, researchers and other staff, academic positions, scientific fields, gender balance etc.

Please provide a brief overview of the knowledge / expertise each researcher will contribute, how they collectively cover the academic field of the project, and if relevant, how the members of the supervisory team will cooperate. When relevant, please include a description of cooperation with external parties.

Budget
The Research Council may grant funding up to 2/3 of the total cost of the project. If the project is an SME project, the upper limit is 1/2 of the total cost of the project.

The minimum amount available to apply for is 300,000 DKK. There is no set maximum for the budget total, however, funding granted by the Research Council rarely exceeds 1,1 million DKK for research projects and 1.7 million DKK for PhD projects.

The total cost for the entire project and the funding applied for from the Research Council must be listed. All references to funds must be in DKK.

For information purposes, a summary of the **total budget** is to be provided. The summary must be split per calendar year and into the categories: *Salary, Expenses* and *Overhead*.

A plan for the total funding must also be provided. Please specify for each funding source whether the funding already has been obtained or is applied for. Co-funding may be in cash or in-kind. In-kind funding may include work paid by the Host Institution or company, or equipment time (research vessel, laboratory time etc.). Unpaid work is not accepted as co-funding.

Please provide **documentation for obtained funding** in the enclosures.

A **detailed budget** must be enclosed.

Eligible budget posts:

Salary
Please provide **monthly salary costs per person and include number of planned person months**. The salary costs must follow Faroese standards and should include all contributions, pension, and holiday allowance.

It is the responsibility of the Host Institution and the Project Leader to determine the correct salary level and to include the expected yearly increases.

For **PhD students** in the Faroe Islands, Denmark etc., where the salary is taxable, the standard salary level is level 1 of the Academic Union's agreement - "Akademikarafelag Føroya, løn á 1. stigi, Master". Please consult Lønardeildin.

For PhD students in the UK, USA etc., where the grant is tax-free, the maximum granted sum will be on the same level -40%, which is equivalent to the taxation level in the Faroe Islands. Grant for pension is provided according to the same agreement and must be transferred to the grant recipient's designated pensions account.

Please contact us at gransking@gransking.fo for more detailed information.

PhD salary will only be granted for **full-time PhD studies** and for a maximum of 3 years work. If the PhD project is organized according to the 3+3, 4+4 or 3+5 system, it is only possible to receive funds for the last 3 years of the project.

If a person is working part-time on a PhD project in agreement with the workplace, grants may only be provided to cover expenses, such as extra supervisor, courses, conference fees and traveling, which is required as part of the PhD programme.

Expenses
Travel expenses, accommodation at research institutions abroad, purchase of books, samples, analyses, materials, tools, open access fees, etc.

Overhead
Overhead to research institution or company for housing, supervision, insurances, audit, etc. Maximum 25% of salary costs or 20% of total budget (infrastructure exempted).

Communication and knowledge exchange strategy – max characters 1200
Please provide a strategy for communication and knowledge exchange. This includes **scientific and public outreach**. **Open Access** publications are required to the largest extent possible. Please see Gransking.fo for further guidelines.

Data Management Plan – max characters 900
Please provide a **Data Management Plan** including a description of handling, storage, and access to the accumulated research data in the project. **Open Access** to data is required to the largest extent possible. There are no specific national rules in the Faroe Islands on research data

management yet, but in general terms, your research data should be **'FAIR'**, that is findable, accessible, interoperable, and re-usable.
Please see Gransking.fo for further guidelines.

Ethics – max characters 1200
Please provide a description of the relevant legal and ethical frameworks and procedures needed to carry out the research. Please consult the guidelines (in Faroese) of the Faroese Data Protection Agency. We also suggest that you use this page as further help to identify issues relevant to your research field.

If the project requires authorization from The Faroese Committee on Biomedical Research Ethics, a time plan for application for authorization must be included here, or if this is granted already, copies of the authorizations must be enclosed.

Enclosures
Standard page definition for uploaded documents: 2400 characters including spaces.

This equals Calibri, 12-point, 1½ line spacing.

Required enclosures are marked with a *

Project Description** * – **maximum 6 pages including graphs and figures

We expect the project description to include the following points:

1. Main objective
Present the main objective of the project. (max. 5 lines)

2. Project background and scientific basis
Provide a brief survey of existing research efforts and scientific basis, preferably with references to scientific literature. If your project is part of a larger research effort requiring coordination, explain specifically your planned contributions within the larger framework.

3. Research questions and scientific challenges
Outline your research questions and scientific challenges. Explain their scientific foundation and your approach to address them. Describe your ambitions of reaching beyond the state-of-the-art and how to reach these goals.

4. Scientific method
Outline your method for reaching your scientific goals. Describe how you are planning to use empirical, analytical or other methods for your research. Please state how these methods relate to the expected scientific contributions of the thesis. If applicable, describe the source of your data.

5. Expected Impact
The description of impact should address impact on science, impact on technology and societal impact, if appropriate.

References *
Please include a list of relevant references. Maximum 30 references.

Management plan** * – **max 2 pages

Please provide a management plan including risk assessment. The management plan must include a timeline for the various stages of the project including milestones and deliverables. We recommend using a Gantt chart for this plan.
Please see Gransking.fo for further guidelines.

An overall budget *
The full budget should include details on the expected costs and funding of the project. Please see the paragraph on Budget requirements above.

CV *
Please provide all CVs in one single pdf file. The CV must be max. 3 pages for the Project leader, PhD students, and PhD Supervisors, and max. 1 page for each key researcher. For researchers employed at Faroese institutions, we encourage extracting a short CV from pure.fo and including a link to the full profile.

Letter of commitment from Head of Host institution *
Please use the provided template.

Letters of commitment from all project partners *
Please provide all Letters of commitment in one pdf file. For **PhD projects**, please also include **a statement from the main supervisor** regarding the applicant's research abilities and acceptance of being supervisor.

Ethics documentation
If relevant, please include copies of ethics authorization or other relevant documentation.

Diploma and transcript of records
Only relevant for PhD and Postdoc applications.

Comments on previous applications
Only relevant if this proposal or a very similar one has been submitted and evaluated by the Research Council in the past 3 years.

Approval and Submission

A draft of the application can be downloaded as pdf version throughout the process.

The Project leader submits the final application with enclosures on behalf of the research consortium.

When the application is finally submitted, the Head of Institution and the Project Leader will receive an email with a link to the submitted application. After submission, the application can no longer be edited on the portal.

Prior to the deadline, it is possible for Research Council Faroe Islands upon request from the Project Leader to reopen the application to allow changes in the application. The submission process will be the same as described above.

When the call is closed, the submission is final, and no changes will be accepted.

Privacy Policy

This Privacy Policy governs the way in which Granskingarráðið – Research Council Faroe Islands – collects, stores, and uses information collected from applicants (hereinafter referred to as "Applicants") that apply electronically via umsokn.com (hereinafter referred to as "umsokn.com"). This privacy policy includes Granskingarráðið's electronic application form on umsokn.com. By submitting an application via the application platform, all parties accept that Research Council Faroe Islands processes and saves the application in accordance with the National Data Protection Act.

Personal information
We may collect personal information from Applicants in different ways, including but not limited to when Applicants use our intelligent forms in connection with the preparation of applications, complete an application or other activities on umsokn.com.

Applicants may be asked to provide the following information:

- Name, organization, gender, phone number, e-mail address, postal address, country, CV, Diploma and Transcript of Records
- General and detailed information on the project and the project consortium, including information on team members and their credentials
- Budget including information on individual Salary levels

The personal information collected through umsokn.com will be used solely to assess this application. This information may be shared with committee members, reviewers, and contact persons as this is necessary to complete the assessment of the application.

Applicants can choose not to provide personal information, but this may prevent them from using certain functionalities on umsokn.com.

Research Council Faroe Islands respects and protects your personal information. Please read our full statement on privacy policy on the application portal before submitting the application.

General conditions
Funds will be granted for the project as outlined in the application and on the condition that the project is fully funded.

Contract negotiations between the host institution and the Research Council will start, when the necessary documentation regarding funding is provided.

The first rate of the grant may be transferred, when the contract has been signed and the formal commencement date is approaching.

It is possible to receive grants for projects already in progress prior to the application deadline, however, the grant from the Research Council may only cover expenses held after the grant date.

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This call for proposals and Terms of reference may be subject to revision until six weeks before the application submission deadline. If the call is revised, we will provide notification here.