

CALL FOR:

APPLICATIONS FOR SEED FUNDING FROM THE CELL FOOD FLAGSHIP



Deadline December 15th 2022

The overall goal of cellular food is to produce animal-mimicking products with significantly lower resource consumption and CO2 footprint, than traditional production. The AU Cell Food Flagship wants to become a hub bringing together different expertise at AU who thematically will bring in knowledge going from the innovative research in product development to food safety, nutritional values for human health and consumer acceptance

The production of cellular food requires application of state-of-the-art biotechnology and food science, and translation of this research into marketable products requires new research in sociology, consumer behavior and regulatory affairs.

The Cell Food flagship aims to initiate new collaborative projects to deliver new knowledge, technologies and to develop talent within cellular food. This call will provide seed funding for larger follow-up applications. The initiative provide seed funding to prepare and initiate research projects and will prepare AU to absorb/respond to calls in the area in the very near future.

A maximum of 1.7 M DKK will be granted through this 2022 call. New calls will be announced annually for the next 4 years.

It is possible to apply for seed funding up to a maximum of 500.000 DKK/activity to support activities including:

- Co-financing of Ph.D.-projects.
- Salary and/or running costs for smaller seed activities (research assistant/post-docs/scientist/technician) aimed at obtaining preliminary data/proof-of-concept to be used in larger applications or industrial collaborations within the area of Cell Food as described above.
- Smaller equipment for use in relevant projects (max. 30.000 DKK)
- Mobility grants for international stays with relevance for the CellFood Flagship.

The main applicant (PI) must be employed at Aarhus University. Applications must not exceed two-pages and must include all information required (Project description, timeline and budget). Furthermore, applicants must include a one-page CV of the main applicant (Supervisor/PI on the project) and if relevant of collaboration partners important for the project.

Applications are evaluated by a grant committee consisting of members of the Cell Food steering committee comprising Mette Hansen, Stig Purup, Steen Brock and Jette Feveile Young.

Applications will be evaluated based on their relevance for the Cell Food Flagship, the scientific content and feasibility, the CV of the applicant(s) and the budget. Applications involving partners from several AU Departments are encouraged.

Applicants will receive response to their application ultimo January 2023. Funded activities must start no later than June 1st 2023 otherwise the funding will be withdrawn. Successful applicants are obliged to participate and present the project and results in the form of an oral presentation or a poster at the annual Cell Food conference.

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