LEO FOUNDATION

Education and Awareness Grants

Information and guidelines for applicants

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Information about the call

Round 1:
Opens: 11 November 2026
Deadline: 06 January 2027 (16:00 CET)
Applicant notification: April 2027
Earliest grant start date: 6 June 2027

Round 2:
Opens: 03 August 2027
Deadline: 16 September 2027 (16:00 CEST)
Applicant notification: November 2027
Earliest grant start date: 1 January 2028

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Further information:

https://leo-foundation.org/en/grants-and-awards/education-and-awareness/

1 Education and Awareness Grants

1.1 Supported areas

Through our Education and Awareness Grants, the LEO Foundation wishes to strengthen the pipeline of future researchers within the fields of medicine, chemistry, and pharmacy, and to raise awareness about science, including skin and skin diseases.

We welcome applications for activities and projects that:

- spur the interest and strengthen the capabilities of children and young people within the STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) fields.
- disseminate research-based knowledge to the public.
- increase public awareness about science and its role in developing our society.
- promote public knowledge and understanding about skin, skin health, and skin diseases.

Please note that we do not accept applications or pitches:

- for activities that are not based in Denmark
- from students for support of their education, external research stays, etc.

You can find an overview of previously granted projects here: https://leo-foundation.org/en/grant-category/education-and-awareness.

1.2 Eligibility criteria

The proposed activity or project should have a clear philanthropic aim and must be carried out in Denmark.

Important notes:

- Only one application per call may be submitted from any applicant. If more are submitted only the first will be accepted for evaluation. The rest will be administratively rejected.
- An application can only have one main applicant and one host organization to which all funding will be paid out. If an application involves collaboration(s) which require redistribution of funds, such redistribution and related financial reporting is the responsibility of the main applicant and the host organization.
- Applicants cannot apply for funding for activities or projects that have already been held or will be held before expected notification from the Foundation.
- Applicants who applied for below one million and were not prioritized for funding are only allowed one resubmission of the application previously reviewed, however, with a quarantine of one round. If your application has been previously submitted (partly or in full) to the LEO Foundation, describe all relevant changes made from the previous version in a cover letter uploaded along with the mandatory attachments.
- Applicants who applied for one million or above and were not prioritized for funding cannot resubmit their pitch or full application.

1.3 Funding

The following types of expenses are covered, if directly related to your activity or project:

- Salary
- Operating costs (must be specified)
- Travel
- Publication costs
- Administrative costs up to 5 %

2 Application process

Your application is submitted to the Foundation as an attached PDF to the e-mail address edu_awareness@leo-foundation.org.



All submitted applications will be administratively screened for eligibility and mandatory requirements. If approved as eligible, the applications will undergo review by the Foundation's Grant Committee.

Based on this evaluation the LEO Foundation Board of Trustees will make the final decision, and applicants will be notified of the results.

2.1 Requirements for application content

Full application
Applications for grants below DKK 1 million can be written in Danish or English. Invited applications (stage 2 following pitch) for grants of DKK 1 million and above may be required to be in English. Further instructions will be provided in the invitation.

Please provide the following information in your full application:

- Project information (maximum 6 pages excluding appendices, font 11):
    - Title

    - Main applicant name, title, and contact information
    - If relevant, co-applicant names
    - Host organization name, address, and CVR number
    - Layman summary pinpointing the purpose of your project, the planned activities, and expected output (for possible publication; maximum 1000 characters with spaces)
    - Purpose and key aims
    - Target groups, measures of value creation, and expected impact
    - Description of project/activity
    - Parties involved and their contributions
    - Considerations for future anchoring and wider sharing of learnings and results
    - Budget: Detailed budget for directly related costs and applied amount. For projects spanning more than 12 months, please distribute costs across project years (per 12 months)
    - If you request support for activities that may generate revenue, you must describe the business case, including estimation of potential revenue, and any estimated revenue must be reinvested in the budget.
- Appendices:
    - Applicant (and if relevant, co-applicant) CVs (maximum 2 pages per CV)
    - Support letters from involved organizations (maximum 1 page per letter)

Pitch
Pitches for grants of DKK 1 million and above (stage 1) can be written in Danish or English.

Please provide the following information in your pitch:

- Project information (maximum 2 pages, excluding CV, font 11):
    - Title
    - Main applicant name, title, and contact information
    - If relevant, co-applicant names
    - Host organization name and address
    - Applied amount
    - Brief outline of purpose and scope
- Applicant CV (maximum 2 pages)
- Support letters from involved organizations (maximum 1 page per letter)

3 Evaluation process

Your application will be screened for mandatory requirements. Accepted applications will be evaluated by the LEO Foundation's Grant Committee, who may choose to send the application for peer review. The LEO Foundation's Board of Trustees approves all grants.

For applications below DKK 1 million, it will typically take 10-12 weeks from application deadline to grant decision.

For applications with budgets of DKK 1 million and above:

- Stage 1 (pitch): Applicants will typically be notified whether they are invited to stage 2 within 6-7 weeks.
- Stage 2 (full application by invitation only): Applicants will be invited to submit a full application ahead of the LEO Foundation's next board meeting.

You will receive notification of the Foundation's decision to the e-mail address from which you submitted your application. As a rule, the Foundation does not provide feedback if an application is not selected for funding.

3.1 Selection criteria

Your application will be evaluated according to the following selection criteria:

- The applicant's (and if relevant, co-applicants') track record, including relevant experience in organizing and managing a similar activity or project
- The novelty and strategic relevance of the activity
- The topic and purpose of the activity
- The expected impact of the activity

4 Grant terms and conditions

Successful applicants and their host organizations will be required to accept the LEO Foundation's Grant terms and conditions and, in some cases, project-specific amendments which will be subject to negotiation.

The LEO Foundation

The LEO Foundation is one of the largest private funders of independent skin research at universities and hospitals worldwide.

The Foundation provides philanthropic grants to support research that pioneers new discoveries and transforms our understanding of the skin and its diseases.

The LEO Foundation has awarded more than DKK 1.8 billion in total funding to independent research.

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