

## The Velux Foundation's funding programme for the humanities

### Invitation for researchers interested in taking part in core group projects 2017

The School of Culture and Society has been asked once again to submit applications to the Velux Foundation's funding programme for the humanities. The full wording of the announcement can be seen in the [attached invitation](#), as well as information about the core group projects which will be funded.

Core group projects are defined briefly in the announcement as follows:

- Collective projects (associated researchers can be from the same school or different schools/universities. The Velux Foundation encourage groups with members from various schools/departments and you can now apply for buy-out for one or two PIs).
- Duration: 3-4 years.
- Funding framework: approx. DKK 5-6 million.
- Typical composition: 1-2 tenured senior researchers as project managers (you can apply for workload reductions – but only for max. 10% of the amount applied for for one PI, or max 15 % for two PIs (shared between the two), plus 2-3 postdocs or PhD students.
- Researchers from outside Denmark can be invited to Aarhus and get funding for salaries

Please see the description of the funding programme for the humanities and the criteria for good core group projects in the announcement [here](#).

The School of Culture and Society can submit a total of seven project proposals.

This means that the school's research committee must prioritise the proposals received from the school's researchers in a pre-qualification round. The internal deadline for submitting project proposals is **Friday 13 October at 9:00 a.m.** Please send your proposals to [saelarsen@cas.au.dk](mailto:saelarsen@cas.au.dk).

The project descriptions that are submitted to the pre-qualification round must observe the guidelines announced by the Velux Foundation:

*Project description (max. three pages in Danish or English):*

*a) The idea, objective, content and theoretical/methodical basis of the project, as well as its relationship to current research in the field (state of the art) and to the research strategy of the host institution.*

*b) A brief presentation of each sub-project and the connection between them.*

*c) The project period and process, as well as publication and communication plans.*

To ensure a fair assessment and uniform basis for assessment, please observe the maximum limit of three pages even in the introductory pre-qualification round.

Please *do not* submit information about the project participants, CVs, list of publications, budget etc. to the internal pre-qualification round at the school. We do, however, expect that the project is financially feasible. (Please find the Research Support Office's DIY guide for Velux budgets [here](#))

The Research Committee will select the seven project proposals for submission to the Velux Foundation. All the applicants for the internal pre-qualification round will be informed of the committee's decision at the end of October.

Please note: two Schools may choose to submit a joint project with joint leadership. In this case the application will count as a half proposal from each school.

### **Regarding the seven chosen project proposals**

The seven chosen applicants are advised to contact the Research Support Office (Torben Thams Classen – [ttc@au.dk](mailto:ttc@au.dk), Gry Jensen - [glmj@au.dk](mailto:glmj@au.dk), Martin Riis - [msr@au.dk](mailto:msr@au.dk), Anne Marie Zwergius - [amz@au.dk](mailto:amz@au.dk)) no later than **1 November** for assistance with the budgets and for readings of the project description.

Do note that this year applicants must submit the proposals themselves through the Velux foundation's online application system. The final deadline for submitting the seven project proposals including all appendices is **Friday 1 December**. (Please send a copy of the application to the research consultant on the same day).

In February 2018 the Velux Foundation will announce which project proposals are invited to submit full applications in May 2018. The full applications will be submitted to an external, international review. In September 2018 the board of the Velux Foundation will decide which core groups will receive funding (this will typically be 5-7 core groups).

Please feel free to contact research consultant Signe Engelbreth Larsen ([saelarsen@cas.au.dk](mailto:saelarsen@cas.au.dk)) if you have any further questions.