



Receiver(s): Departments at Faculty of Natural Science, Scientific Coordinators, Research Support Office, Dean's Office.

VILLUM YOUNG INVESTIGATOR 2022

Link: [Call: Villum Young Investigators | \(veluxfoundations.dk\)](https://villumfoundations.dk)

Process plan		
Date	Task	Responsible
6 April 2022	<i>Call opens</i>	Villum Foundation
7 April 2022	<i>Process initiation</i> Sending process plan and information to departments.	Dean's Office at Faculty of Natural Science
19-25 April 2022	<i>Identification of and prioritizing possible applicants</i> The RSO can support a limited number of applications. Departments and local scientific coordinators identify and prioritize possible applicants. Applicants for the DFF: Sapere Aude call in March would form a gross list of eligible candidates. The benchmarking provided by the Research Support Office can be used in the process. Where applicable, local pitch sessions should be arranged by the Departments. The pitch sessions should focus on: - research idea (can you build a group around it?) - strong impact (scientific breakthroughs) NEW: Applicants may only apply a total of two times (e.g. in 2021 and 2022).	Department management/scientific coordinators/
25 April 2022	<i>Deadline</i> for enrolling applicants for RSO support in prioritised order for each department.	Department management





	A list of identified applicants is sent to Rikke Hartmann Haugaard (haugaard@au.dk) at the Research Support Office.	
28 April 2022	<i>Prioritisation of applicants</i> By vice-deans for research based on departments' prioritized nominations.	Dean's Office at Faculty of Natural Science
29 April 2022	<i>Assigning Research Support Staff</i> Based on the list of prioritised applicants, the Research Support Office assigns staff to assist in the application process. - start up meeting - plan for feedback during the application process - budget	Research Support Office
29 April 2022	<i>Virtual information meeting for applicants.</i> Presentations from: - The Villum Foundation - Grantee - Research Support Office	Research Support Office
From 29 April to deadline 2022	<i>Supporting the applicant in the application process</i> Support with all aspects of the application: - formalities - feedback on project description and CV - budget - letter of support Applicants not covered by the above support will receive a budget template and slides from the information meeting. Where available, local peer review procedures will apply.	Research Support Office/Scientific coordinators/Department management
Deadline – June 8, 12:00 noon		
5 September 2022	<i>Scheduling mock interviews</i> Sending out process information to applicants and departments. Booking calendars.	Research Support Office
Primo November 2022	<i>Selected applicants are invited for interviews/unsuccessful applicants notified</i>	Villum Foundation Research Support Office

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	Urging rejected applicants to contact the Villum Foundation in order to learn what was wrong and what could be improved, and share the information with the Research Support Office.	
1-8 November 2022	<i>Mock interviews</i> Those applicants who are invited to the interview phase will get an opportunity to present their project in a setting resembling the interview at the Villum Foundation Panel: - former grantees - senior VIP - Research Support Office staff	Research Support Office
9-11 November 2022	<i>Interviews at the Villum Foundation</i>	Villum Foundation
Ultimo December 2022	<i>Approval or rejection of grants</i> Urging rejected applicants to contact the Villum Foundation in order to learn what was wrong and what could be improved.	Villum Foundation Research Support Office
Medio January 2023	<i>Lesson learned</i> - scientific level of applicants and applications - performance at the interviews - how can we improve?	Research Support Office/ Dean's Offices at Faculty of Natural Science and Faculty of Technical Science

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Phase	Responsible	Activity	April	May	June	DEADLINE - June 8, 12 noon	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
BEFORE	Villum Faculties Dep. / faculties RSO Villum / RSO	Call opens	6				Dates				
		Process initiation	7								
		Prioritizing applicants	19-28								
		Assigning RSO staff	29								
		Virtual information meeting	29								
DURING	Departments	Start up meeting		∞							
		Application									
		- CV		∞							
		- Project description		∞							
		- Budget		∞							
AFTER	RSO Villum RSO Villum Villum RSO	- Letter of support		∞							
		Scheduling mock interviews				5					
		Invitations to interview							Primo		
		Mock interview							1-8		
		Interviews							9-11		
		Decision								Ultimo	
		Lessons learned									Medio

Additional

Evaluation of the Villum Young Investigator Programme:

<https://veluxfoundations.dk/en/content/villum-young-investigator-grants-strengthen-young-talents>

About the programme

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Grantees from the 2021 call for applications

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