



Open Discovery
Innovation Network
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GRANT TYPE 1
call guidelines 2025

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UNITES MINDS TO ACCELERATE DRUG DISCOVERY
AND IMPROVE DIAGNOSTICS

ODIN breaks down the barriers between industry and academia
by supporting precompetitive research in a collaborative,
open environment.

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INTRODUCTION

These guidelines describe the process and requirements for ODIN grant type 1 applications in 2025 only.

The most current version of this document can be found on our digital match-making platform, WorldLabs:

<https://www.worldlabs.org/opportunity/2025-funding-call-grant-type-1/resources>

If you have any questions or need assistance, you are welcome to contact the ODIN Secretariat. Our contact information is listed at the back of this folder.

INTRODUCTION

The Open Discovery Innovation Network (ODIN) is a five-year initiative anchored at Aarhus University, running from 2024 to 2029. Supported by a 180 million DKK grant from the Novo Nordisk Foundation (NNF), ODIN fosters innovative research collaborations by funding academic contributions to joint projects between academia and industry. The framework was co-developed with input from five Danish universities and 12 pharmaceutical and biotech companies, both Danish and international.

ODIN's funding model sets it apart from traditional research platforms. ODIN projects are partnerships between academia and industry, targeting pressing societal challenges at the earliest stages of research and development. These projects focus on precompetitive research to catalyze the creation of novel therapeutics and diagnostics. By promoting an open, IP-free framework, ODIN enables unrestricted sharing of knowledge, ideas, and materials among academia, industry, and societal stakeholders. This transparency accelerates the transformation of basic research into practical solutions, allowing any actor to leverage the results for downstream, IP-protected product development. The result is a self-sustaining cycle of innovation that benefits society as a whole.

On the next page, we describe what makes the ODIN platform particularly unique.

INTRODUCTION



PRECOMPETITIVE RESEARCH RELEVANT TO DRUG DISCOVERY AND/OR DIAGNOSTICS

- Focused on early-stage, foundational studies that strengthen general scientific knowledge.
- Projects demonstrate clear industry relevance, helping to build the foundation for tomorrow's drugs, diagnostics, and innovative solutions to societal health challenges.
- The challenges addressed and the knowledge generated are broad enough to benefit many companies, ensuring a wide-reaching impact.



FACILITATED CO-CREATION BETWEEN ACADEMIA AND INDUSTRY

- All projects are equal collaborations, involving partners from both academia and industry.
- ODIN facilitates matchmaking within the network, helping participants identify the best possible collaborators for their ideas.
- Projects are initiated efficiently through a standard legal agreement co-created by industry and academia.



OPEN SHARING OF ALL KNOWLEDGE AND RESULTS

- All foreground knowledge generated during ODIN projects is shared publicly with universal use rights - no IPR filings, restrictive licenses, or paywalls.
- The results, data, and products from ODIN projects are freely available for anyone to use for downstream commercialization.

THE 2025 SCIENTIFIC SCOPE

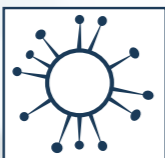
ODIN focuses on areas that hold a strong potential for the Danish ecosystem and global health in general. The overall focus is on the early, explorative (i.e. precompetitive) phases of drug discovery and clinical diagnostics. Highly innovative, high-risk projects are encouraged.

The **CORE SCOPE** is:



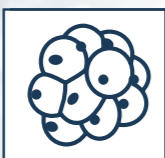
Cardiometabolic and Cardiovascular Diseases:

Development of innovative approaches to better understand, prevent, diagnose, and/or treat diseases affecting the heart and blood vessels, as well as cardiometabolic conditions including diabetes, obesity, and their interrelated risk factors.



Infectious diseases:

Advancing research and technologies to address the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of infectious diseases, including novel approaches to combat antimicrobial resistance.



Regenerative medicine:

Development of cutting-edge therapies and technologies to repair, replace, or regenerate damaged tissues and organs.

THE 2025 SCIENTIFIC SCOPE

Our **EXPANDED SCOPE** for broader healthcare applications is:



Disease-agnostic platform technologies and research tools/methods:

Innovative technologies, tools, and methods that enable advancements in drug discovery, drug delivery, and/or clinical diagnostics across a broad range of therapeutic areas. These platforms should provide foundational innovations that can be adapted or applied to multiple disease contexts.

Note: Research within the expanded scope areas of ODIN may extend beyond the core scope, provided it is clearly demonstrated how the technology, tool, or method can eventually be applied to at least one of the core scope areas.

GRANT DETAILS 2025

Grant Type 1

Purpose: To address complex research problems inspired by unmet clinical needs (Large Grant for new projects):

Participants: At least one academic applicant and one industry partner

Length: Up to 3 years

Budget for each project: Up to 7 M DKK

Total funding available: Up to 38 M DKK

Grant Type 2A

Purpose: A top-up grant open to ODIN recipients to add additional value to their current or past ODIN project (Top-Up for ODIN projects):

Participants: At least one academic applicant and one industry partner

Length: Up to 1 year

Budget for each project: Up to 1,5 M DKK

Total funding available: Up to 3 M DKK

41 M in total

The remainder of this booklet outlines the guidelines for **Grant Type 1**.

Find more information on Grant Type 2 on WorldLabs.

<https://www.worldlabs.org/opportunity/2025-funding-call-grant-type-2-a/resources>

STEPS IN THE **APPLICATION PROCESS**



1. JOIN THE MATCHMAKING PLATFORM AND GET INSPIRED

In ODIN, all ideas and applications must be submitted to our online matchmaking platform, WorldLabs. You can sign up at: www.worldlabs.org/c/odin.

The WorldLabs platform allows you to create both an individual profile for the ODIN platform and specific project idea for the call in which you plan to apply. We strongly encourage you to first create a detailed individual profile, as it can be used to seek partners for projects based on areas of expertise, interest, and available resources.



2. FIND COLLABORATION PARTNERS

We recommend that you browse through WorldLabs to view the other members of the ODIN network as well as project ideas for the current call. You can do this both before and after you post your own idea. The platform is an excellent place to find inspiration and/or potential partners. In addition, ODIN hosts a series of networking events to spur ideation, along with handheld matchmaking with the help of both academic and industrial ambassadors.



3. SHARE YOUR RESEARCH NEED OR PROJECT IDEA (MANDATORY)

Once you have an idea for a research project within the ODIN scope, you must showcase it on the online platform for the 2025 Call. As openness and crowd sourcing is a central element in ODIN, it is mandatory to upload ideas/needs before preparing your application. We encourage you to discuss your idea with a local business developer to ensure the precompetitive nature of the project before posting on the WorldLabs platform.



4. DEVELOP PROJECT IDEAS TOGETHER

Your project idea will evolve as you add relevant partners. Once you are set with a good idea and the right team to match it (including at least one partner university and one industry partner), the partners must collaborate to translate the idea into a co-created ODIN project where everyone plays an active role.



5. WRITE THE APPLICATION - A TWO-STEP PROCESS

Project proposals are first selected based on an extended abstract. A maximum of 20 applicants with the best abstracts will be asked to submit a full-length application. Before writing the abstract, we recommend that you take a close look at the selection criteria. The necessary templates can be found on the WorldLabs platform under the current call round.

SETTING YOUR TEAM

ODIN projects must have at least one participant from academia and one participant from industry to be eligible. Additional collaboration partners will be favorably assessed. Participants can be based in Denmark or internationally.

WHO CAN BE THE MAIN APPLICANT?

The main applicant must be an associate or full professor from one of the five partner universities:

- Aalborg University
- Aarhus University
- Technical University of Denmark
- University of Copenhagen
- University of Southern Denmark

Furthermore, the main applicant must be the principal investigator heading the research group responsible for the main portion of the work to be performed.

WHO ELSE CAN BE PROJECT PARTICIPANTS/PARTNERS?

- Researchers from any other university.
University applicants must be associate or full professor (or equivalent)
- Non-profit organizations
- Hospitals
- Interested companies of any size

SETTING YOUR TEAM

PARTNERS FROM RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS

The main applicant can include relevant co-applicants from any university, hospital, or non-profit organization. To be eligible for a share of the project's budget, the team member's host institutions must be able to comply with ODIN's open approach to collaboration, publishing, and the requirement not to file IPR on discoveries made during the ODIN grant timeframe.

COMPANY PARTNERS

In ODIN, for-profit companies and non-profit research institutions co-create and co-execute projects based on the needs and ideas derived from the partners. Any company, regardless of size, is eligible to participate. The projects must be designed to demonstrate broadness in value creation by showing that the results will be relevant to other companies beyond the project partners.

Although the industry partners are not eligible to receive direct funding from the ODIN grant, they likewise do not have to contribute direct monetary funding to the project. Rather, companies are asked to provide relevant in-kind support, such as intellectual contributions, access to select technology platforms, materials, facilities etc. to help propel discoveries in the project.

NOTE: University researchers cannot propose or be part of research projects with their own spinout companies as the main company participant/beneficiary of the project's results. All potential conflicts of interest must be reported at the time of application.

ELIGIBLE COSTS

The budget must only include costs directly attributable to the project, following the NNF guidelines for eligible project costs. Applicants must aim for cost-effective study designs where the proposed budget is proportionate to the scope, activities, deliverables and potential impact of the project. In the assessment process, the ODIN governing bodies can choose to make funding recommendations contingent on changes to the budget and study design.

ELIGIBLE COSTS ARE:

- Salaries for scientific and technical personnel on time-limited contracts, for the time dedicated to the project
- Operating expenses
- Minor equipment (up to 200,000 DKK)
- Conference participation
- Organization of meetings / smaller conferences
- Travel for project activities
- Publication costs (including costs for storage in open databases and open publishing)
- Costs for subcontractors
- Direct administrative expenses (5% fee) (encoded in the budget template)
- Bench Fees

ELIGIBLE COSTS

SALARIES

Direct salary costs are calculated based on the annual gross salary, including pension, insurance, and holiday pay. Compensation of costs for overtime, sick pay, leave of absence etc. may not be included in the budget. Parental leave follows the rules of the Novo Nordisk Foundation.

Salary may be included in the budget for the following:

- Scientific personnel in time-limited contracts at universities and hospitals e.g., postdoctoral researchers, assistant professors, laboratory assistants/administrators. Full salary (cost price for time spent on project), plus bench fees (if applicable) and 5% administration costs apply.
- Clinicians can apply for a maximum of two months' salary/year for project management and supervision (incl. applicable bench fees and 5% admin cost). This only applies for personnel who must secure their own salary from external sources to be part of research projects. This opportunity has been introduced to ease collaboration with clinicians/hospitals.
- Technical and Administrative Staff (TAP) can be included in the budget when the project plan demonstrates that the technician will be performing specific project tasks. Bench fees for technicians/TAP are not applicable.
- Scientific personnel affiliated with other non-profit organizations can receive funding using cost price salaries and 5% admin costs, if applicable.

ODIN does NOT cover salary for:

- Scientific personnel at universities/hospitals with time-unlimited contracts (e.g. associate or full professors)
- PhD students
- Industrial/company partners at for-profit organizations (and their employees)

ELIGIBLE COSTS

INCLUSION OF BENCH FEES

We refer to and comply with the Novo Nordisk Foundation's rules on bench fees.

To include bench fees in the budget, the fees must be a part of the general expense policy of the applicants' institution(s). Applicants must upload official documentation to the full-length application stating their eligibility for any bench fee(s) in which they have applied.

Bench fees can constitute a maximum of DKK 8,000 per month per full-time scientific employee (FTE) (not including technicians/TAP) actively working on the project. The fees may only be used for expenses related to the research project which cannot be included within another individual budget category. The bench fee does not cover rent, administrative support, representation, social contributions, etc.

If officially signed bench fee documentation for each institution is not provided with the full-length application, the Secretariat reserves the right to strike the bench fees from the budget and reduce the total granted amount accordingly.

Note: The recent Project Supplement Agreement does not apply to ODIN grants, as the program was established before these agreements were introduced.

ELIGIBLE COSTS

SUBCONTRACTORS

Subcontractors are companies that are paid to perform a specific service for the project partners. They are not considered project partners themselves, and do not participate in the internal sharing of project data and knowledge. The costs for subcontractors are only eligible insofar as the acquired competencies/services are not available from partnering universities and/or companies. The option to include subcontractors cannot be used to ensure financial support for company partners in ODIN.

NO FUNDING FOR COMPANY PARTNERS

Due to the rules and regulations of the NNF, no funding may be allocated to company partners.

NO DOUBLE FUNDING

ODIN will not cover salary or other costs that are already covered by existing funding.

Contact the ODIN secretariat if you are in doubt about funding allocation.

MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR A GRANT TYPE 1 APPLICATION

All mentioned templates and guides can be found on WorldLabs:

<https://www.worldlabs.org/opportunity/2025-funding-call-grant-type-1/resources>

Any application that is not in accordance with the law and the administrative requirements of these ODIN guidelines will be rejected without peer review. Therefore, please thoroughly check your application for all the required information, materials and signatures before submitting. A checklist will be provided on the WorldLabs platform.

The **EXTENDED ABSTRACT** requires the following:

- **ONLINE APPLICATION FORM** a Word template is available to guide you
- **PRELIMINARY BUDGET** to give reviewers an overview of the expected budget size. A template is available
- **NON-BINDING DOCUMENTATION OF COMPANY ENGAGEMENT** in the form of e.g., emails or written documents

MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR A GRANT TYPE 1 APPLICATION

The **FULL-LENGTH APPLICATION** requires the following:

- **ONLINE APPLICATION FORM** a Word template and instruction manual will be made available to guide you
- **CVs** from the primary researcher/employee of each partner university/ organization/company.
Max. 1 page/ person
- **INDUSTRY LETTER(S) OF SUPPORT** from each company describing its involvement in the project. Template available
- **DECLARATION OF OPEN PARTICIPATION** (if relevant) confirming that any participating researchers from non-profit institutions can work within the framework of ODIN and comply with its open approach to IP. Template available.
- **TOTAL AND INDIVIDUAL BUDGETS** signed and approved by all relevant Heads of Department (or similar) to ensure that the proposed individual budgets align with local budgeting rules. A template is available
- **Gantt chart** documenting the timeline and expected milestones of the project. A template is available
- Official **BENCH FEE DOCUMENTATION** (if relevant) related to any bench fees budgeted in the application
- **REFERENCES**
- **FIGURES** (if relevant) in a single PDF document

NOTE: Full-length application documents must be anonymized of all personal names, titles and pronouns, as they will be reviewed by a double-blinded international panel.

ENSURE YOUR PROJECT IS **PRECOMPETITIVE**

To help define a precompetitive project, local university partners can assist the main applicant in assessing whether the project idea is suitable for the open terms of ODIN.

All main applicants must contact their local business developer in due time and preferably before posting their idea on WorldLabs. This is a mandatory step in the application process.

AARHUS UNIVERSITY

- Conny Tegtmeier, business developer, clt@au.dk

AALBORG UNIVERSITY

(the relevant funding specialist can put you in touch with a business developer)

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EVENTS AND MATCHMAKING

Once you have joined the online matchmaking platform, you can become involved in the facilitated matchmaking and ideation processes within ODIN.

The ODIN secretariat will host a range of events including:

- Information meetings
- Knowledge-sharing, networking and ideation events
- Researcher and company pitches

Events will be posted on our webpage:

<https://projects.au.dk/open-odin/events>

You can also follow our LinkedIn for events:

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/open-odin/>

NOTE: While the Secretariat does our best to connect people and companies to relevant projects, we cannot guarantee a match.



ODIN REVIEW ORGANS

A brief summary of ODIN's review organs:

- **THE PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE (PRC)** reviews and rates all abstracts and full-length applications. They then nominate projects to the Steering Group.
- **THE INTERNATIONAL PROJECT REVIEW PANEL (IPRP)** reviews and rates anonymized full-length applications. These reviews may be used to enhance the PRC's discussion and final nomination. They may also be compared with the PRC reviews to examine and counter the potential for bias.
- **THE STEERING GROUP** makes funding decisions and has the final say in which projects to grant.

- **THE SECRETARIAT** can be contacted at any time during the application process for general advice. Although the Secretariat does not play a role in the scientific evaluation of the incoming applications, they can administratively reject any application that:
 - has not been presented on WorldLabs by the stated deadline
 - does not have at least one university and company partner (the main applicant must be from a partner university)
 - lacks central documents (e.g. signed budgets or letters of support)
 - is not sufficiently anonymized
 - does not comply with ODIN's overall purpose to share scientific outputs and results openly (and without use restrictions) with the public through open databases, scientific publications etc., or
 - significantly deviates from requirements stated in the guidelines for the specific call. A checklist will be provided for guidance.

You can read more about the review organs here:

https://projects.au.dk/fileadmin/projects/odin2/Docs/ODIN_governance_01.pdf

THE APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS

The application and review processes for grant type 1 are divided into three steps. A series of selection criteria, as described on the following pages, will form the basis for the review.



1. EXTENDED ABSTRACT

When a call for applications opens, project teams can submit an extended abstract after posting their idea publicly on WorldLabs. After administrative checks, the Project Review Committee will score all abstracts on a grading scale based on the ODIN selection criteria. The highest-scoring 50%, or max. 20 applications (whichever is the lowest number) will be invited to prepare a full-length application. The decision is based only on the scores given by the Project Review Committee.

The main applicants will be informed of the abstract review outcome by email. Unsuccessful applicants may apply again in the next ODIN call. Successful applicants will be offered further handheld matchmaking and assistance in the development of the project idea.

While it is not possible to provide detailed personal feedback on the PRC decisions, the Secretariat can offer general feedback based on the average scoring, if requested.

THE APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS



2. FULL-LENGTH APPLICATION

Applicants invited to submit a full-length application will receive an email with detailed information about the formal requirements and where to find templates for the application.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

Directly after the submission deadline, the Secretariat reviews each application to ensure that it is complete and meets all requirements as stated in the guidelines. It is a good idea for the main applicant to remain available to the Secretariat in case any small errors can be rectified without administrative rejection.

PANEL REVIEW PROCESS

After administrative checks, the submitted full-length applications will be reviewed by both the Project Review Committee (PRC) and the International Project Review Panel (iPRP). The two review organs score the applications according to the selection criteria on the following pages. These ratings form the basis of an in-depth discussion of each application within the Project Review Committee. Together with overall portfolio considerations and (potential) statements provided during the Consultation Procedure, this discussion forms the basis for nominations of applications to the Steering Group.

THE APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS

FULL-LENGTH REVIEW APPLICATION (CONTINUED)

DEADLOCK SITUATIONS

In case of deadlock within the PRC regarding an application, the review from the iPRP will be given extra weight to resolve the situation.

CONSULTATION PROCEDURE

In compliance with the Danish Public Administration Act §19, a consultation procedure will be implemented for all full-length applications. This is to ensure that applicants are given the opportunity to provide a statement in response to the summary assessment of their application. The statement should be limited to potential factual correction or other input directly related to the assessment.

One week will be allocated for the consultation procedure, in which the ODIN Secretariat contacts the main applicant by email with instructions. Based on the potential statements, the Project Review Committee will decide which projects are nominated to the Steering Group.

THE APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS



3. NOMINATION AND DECISION

ODIN's Steering Group has the final mandate to determine which projects to fund. When making this decision, the Steering Group considers the quality of the project proposal in relation to the call criteria, the entire ODIN project portfolio, and the sum of funding allocated for the specific call. The Steering Group may, based on the call criteria, decide to follow the initial assessment although the applicant has sent in a statement during the consultation procedure.

On behalf of the Steering Group, the ODIN Secretariat sends out decision letters to all applicants. Successful applicants will receive information stating the terms of the grant and will begin the process of receiving each partner's signature on the Project Agreement. Unsuccessful applicants will receive an email. The applicants may apply again in the next ODIN call. It is not possible to file a complaint based on this rejection.

FEEDBACK

As decisions are based on a thorough and confidential review process and several other factors described above, it is not possible for the Secretariat to provide further feedback on individual applications.

SELECTION CRITERIA

All ODIN applications will be reviewed based on the following selection criteria:

SCIENTIFIC EXCELLENCE

- Does the project address an unmet industrial/medical need that is relevant for drug discovery and/or diagnostics?
- Does the project offer novel scientific objectives and/or approaches to obtain the objective compared with state of the art?
- Will it create novel, fundamental knowledge?
- Is the choice of scientific methodology and technological solutions sound?
- Does the application sufficiently explain state of the art? (Full-Length Applications only)
- Does the project have a competitive edge (scientific and technical level) compared with similar research and/or adjacent technologies?

OPENNESS

- Is the project precompetitive?
- Does the project benefit from being open?
- Does the project have a sound plan to openly share its output and results with the public in compliance with GDPR and e.g., licenses on shared software? (Full-Length Applications only)
- Are there any factors in the project design that limit open sharing and third-party use of the project output?

SELECTION CRITERIA

ENGAGEMENT OF INDUSTRY AND OTHER RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS

- Does the project have sufficient and active industry engagement (with intellectual, material, and/or infrastructural contributions)?

POTENTIAL FOR DOWNSTREAM INNOVATION

- Does it have potential for short-term innovation?
- Does it have potential for long-term innovation?
- Is it likely to deliver research results supporting downstream product development or process innovation in the industry?
- Will it open new innovation opportunities for the academic partner(s)?

INTERDISCIPLINARITY

- Does the project include both academic and company partners?
- Does the project include sufficient relevant partners across scientific disciplines?
- Does the project include sufficient relevant partners across industrial expertise?

SELECTION CRITERIA

BROADNESS IN VALUE CREATION

- Is the project (and/or the project output) relevant to a broader range of companies than the project partner(s)?
- Does the project's concept/output benefit other projects or research and disease areas within drug discovery and/or diagnostics?

BUDGET

- Is the budget cost effective?
- Is the budget proportionate to project aim, activities and expected output?

Although not an official selection criterium, the Project Review Committee will favor projects with the most innovative, high-risk 'wild ideas,' as well as projects including multiple partner universities.

In addition to these selection criteria, the reviewing bodies must take the overall call budget and project portfolio into consideration when selecting projects for funding with regards to e.g., project themes, participants, gender, and risk profiles.

RULES FOR FUNDED PROJECTS

On the next page, we outline some of the rules for projects funded by ODIN.

Among other things, there are rules on:

- Project Agreements
- Openness
- Reporting
- Discontinuation
- Reserach Code of Conduct

PROJECT AGREEMENTS

If the project receives funding, all partners must sign the non-negotiable Project Agreement in accordance with their local rules of delegation. The Project Agreement is based on the principles of openness agreed upon by partner universities and company partners in the overall programme application for the NNF. Partners indicate their intention to sign this document during the full-length application process. The Project Agreement template can be found on the ODIN website and via the below link:

https://projects.au.dk/fileadmin/projects/odin2/Docs/ODIN_project_agreement.pdf

RULES FOR FUNDED PROJECTS

OPENNESS - HOW TO SHARE YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND DATA

Since openness is a foundational tenet of the ODIN program, all funded projects must share their foreground results and data with the public as quickly as possible.

Examples of this include, but are not limited to:

- All publications related to the project must be open access
- Submitted manuscripts must be made available as preprints whenever possible
- Data must be published in open online databases as soon as possible, and at the latest 6 months after conclusion of the grant.

Sharing of data must be in accordance with the practices described in the ODIN Framework Agreement and in the grant notification for individual projects – including explicitly stating support from the NNF (with reference to the ODIN grant number) in all written and oral presentations of the project.

To assist grant holders, the ODIN Secretariat will provide guidance for the open sharing of project output.

RULES FOR FUNDED PROJECTS

REPORTING

If the project is funded, the project participants will report on the milestones' progress to the Secretariat on a half-yearly basis. The milestones will form the basis for 'stop/go' evaluation points in these reports.

In addition, ODIN is required to report individual project publications and achievements to the NNF for up to 5 years after the program ends, so the secretariat will remain in contact with the grantees to track progress.

DISCONTINUATION

If a project fails to make the necessary progress or it is discovered that its aim is not achievable, the Steering Group can choose to terminate the project and discontinue funding. In the unlikely event that the ODIN Steering Group is forced to terminate a project, ODIN cannot cover salaries for the personnel employed in the given project after its termination.

RESEARCH CODE OF CONDUCT

All Projects must comply with the NNF policy for research-integrity and -freedom, as well as the Danish Code of Conduct for Research Integrity.

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS (2025)

**1
MAR**

CALL OPENING

The 'Extended Abstract' application form is available on WorldLabs

**28
MAY**

POSTING OF IDEAS

Deadline for public posting ideas online on WorldLabs

**1
OCT**

FULL-LENGTH APPLICATION

Full-length applications must be submitted using the template on WorldLabs

**MAR
APR**

INFORMATION MEETINGS

Participate in the physical events at the partner universities or watch online

**18
JUN**

ABSTRACT APPLICATION

Deadline for submission of 'Extended Abstracts' using the provided template online

**2-6
OCT**

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

All applicants are asked to be available by email for questions from the secretariat

TBA

PITCH DAY IN CPH

1-day event in Copenhagen with pitches and networking for everyone interested

**MID
AUG**

FIRST DECISION LETTER

All applicants receive decision letters on whether or not their abstract is selected

**17-23
NOV**

CONSULTATION PROCEDURE

Applicants will receive feedback on their applications and can choose to send in a response

**28
MAY**

BUSINESS DEVELOPERS

Contact your local business developer (or similar) before posting an idea online

**10
SEP**

GDPR REPRESENTATIVES

Contact your local GDPR rep. to discuss potential GDPR topics in your application

**LATE
DEC**

FINAL DECISION LETTER

All applicants receive decision letters on whether or not their project is granted

LAST NOTES FOR APPLICANTS

KEY DOCUMENTS

All documents related to ODIN can be found on the website:

<https://projects.au.dk/open-odin/about>

All documents related to the 2025 Grant Type 1 call round can be found on WorldLabs:

<https://www.worldlabs.org/opportunity/2025-funding-call-grant-type-1/resources>

NOTE: At the time of publishing these guidelines, some call-specific documents may not yet be publicly available. Once finalized, they will be published in the above link.

PRIVACY POLICY

Please consult ODIN's Privacy Policy (on our website) for more information on how applications and your personal data are handled.

DISCLAIMER

The information provided in these guidelines may be subject to change and may contain errors or omissions. The ODIN Secretariat reserves the right to modify, update, or amend these guidelines at any time without prior notice. Applicants are encouraged to check for updates and clarifications regularly. Substantial changes will be communicated via WorldLabs or e-mail. The Secretariat assumes no liability for any discrepancies or misunderstandings arising from the use of these guidelines.

ÓDIN OPEN DISCOVERY
INNOVATION NETWORK
A Novo Nordisk Foundation Sponsored Initiative

For more information, please visit www.open-odin.dk.
For detailed information regarding governance principles
and ODIN's IP model, please consult the "ODIN Framework
Agreement", which is also available on our website.