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Application guidelines: Villum Investigator Programme

The application should reflect the applicant's commitment to building up a thriving research environment and creating an impact. It has to be clear how a Villum Investigator grant can advance these activities.

The application must include the items below and in the following order:

Please note that you must use the font Times Roman 12 pt, 1.15 line spacing, with a page margin of at least 2 cm (top, bottom and sides) throughout the application. Text exceeding the limits given below will not be considered by the selection committee.

A: Summary of application (B - H) – 2500 characters incl. spaces.
Use language understandable to a non-specialist. The summary will be used to identify potential peer reviewers if the application proceeds to the second stage.

B: Scientific achievements/discoveries – 3000 characters incl. spaces.
List your most important scientific achievements/discoveries during the last five years (excluding any career breaks) and explain their impact. You are welcome to refer to the list of publications (up to five), which you submit along with the application.

C: Project description – max. 8 pages, including figures and tables. References should be included in item I below.
Describe an ambitious research plan for the next six years and how it will build on your current research. The following questions may be addressed as part of the project description: What kind of new insights, results and/or new tools and methods may your research produce? How will your activities impact and redefine your chosen field of research? What is your competitive edge compared to other recognized research activities in your field?

D: Leadership and Research environment – 2500 characters incl. spaces.
Provide information on your experience as a research leader and the current research environment at the host institution. Elaborate on what defines a good research environment and how good research leadership can develop such an environment. Describe how you will support the next generation of research leaders in your group.

E: Collaborations and recruitment – 1500 characters incl. spaces.
Provide information on collaborations and how you plan to attract junior and senior researchers to your research group.

F: Research funding – 1500 characters incl. spaces.
Describe how the present application differs from or complements any ongoing grants you have.

G: PhD students – 1500 characters incl. spaces.
Give the total number of PhD students that have obtained their doctoral degrees under your supervision during the last 10 years. List the names and current affiliations of selected students and describe your contributions to the development of their careers.

H: Other important issues – 1500 characters incl. spaces.
If relevant provide information on other issues you believe are important in assessing your past research achievements.

I: Reference list – 1 page.