

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.

The summary will be used to identify potential peer reviewers if the application proceeds to the second stage.

B: Scientific achievements/discoveries – max. 2 pages.

List the most important scientific achievements/discoveries in your career, with a particular emphasis on the last five years (excluding any career breaks). For each explain the significance of the result for your research field and the wider scientific community. You may refer to the major publications listed in your CV. However, it is your achievement and not that of the publication which should be explained.

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 explain how it will build on your current research. Include a description of state of the art of your research field and your position in it. 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 research field? What is the competitive edge of you and your group compared to other leading research groups in your field? What will be the wider significance of the project, if successful?

D: Leadership and Research environment – 2500 characters incl. spaces.

Give a short description of your experience as a research leader and the current research environment at the host institution. Outline your views 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, and, if relevant, how you will ensure a smooth succession to the next generation.

E: Collaborations and recruitment – 1500 characters incl. spaces.

Provide information on your main 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. List any current applications for similar activities, the amount applied for and when they will be decided.

G: PhD students – 1500 characters incl. spaces.

Give the total number of PhD students that have obtained their doctoral degrees with you as their main supervisor during the last 10 years. List the names and current affiliations of up to five 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 achievements.

I: Reference list – 1 page.