Application guidelines: VILLUM Investigator Programme

The application must reflect the applicant’s commitment to building up a thriving research environment and creating an impact. It must 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 - J) – 2500 characters incl. spaces.

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: Current research and future ambitions – Five pages max, including figures and tables.
The following questions may be addressed as part of the description of your current research and an ambitious plan for future research: What kind of new insights, results and/or new tools and methods may your research produce? How will your research redefine the research in its respective field? What is your competitive edge compared to other recognized research activities in the field?

D: Research environment – 2500 characters incl. spaces.
Provide information on 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.

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

F: Research funding – 1500 characters incl. spaces.
List the most competitive research funding you have received during the last five years and provide for each grant (five max) a paragraph describing the impact.

G: Invited and keynote lectures – 1500 characters incl. spaces.
List the five most important invited and keynote lectures, e.g. at international meetings, you have delivered during the last five years.

H: 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.

1 When the word ‘impact’ is used below it refers to the scientific (and societal) effects of both academic achievements (e.g. new methods, new knowledge) and capacity building (e.g. development of talents, establishment of collaborations/partnerships).
I: Scientific honours – 1500 characters incl. spaces.
List up to five scientific prizes/honours you have received and provide a paragraph describing the significance of each prize/honour.

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

K: Reference list – 1 page.