



Application guidelines: Villum Synergy Programme

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: Project title and applicants

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Name and affiliation of PI 1 (Methodological expert)

Name and affiliation of PI 2 (Domain expert)

The following refers to Full applications of max. 12 pages meaning you need to divide e.g. the number of characters, list of publications or pages by two for Initiation applications. Applications which exceed the number of required characters or pages will be rejected.

B: Summary of the application - 2,500 characters incl. spaces

You should not think of the application summary as a technical paper.

The summary should instead describe the idea, research field and state of the art in layperson's terms.

The aim is to get across the importance of what you are doing, how you are doing it, how it contributes to extending the state of the art and the expertise you have that qualifies you for success.

C: Important publications

List and provide a link to up to four of your publications and explain why you consider the publications significant.

D: Research proposal – Eight pages max. including illustrations and tables.

Please describe your project in detail, including its purpose, background and relevance, activities, outputs and outcomes, indicators and expected impact.

The eight pages must include a description of the current state of the art and the new insights, results and/or new tools and methods this interdisciplinary research may produce? How will your research redefine the research in each of the respective research fields (Methodological and Domain)? You should also describe the implementation/practical collaboration that is needed in this synergy proposal?. What is your competitive edge compared to other recognized research activities?

E: 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 it can promote interdisciplinary collaboration.

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F: Other important topics – 1,500 characters, including spaces Indicate your projected commitment to the current project, as a percentage of your total research obligations during the grant period.

G: Reference list – max. 1 page.

**When the word “impact” is used it refers to the scientific (and societal) effects of academic achievements (e.g. new methods, new knowledge) and capacity building (e.g. development of talents, establishment of collaborations/partnerships).*