

Novo Nordisk Foundation

INNOVATORS' GUIDE

Innovation constitutes a critical bridge in translating scientific discoveries into products and solutions that improve the health of people and society. Developing a scientific idea into a final product or solution that benefits people and the society is a long and treacherous journey that can take more than a decade to complete. Therefore, a strong innovation ecosystem is essential for supporting researchers as they develop their discoveries.

The “Novo Nordisk Foundations Innovators’ Guide” presents a number of innovation initiatives funded by the Novo Nordisk Foundation. These initiatives are designed to support researchers throughout the innovation journey: from the idea generation stage and collaboration with

industry (Open Innovation), education on innovation and entrepreneurship of researchers at all levels (Education/ Fellowship Programmes), mentoring of projects by seasoned business and industry experts as well as acceleration and incubation support (Acceleration/Mentor Programmes), to soft funding and investment instruments as well as matchmaking events between researchers and investors (Grants/Investments/Matchmaking Events).

To read more about the specific initiatives presented in the guide, please click on the respective icons and you will be directed to each initiative’s homepage.

Enjoy the journey!

The Novo Nordisk Foundations Innovation Team

Novo Nordisk Foundation Innovation initiatives

Grants & Investments

Pioneer Innovator

Distinguished Innovator

Open competition
Nordic researchers

Open competition
Nordic researchers

Matchmaking/
Competitions



iGEM



UNLEASH



TechBBQ



Nordic
Innovation Fair

Acceleration/
Mentoring
Programs

BII

BioInnovation
Institute Foundation

SPARK
DENMARK

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Denmark

NOME

Nordic Mentor
network for
Entrepreneurship



Beta Health

Education/
Fellowship
Programs



School of Health
Innovation



International
Bioinnovation
Scholarship Program



BioMedical Design
Fellowship Program



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Center
(CORC)



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