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The Novo Nordisk Foundation grants can stretch over a long period of time giving the universities certainty and maneuverability. The Foundation supports a wide range of projects across research areas and using different instruments that are developed through ongoing dialogue with the research community. We also support activities other than research, such as teaching, infrastructure, knowledge-sharing, innovation, symposiums, and maternity/paternity leave.

The Foundation covers costs related to research projects, depending on the type of grant. We support short-term (2-4 years) as well as longer term (4-7 years) research grants at universities, hospitals, and other institutions.

The Foundation covers the costs directly related to the research activities.

The indirect costs covered by the Foundation may include bench fees, service contracts, operating and maintenance costs for equipment, IT costs, office expenses and other services. All costs must be specified and relate to the specific project.

In addition to the amount allocated to research, applicants may apply for up to 5% of this amount to cover financial management and follow-up of the grant, based on the Foundation's requirements for administering and reporting on the grant.

An example of the Foundations support for both direct and indirect research costs is our project and program grants and our centre grants for advanced research infrastructure at Denmark's universities and hospitals. In general, the supported infrastructure facility or equipment must be made available to the general scientific environment, including from other institutions, SMEs, and incubators.