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DATA SCIENCE DISTINGUISHED INVESTIGATOR 2021

Information and guidelines for
applicants

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Information about the call

Grant capital:

Up to DKK 60 million (across all three Investigator career stages)

Award amount:

Up to DKK 10 million over 5 years per grant

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1 DATA SCIENCE DISTINGUISHED INVESTIGATOR 2021

These guidelines are intended to assist you in the application process when applying for a grant from the Novo Nordisk Foundation (NNF). It is important that you carefully read these guidelines before initiating the application process, as the guidelines contain the complete call text as well as instructions regarding the completion of the application.

- **Section 1** describes the overall frame and conditions of the call, eligibility criteria, and evaluation process.
- **Section 2** provides technical guidance for how to access and navigate in the application and grant management system NORMA.
- **Section 3** gives essential information regarding the application content, structure, and budget.

NNF will treat all applicant and application information confidentially.

1.1 PURPOSE

The purpose of the '**Data Science Distinguished Investigator**' grant is to support outstanding professors who have demonstrated the ability to execute and lead research at the highest international level. The Distinguished Investigator grant is for professors of all ages.

The programme is part of the NNF Data Science Initiative, through which the Foundation aims to strengthen the Danish academic research environment within data science and artificial intelligence, as well as support the education and training of the next generation of data scientists.

Open competition calls in the Novo Nordisk Foundation's Data Science Initiative

- **The Data Science Investigator Programme** supports excellent independent research leaders with ambitious projects within the field of data science.
- **The Data Science Collaborative Research Programme** supports data science-driven collaborative research projects within the Foundation's scientific focus areas.
- **The Data Science Research Infrastructure Programme** supports investment in shared supercomputers, hardware, staff positions, data collection, curation, and management.

In addition, an academy for data science, with the purpose of establishing a network and distributing fellowships, is under design.

THE RESEARCH LEADER PROGRAMME

To support the best and the most talented research leaders at all career steps, from senior postdocs wanting to start their own independent research group to established senior principal investigators, the Data Science Investigator Programme offers three different calls under the NNF Research Leader Programme.

Each of the three calls - 'Emerging', 'Ascending', and 'Distinguished' – targets principal investigators at a specific career stage, and applicants are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the requirements in each category, to ensure that they are eligible and apply for the appropriate call.

To allow the grant recipients the freedom and security to pursue original and ambitious ideas, the grants are for five years.

THE 'DISTINGUISHED INVESTIGATOR' PROFILE

The 'Data Science Distinguished Investigator' grant is for outstanding professors (including MSO) who have demonstrated the ability to execute and lead research at the highest international level within the field of data science. See section 1.3 for further details.

Assistant and Associate Professors are encouraged to consider the 'Ascending' and 'Emerging' profiles.

1.2 AREAS OF SUPPORT

The proposed research must fall within the scope of the NNF Data Science Initiative, which aims to support the following key science areas:

- Development of new algorithms, methods and technologies within data science, artificial intelligence (incl. machine learning and deep learning), data engineering, data mining, statistics, applied math, computer science, big data analytics, etc.
- Applications of data science (as defined above) within NNF's scientific focus areas (see box below): Biomedical and health science, life science and industrial applications promoting sustainability, as well as natural and technical sciences with potential future application in biotechnology or biomedicine.

For projects mainly concerned with data science methods development, it is important that the applicants clearly show the relevance for potential future application and impact within life science, health science, or biotechnology. Vice versa, projects which have their primary focus on application must describe and explain the novelty and impact of their data science approach, be it development of novel methods or novel applications of existing methods.

The Novo Nordisk Foundation's scientific focus areas

Biomedical and Health Sciences supports basic research in biomedicine that paves the way for advances in translational medicine and innovative clinical applications. Among the key topics are: basic biomedical research, translational biomedical research and technologies, clinical research, health-related data science infrastructure and applications, and research in patient-centred healthcare and treatment systems.

Life Science and Industrial Applications Promoting Sustainability addresses the escalating global sustainability challenges and the potential to make a positive impact for the environment. The research areas that are supported are within industrial biotechnology and environmental biotechnology, plant science, agriculture and food biotechnology as well as ecosystems research related to these areas. Basic research, platforms, and technologies enabling research on sustainability are included.

Natural and Technical Sciences supports fundamental research within the natural and technical sciences, including, e.g., physics, chemistry, mathematics, data science, and technical sciences. The research must have potential interdisciplinary application in biomedicine, health sciences, or biotechnology; this application need not be in the project period but could be beyond. Focus areas include interdisciplinary research, quantum technologies with potential application in the life sciences, data science, and health- and med-tech.

In general, projects without potential future applications within the NNF's scientific focus areas and projects with no novelty in terms of development or application of data science methods will not be funded in this programme.

Projects where the primary focus is on financial or insurance data, fraud detection, advertisement, social media, social science or humanities, security and mass surveillance, defence, gaming, etc. are outside of scope and will not be considered for funding.

1.3 ELIGIBILITY

The following criteria apply to the Distinguished Investigator grants.

CAREER STAGE

The 'Data Science Distinguished Investigator' grant is aimed at supporting outstanding professors who have demonstrated the ability to execute and lead research at the highest international level. The Distinguished Investigator grant is for Professors of all ages.

Applicants must be Professors (MSO included).

Applicants should have their own research group and individual research profile. Applicants are expected to have a documented track record of high-impact scientific contributions to the field of data science (relative to their career stage), which will typically include authorship of research papers in high-impact journals, contributions to key conferences in the field, etc.

PROJECT LEADERSHIP

Distinguished Investigator grants are individual grants awarded to excellent senior research group leaders with original and ambitious projects, who have a demonstrated track record of research contributions at the highest international level within their research field. The applicant must be the principal investigator of the proposed project and should, during the project, act independently from other researchers at the host institution where the project and the applicant is based.

The grant is at the disposal of the grant recipient, so if the project involves collaboration with other groups or independent investigators, the applicant must clearly demonstrate his or her ownership of the proposed project. The nature of the collaboration, including roles and responsibilities, should be well described in the application. Please note that invitation and funding of co-applicants is not possible within this call.

THE GRANT IS ONLY FOR DATA SCIENTISTS

The applicant must be an active data science researcher who conducts and directs independent research, as well as educational and training activities, within the field of data science.

Non-data scientists (e.g. wet lab biologists, medical doctors, chemists, etc.) who merely employ or collaborate with data scientists are not eligible to apply for this grant.

No specific educational background is required but the typical applicant would likely be trained in computer science, mathematics, physics, statistics, bioinformatics, or other informatics-heavy disciplines. If the data science competences of an applicant are not evident directly from the educational background, publication list, employment, or similar, we recommend clarifying in the application how and why the candidate is competent within the field, and hence eligible to apply for the grant.

INSTITUTIONAL ANCHORING

The project applied for must be anchored at a university or other non-profit research institution in Denmark. This host institution administrates the grant.

A hosting letter signed by the head of the department must be included in the application (see section 3.5 for details).

Applicants must, during the project, be employed in Denmark and have their research group based in Denmark. Only minor and time-limited affiliations with institutions abroad are allowed, as the grant is intended for 'full-time' researchers (teaching obligations included) based in Denmark.

CONTRIBUTION TO TEACHING

Grant recipients must plan to actively direct or participate in educational or training courses in data science at their host institution and/or at other institutions in Denmark. The grant must not be used to cover a teaching substitute for the applicant.

IMPORTANT RESTRICTIONS

- An applicant may submit only one application to the Novo Nordisk Foundation for an "Investigator grant" and cannot submit another application for an "Investigator grant" while the application is under review. If an applicant submits more than one "Investigator grant" application for simultaneous review, only the first application submitted will be evaluated, while the subsequent applications will receive administrative rejections. 'Investigator grants' include the following calls/grants across all funding areas: Emerging Investigator, Ascending Investigator, Distinguished Investigator, NNF Young Investigator Award, NNF Laureate Research Grant, Distinguished Innovator, and NERD.
- If an applicant holds an active 'Investigator' grant, the applicant may apply for a new grant during the final year of the existing grant. However, the grant periods cannot overlap.

1.4 FUNDING

Each Investigator grant can be up to DKK 10 million over 5 years.

The total 2021 grant budget for Data Science Investigators across all three career stages (emerging, ascending and distinguished investigators) is up to DKK 60 million, distributed across all three career stages.

Applicants may apply for funding for the following types of expenses (see section 3.3 for details):

- Salary for employees
- Tuition fee for PhD students
- Operating expenses
- Data management
- Equipment
- Conference participation
- Travel
- Publication costs
- Bench fee
- Direct administrative expenses (up to 5% of the total funding applied for)

The salary of the applicant cannot be covered by the Data Science Distinguished Investigator grant.



The grant may not be used to cover commercial activities or 'overhead' such as rent, electricity, water, maintenance, etc.

NNF does not award funding for:

- Commercial activities

- Overhead
- Double funding of projects:
 - If the applicant has received funding for the proposed project from other sources, in part or in full, this situation must be accounted for in the budget, as no budgetary overlaps are allowed.
 - If an identical or overlapping project proposal has been submitted to other funding institutions than the NNF, it must be noted in the application.
 - If the applicant, post application submission, receives funding for the project or parts of the applied project from others, the NNF must be contacted immediately.

Applying for a Data Science Investigator grant does not block the applicant from also applying (as either a main or co-applicant) for funding via the two other programmes under the NNF Data Science Initiative (Data Science Collaborative Research and Data Science Research Infrastructure); however:

- The applicant must indicate which other submitted proposals includes her/him as a main or co-applicant.
- The different applications should not be contingent on each other.
- Applying with the same project to more than one call is not allowed. Any overlap in project content between submitted applications should be clearly indicated and explained.

See also Section 3.5 regarding previous grants awarded to the main applicant.

1.5 LANGUAGE

The application and any additional uploads must be written in English.

1.6 APPLICATION PROCESS

The application must be completed and submitted using NNF's online application and grant management system, NORMA, which can be accessed from: <https://norma.novonordiskfonden.dk>. Further information on how to access and navigate in NORMA can be found in chapter 2.



When all applications have been assessed, applicants will be notified about the result in an e-mail from noreply@norma.novonordiskfonden.dk to the e-mail address entered on initial registration.

All grant recipients must comply with NNF's 'General Terms and Conditions' when receiving a grant from NNF: www.novonordiskfonden.dk/en/content/conditions-grants.



NNF does not provide feedback in case an application is not selected for funding.

1.7 ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

The Foundation's Committee for Data Science, which consist of international experts within the field, will be responsible for the scientific evaluation and prioritisation of the applications.

The following elements will be part of the assessment:

- The quality, novelty, and feasibility of the project as well as the merits, independence, maturity, commitment, and potential of the applicant. Project and applicant will be weighted equally.
- The performance of the applicant will be evaluated relative to the career stage and age.
- The applicant's level of mobility and international experience.
- The academic independence and research leadership potential of the applicant.
- The applicant's plan to actively contribute to and direct educational or training courses in data science.

The current funding situation of the applicant will not affect the evaluation of the proposal per se. However, the level of commitment of the candidate to the project can be taken into consideration by the committee, for instance, if the applicant has existing major obligations or large grants.

If you have an active grant from NNF, this may be taken into consideration in the evaluation of your application for a new grant. In general, it is recommended that the Grant Recipient has delivered results on the active grant(s) before submission of a new application to NNF. If you apply, while having an active grant from NNF, you must describe how the project you propose in this application is different from and/or coherent with the project(s) already funded and briefly describe the progress of the already funded project(s).

2 THE APPLICATION AND GRANT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM – NORMA

Sections 2 and 3 provide guidance on completing and submitting an application through NNF's online application and grant management system NORMA. Section 2 contains general technical information, while section 3 contains information specific to the individual call. All the fields of the application form must be completed in accordance with these guidelines and the instructions in NORMA.

NNF will treat all applicant and application information confidentially. Read more about how NNF processes personal data under 'privacy & security' in NORMA.

2.1 USER REGISTRATION

NORMA can be accessed through links on NNF's website or directly at:

<https://norma.novonordiskfonden.dk>

Before you begin, please read the instructions on the login page.

If you do not have a user profile in NORMA, you can register by clicking on REGISTER AS APPLICANT. You will be asked to fill in a contact form, which will appear in a new window. Main applicant should only have one user profile. Use your work e-mail address for registration. After the registration you will receive an e-mail with username and password. You can now log in to NORMA. When you log in for the first time, you will be asked to change your password.

Applicants who have previously applied for a grant from NNF or have an active grant may already have a user profile in NORMA. If you are in doubt, an existing user profile can be retrieved by clicking FORGOT

PASSWORD and entering an e-mail address. If you have a user profile in the system you will receive an e-mail with login information and a new password within 5–10 minutes.

A registered user who submits an application is legally responsible for the truthfulness of the content of the application.

If you experience technical problems, please contact NORMA Support: norma-support@novo.dk.



An applicant cannot change the e-mail address provided at registration. Please contact NORMA Support if you need to change your e-mail address.

2.2 CREATING AN APPLICATION

To initiate a new application, you first need to identify the call and grant you wish to apply for. In NORMA, go to the OPEN CALLS tab, which is located in the upper right corner of the screen. All currently available grants are visible in tabs that are sorted by NNF's overall grant areas.

Initiate an application by clicking the blue APPLY NOW button. Your draft application is then created and will remain a draft version until you actively submit the application.

You can create and subsequently edit a draft version of the application until the deadline. A draft application can be saved by clicking SAVE DRAFT and may be cancelled at any time up to the deadline by clicking the button CANCEL APPLICATION. An application is not submitted to NNF until an applicant has clicked SUBMIT.

The application comprises tabbed sheets that need to be completed but not necessarily in chronological order. Fields marked with a red star (*) are obligatory to fill in.

You can review the application at any time by clicking OPEN under MY APPLICATIONS on the NORMA front page. The whole application, including any currently entered data, can be downloaded as a PDF file by clicking on APPLICATION PDF. Make sure the PDF is readable and formatted appropriately before submitting your application.

2.3 TEXT AND ILLUSTRATIONS

FILLING IN THE FIELDS

For all applications, the individual fields must be completed in accordance with these guidelines and the instructions supplied in NORMA.



To prevent loss of data, it is essential to press SAVE DRAFT before you leave NORMA or navigate in the system.

APPLICATION TEXT

Text from, e.g., Word can be copied and pasted into most text fields of the application. It is, however, important to check that formatting, special letters and symbols have not been converted or lost in the text fields after copying and pasting. If the formatting looks wrong in NORMA and in the PDF, you can try to change all text to 'Normal' under the tab **FORMAT**.

Available functions for formatting text are at the top of the text fields. Some shorter text fields do not have the option to format.



For readability purposes, standard fonts, font size 11-12, and line spacing between 1.0 and 1.5 must be used.

ILLUSTRATIONS

Illustrations with figures/charts/tables/images etc. related to the project description can be uploaded under **PROJECT INFORMATION** (a maximum of four illustrations are allowed). Include illustration number and legend/caption for each illustration file when uploading. The illustrations will be integrated in the final application PDF.

The following file formats for illustrations are accepted in the system: JPG, JPEG, PNG, BMP. The maximum accepted size for each illustration is 1050*1650 pixels.

2.4 SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION

The application in its entirety must be submitted electronically via the application system by clicking **SUBMIT**. It is not possible to submit an application or any part of it by standard mail or e-mail. Any material submitted outside the application system will not be included in the evaluation and will not be returned.

All applicants must read and accept NNF's Standards for Good Research Practice before submitting the application. A link can be found under 'Policies' in the top right corner of the window. Further, the applicant must declare that the information provided in the application is true and accurate.

An application cannot be submitted unless all the required fields have been completed. Fields in the application that are incorrectly completed or incomplete will be listed in a box at the top of the screen. Clicking on each individual line marked in red takes you directly to the incomplete field. The box will disappear when you select **SAVE DRAFT**. This allows you to continue with the application and submission.



A list of any incorrect or incomplete entries will be autogenerated when you click **SUBMIT**. Amending incorrect or incomplete entries can be time-consuming, so we recommend submitting applications well before the deadline.

If you wish to modify a submitted application before the deadline, it is possible to reopen the application. Be aware that the application must be resubmitted before the deadline. Applications cannot be modified after the submission deadline.

Once the application has been submitted, a confirmation of receipt will be sent to the e-mail address used for logging into the system. If you do not receive a confirmation of receipt (please check your spam

folder), you should contact NNF as soon as possible (see contact details in the beginning of this document).

If you wish to withdraw a submitted application after the deadline you must contact NNF via e-mail, using the contact information in the beginning of the document.



Please remember to check that the PDF version of the application is legible and contains all entered information and uploads before submitting the application.

3 APPLICATION CONTENT

This section provides guidelines on the content required in the individual sections of the online application form for this call, as well as essential information regarding the project description, structure, and budget.

3.1 APPLICANT INFORMATION

Enter information on the applicant and administrating institution in the following tabbed sheets:

- Personal information
- Current institution
- Educational information
- Administrating institution
- Applicant information



Registering a new administrating institution in NORMA can take up two working days. The application can be edited but cannot be submitted before this information is registered. We therefore recommend that you register an administrating institution well in advance of the application deadline.

CV for the application can be maximum 4,000 characters. Please include in your CV:

- A short bibliographic overview summarising total number of peer-reviewed publications, number of first authorships, number of corresponding authorships, number of citations, h-index, etc.
- An overview of your current grants with indication of how much of your research time (in %) is committed to each of the projects.
- A short paragraph on your past teaching experience and current obligations. In addition to this information, you must provide a clear plan in the project description for how you will actively direct or participate in educational or training courses in data science in Denmark during the project period (see section 3.2).

Publications list can be a maximum of 5,000 characters. First, applicants should include a link to an updated profile with a full publication list on, e.g., ORCID, Google Scholar, Web of Science, or Scopus. Below that, list the 10 most relevant publications (or conference contributions) for evaluating your merits. Include a complete specification of all authors for each publication with your own name highlighted.

Supplementary Information (under Applicant Information):

- Describe your terms of employment (where the project is to be carried out). If you are affiliated with multiple institutions, please describe your commitments and your terms of employment. Professors MSO should indicate the timespan of their MSO professorship.
- Indicate how much of your research time (in %) you intend to commit to the project applied for.
- Applicants who do not fit the 'Distinguished' profile and/or are borderline concerning the eligibility requirements described, must describe here why they consider themselves eligible.
- Please do not include any sensitive personal information, such as illnesses, family conditions, etc.

3.2 PROJECT INFORMATION

Enter a description of the project under the PROJECT INFORMATION tab. A maximum of four illustrations can be uploaded here.

GRANT PERIOD

After you enter the start and end dates for the grant, NORMA generates a grant period in whole years. The grant period is the duration of NNF's grant for the project, for this call up to 5 years.

PROJECT TITLE

Please provide a short title for the project (maximum 150 characters, including spaces, line breaks, and special characters).

BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Please provide a brief stand-alone summary of the project describing its purpose, target group, and activities. (maximum 2,000 characters, including spaces, line breaks, and special characters).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The full project description can be a maximum of 30,000 characters (including spaces, line breaks, and special characters).

Please describe your proposed research project in detail – including **purpose, background, current state-of-the-art, methods, implementation, collaborations**, and the **novelty and significance** of the project, including its contribution to moving data science forward in Denmark.

It is particularly important to clearly describe the data methods development and data science applications part of your project, putting this in relation to the current state-of-the-art and describing how your project will bring novelty in terms of development of new data science methods or new impactful applications of established methods.

Please also include short paragraphs clearly describing:

- The potential future applications and impact of your research project within the NNF's scientific focus areas (see section 1.2).
- How you plan to actively direct or participate in educational or training courses in data science in Denmark during the project period.
- Synergy of the proposed project with any other projects for which you have already obtained funding.

Up to four illustrations can be uploaded to the project description and preliminary data is encouraged.

Abbreviations should be defined at the first use, and preferably a list of abbreviations should be included in the project description.

LITERATURE REFERENCES

Please provide the reference information for the literature cited in the project description (maximum 4,000 characters, including spaces, line breaks and special characters).

LAY PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Please provide a brief summary for non-experts in lay language. If the application is awarded a grant, the text may be used for publication (maximum 1,000 characters, including spaces, line breaks and special characters).



Please note that the application should address all the assessment criteria listed in subsection 1.7.

3.3 BUDGET

The budget only comprises of the information entered in the BUDGET tab. Additional budget information attached under UPLOADS or added under other tabs than BUDGET will not be considered.

Before you begin to fill in the budget template, enter GRANT PERIOD START DATE and GRANT PERIOD END DATE under the PROJECT INFORMATION tab and press SAVE DRAFT. The budget must be entered in budget years following the grant period and not calendar years.

Complete the budget as follows:

- Click on the blue OPEN/EDIT icon to open a budget in a pop-up window.
- Click the + key to add budget rows.
- Select one of the budget headings, enter an amount under VALUE (DKK) and specify what the amount is for under DESCRIPTION.
- All amounts must be stated in Danish kroner (DKK) without decimal points, commas or spaces. NORMA automatically inserts the thousands separator.
- Save and close the budget spreadsheet by clicking SAVE and CLOSE (in that order) and then return to the BUDGET tab.

Important: If you make any changes to the grant period after filling out the budget, you must clear the budget table before making the change to the grant period.

Applicants may apply for funding for the following types of expenses when directly related to the project:

- **Salary for employees**, e.g., research and technical assistance, including postdoctoral researchers, PhD students and technicians. Salary expenses cannot cover employees of similar academic employment level than the applicant.
- **PhD tuition fee** up to DKK 80,000 per student per budget year (must be specified separately).
- **Operating expenses**, e.g., lab consumables, chemicals and reagents, research animals, sequencing/proteomics, computing resources, data storage, and analysis services.
- **Data management** expenses for collecting and storing data.
- **Equipment**, e.g., hardware, software, data access, etc. (maximum 20% of the budget total).
- **Conference participation** related expenses in connection with presenting the project at conferences and workshops.

- **Travel** expenses, e.g., experiments or analyses carried out in other labs for a limited period.
- **Publication costs** of results emanating from the project
- **Bench fee:** To include a bench fee in the budget, the fee must be a part of the general expenses policy of the institute/institution. Further, if bench fee is included in the budget applied for, it must be elaborated in the budget what exactly it covers, and it may only be used for lab consumables and access to lab space and facilities that cannot be included within 'operating expenses' or another budget category.
- **Administrative support** can be applied for but may account for a maximum of 5% of the total budget and must be included therein. The administrative support
 - can cover expenses such as for accounting, payment of salaries, purchasing, hiring, as well as auditing and financial reporting on the project.
 - cannot cover administrative expenses which are not directly related to the project.
 - is not automatically included in the grant and must be stated/applied for in the application budget but should not be specified in detail.

The salary of the applicant cannot be covered by the Data Science Distinguished Investigator grant

Any comments about the budget can be entered in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION field.

Funding, both received and applied for, from the applicant's own organisation and from other sources should be entered under ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE PROJECT. The amount entered should be the total sum for the entire grant period. The NNF does not allow double funding and there can be no budgetary overlaps between projects. It must be clearly described in the INFORMATION FOR ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS field what the additional contributions cover and how the project proposed in this application is different from the project already funded or applied for from other parties than NNF. If the applicant, post application submission, receives funding for the project or parts of the applied project from others, the NNF must be contacted immediately.

The way in which the budget is set up influences any later financial reporting to NNF. Please note that the financial accounts must have the same headings as the budget posts in the application.



Applicants may only apply for the types of expenses listed in section 1.4 and 3.3.

3.4 PREVIOUS AND CURRENT GRANTS FROM NNF

If you have received any grants from NNF as an applicant or a co-applicant within the past five years, you must provide the application number, project title, grant period (in years), grant amount and the percentage share of the grant (100% if there is no co-applicant). Briefly summarize if and how any of the grants are related to the current application.

If you have previously submitted other applications in the same calendar year, summarize if and how these applications are related to the current application.

3.5 UPLOADS

A hosting letter from the administration institution signed by the head of the department must be included. The letter should confirm that the project will take place at the institution, and that the

institution will provide the required infrastructure, such as laboratory and office space, and administration of the grant.

Uploads must be in PDF format. Please do not include other appendices.

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The Novo Nordisk Foundation

The Novo Nordisk Foundation is an independent Danish Foundation with corporate interests. The objective of the Novo Nordisk Foundation is twofold: To provide a stable basis for the commercial and research activities conducted by the companies within the Novo Group and to support scientific and humanitarian purposes.

The vision of the Novo Nordisk Foundation is to contribute significantly to research and development that improves the lives of people and the sustainability of society.