



AAU HEALTH MISSION SEED FUNDING

SPRING 2026

PURPOSE OF THE SEED MONEY OPPORTUNITY 2026

The purpose of the seed funding opportunity is to support maturation and funding of interdisciplinary mission projects that clearly address the overall goal and one or more of the challenges of the Health Mission.

The overall goal of the mission is to improve patient health through technology-supported and coherent care pathways tailored to the individual patient.



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CRITERIA:

- The mission project, for which seed money is applied, must clearly address the goal of the mission and one or more of the key domains of interest:
 - Coherence: New technology that consolidates patient data and supports the healthcare system's use of data in coherent and individually tailored care pathways, spanning both primary and specialised healthcare services.
 - Individualisation: New decision-support technology for clinical practice that integrates experience, data, and evidence. This data is used to facilitate individualised treatment, resulting in more effective care where each patient receives precisely the treatment with the highest likelihood of success.
 - Self-Management: Development of digital technologies that help patients manage their illness independently in their daily lives.
- The project must include a clear plan for securing substantial external funding beyond the seed grant, such as public research councils, private foundations, EU programmes, or other relevant funding opportunities. Describe the research and innovation partnership clearly, with preference for projects where partnerships between researchers and societal actors are already established.
- The project must show how it will contribute to patients' health, for example, through better care coordination, personalised treatment, or enhanced self-management.
- The project should include researchers from at least two departments (preferably more) at Aalborg University and include key external stakeholders (or have a plan for involving stakeholders).
- Evaluation criteria: We will evaluate the proposal based on the alignment with the Health Mission, the strength and interdisciplinarity of the consortium, and the potential and clear pathway to further funding.

FUNDING:

- It is possible to apply for up to **DKK 200,000** per project. Depending on the number of applications we expect to grant between **DKK 50.000 and 200.000 per project**.
- The funding must be allocated before **31.12.2026**. This cannot be exceeded or postponed.
- The funding can be used for buy-out of staff or research assistance, expenses for meetings, travel, workshops and other infrastructures
- The awarded researchers must prepare a brief report about the outcomes before **March 1, 2027**

APPLICATION FORM OVERVIEW

- Full name of main applicant (PI)
- AAU Department
- Email of main applicant
- Phone number to main applicant
- Names of all applicants and their affiliation (research team) as well as names of external actors and organisations in the partnership (max 800 characters)
- Project title (max 250 characters)
- Project description - Background, problem and how it addresses one or more challenges, objectives, tentative RQs and brief outline of WPs, potential impact. Please briefly outline how the team will include input from patients, relatives, NGO, and other relevant users (max 4000 characters)
- Funding plan with funding outlets and deadlines (max 1000 characters)
- Budget - please outline a tentative budget with total amount applied for and a description of how the funding will be spent (max 2000 characters)

The application should be completed in the attached Word template, converted into PDF and sent via e-mail to mission@aau.dk no later than 16 March 2026.



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PROCESS

Launch of the seed money opportunity 2 February 2026: Call is open to all.

Application deadline: 16 March, 2026, at the end of the day

Notification and start up no later than April 15, 2026.

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APPLICATION

Complete the application as per instructed and make a PDF which is sent to Senior Mission Officer, Hans Henrik Lomholt at mission@aaau.dk

Assessment of applications by Mission management Ninna Meier, Niels van Berkel, Trine Rolighed Thomsen, Hans Henrik Lomholt and Michael Skovdal Rathleff and Pro-deans for research and innovation Mikael B Skov (TECH) and Ole Kæseler Andersen (SUND).

QUESTIONS

If you have questions concerning the seed money opportunity and the application reach out to Senior Mission Officer Hans Henrik Lomholt For more information about the mission, [please visit the mission webpage](#).

