Novo Scholarship Call 2018

Deadline: 11 September 2017 at 12:00 (noon)

Novo Nordisk and Novozymes invite master students at any Danish university or Lund University to apply for a Novo Scholarship. With these scholarships, we intend to support undergraduate talents within natural science in Denmark and southern Sweden. The scholarships are granted to support the students during their master thesis project.

Only applications for support of scientific projects that are relevant for Novozymes or Novo Nordisk will be considered. The applicant must be a master student enrolled at a Danish university or Lund University during the entire period of time of the scholarship. The university supervisor must be associated with the same institution. Marks for bachelor project, if part of the curriculum, must be at least 10, and the weighted average for the bachelor minimum 8.2. Master students conducting or having agreements to conduct their master thesis project at Novo Nordisk or Novozymes cannot apply. Owing to regulations regarding support of Health Care Professionals in Denmark, the scholarship cannot be granted to students who are training to become: medical doctors, dentists, veterinarians, pharmacists, nurses, veterinary nurses, pharmacists, midwives, biomedical laboratory technicians, clinical dieticians or radiographers.

The master thesis project must be of high scientific quality and include independent work by the student, potentially leading to at least one scientific publication. Written Consent from the university supervisor is a prerequisite for submission. The application must also be supported by a contact person from Novozymes or Novo Nordisk with scientific competences related to the project. It is the contact person’s responsibility to ensure that the project is of interest to the company that he or she represents. The contact person has no formal tutorial responsibilities, but would monitor project progress until completion. If you need help to identify a contact person, we will try to help you, please send an email no later than Monday 4 September 2017 at 12:00 (noon). For Novozymes related projects please contact Jens Tønne Andersen JTAN@novozymes.com and for Novo Nordisk related projects please contact Lise Brennum LTRB@novonordisk.com

The scholarship amounts to DKK 7,000 per month during the master thesis project, for up to 12 months between December 2017 and November 2018. The scholarship cannot be extended. Students with projects beginning before summer 2018 will be prioritised.

Recipients must dedicate their time to their thesis project and are expected to not take on paid work during the scholarship period. The Novo Scholarship cannot be granted if the applicant receives other grants in the same period of time, except grants for consumables, "Statens Uddannelsesstøtte" or if the applicant attends a summer school funded by the Novo Nordisk International Travel Programme.

Approved recipients can apply for additional support of max DKK 6,000 for participation in international meetings to present the results of the funded project. This allowance may be applied for conferences taking place up to 9 months after expiration of the scholarship.

Recipients are expected to join the Novo Science Ambassador programme. This programme is intended to boost the interest for natural science among students in 7th to 12th grade (3. g) via lectures at schools across Denmark. Ambassadors will be trained in communication and lectures are coordinated by ASTRA, the national Centre for Learning in Science, Technology and Health in Denmark.

Recipients will be invited, together with their supervisor and contact person, to a symposium at Novo Nordisk in November 2017 and again in late 2018. At the latter, they will be expected to present the results from their project.

How to apply
Application form can be requested from Rasmus Nielsen, R&D Academic Partnerships RSNL@novonordisk.com. Applications including appendices must be received electronically no later than Monday 11 September 2017 at 12:00 (noon)

The application form must be submitted as Microsoft Word 97-2007(.doc) file. Appendices and the signed application must be submitted together in one single pdf file. Please send to RSNL@novonordisk.com.

Appendices:
- Applicant’s CV
- Description of project in English, maximum 1200 words. Please include background, aim and project plan
- A transcript from the university documenting status of education and marks
- Letter of recommendation from university supervisor (in English, signed and printed on letterhead)
- Letter of recommendation from Novozymes/Novo Nordisk contact person (in English, signed and printed on letterhead)

Questions regarding applications to Novo Nordisk can be addressed to Rasmus Nielsen (LTRB@novonordisk.com or phone: +45 30753337). For applications to Novozymes please contact Jens Tønne Andersen (JTAN@novozymes.com or phone +45 44461050).

Applicants will receive replies no later than 29 September 2017.