

APPLICATION FOR FUNDING OF THE USE OF RESEARCH VESSELS

1. General information

- a. The application concerns the use of research vessels larger than 20m.
- b. DCH funds shiptime, travel and shipment costs, and costs related to use of possible supplementary equipment. For 2013 DCH expect to have 8-10 mill. kr.
Funding of shiptime covers all standard costs related to use of research vessel (crew, oil, food etc.).
Travel and shipment costs include all necessary costs for transport of participants, field equipment and samples from institute to harbours of embarkment and disembarkment.
Expenses related to the use (e.g. rental costs, but not purchase) of supplementary equipment can be covered, if clearly specified.
- c. Insurance aspects will be considered by DCH, but basically participants are required to arrange their own insurance.
- d. The purpose of DCH is to promote and strengthen Danish marine research. DCH makes no requirements as to the applicant's citizenship, the registered office of the research institution or to a specific geographical location in order to carry out the relevant research activities, but in all events, your application will be assessed on the basis of whether the project applied for benefits the Danish marine research.

2. The application

- a. Applications should be submitted to:
DCH secretariat
DTU Aqua
Charlottenlund Slot
Jægersborg Allé 1
2920 Charlottenlund

Applications should be received not later than 12:00 Denmark time on 1 March 2012

- b. Application format:
Only the standard form should be used (www.danskhavforskning.net). Use Times (new Roman) 12 pt font and single line distance.
All sections should be filled in English. Be as precise as possible.
CV's of the Primary applicant and the Principal Investigators should be attached (max. 2 pages for the CV plus a list of publications from the last 5 years).
Length of application
 - i. Application for funding <500.000 Dkr. (max. 12 pages excl. attachments)

- ii. Application for funding >500.000 Dkr. (max. 20 pages excl. attachments)

c. Application copies

- i. Submit your proposal as one printed copy secured with one staple.
- ii. Enclose the full proposal as one complete PDF file on a CD-ROM or USB key, i.e. the standard form and all attachments compiled in one file.
- iii. The Center prefers that you create the PDF file directly on your computer and not by scanning the paper copy.
- iv. The printed copy must include original signatures but these may be left out in the PDF file.

3. *How is the application processed and assessed*

When assessing the contents of applications, the Center emphasises the points below.

a. Qualifications of applicant(s)

- Does the applicant have the required scientific qualifications and experiences to carry out the project and cruise?
- Do the other participants have sufficient research competence?
- Does the applicant have the necessary management qualifications in relation to research and cruise?
- Is there participation from or collaboration with relevant research teams?

b. Scientific quality

- Does the application document scientific progress, innovation and originality?
- Does the application include a clear and well-formulated problem/objective?
- Is there agreement between problem formulation and the field sites and methods in the project description?

c. Education activities

- Does the application include any educational activities?
- Are there any Master or PhD students participating?
- Does the project provide for other transfer of knowledge?

d. Networking/synergies of the Danish marine research environment

e. Feasibility

- Does the application include participants from relevant institutions/research teams?
- Is the project interlinked with other Danish research projects?
- Does the application ensure communication of the project and results to the research community?
- Does the project description include a well-planned cruise schedule, including success criteria, and is the organisation and cruise management well argued?
- Has the host institution(s) ensured the required resources, including scientific infrastructure and staff.

4. Processing and procedures

After the proposal deadline, the Center secretariat will register the proposals received and these will be reviewed by the board of the Center.

During the 3 weeks following the deadline you may as an applicant expect to receive an acknowledgement of the proposal specifying when your application will be processed and when you may expect to be informed of the Center's decision.

The applications may be sent out for external evaluation. If your application has been submitted for external review, such external reviews will always be submitted to you for your referee rebuttal. External assessments serve to enhance the Center's decision-making basis and are purely advisory in nature. The Board of the Center makes its final decision on the basis of its own assessment of your proposal and on a prioritisation in relation to the most effective use of available ships facilities and budget.

The Center expects to make its final decision on a meeting mid May.

Approximately one week after the meeting at which your application is processed, the Center will publish a list of the successful applications on its website.

As an applicant, you will receive a written reply within one month of the decision in the form of either a notice of funding or a rejection. Rejections contain a brief justification for the decision.

5. Contact

Please contact the DCH secretariat if you need assistance in filling out the application.

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