

Call for Research Promotion Grants 2026

- Conditions and criteria for funding

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1 Framework for Greenland Research Council's support for research

Greenland Research Council (GRC) is an independent government agency whose task is to promote and strengthen the development of Greenland research to the benefit of society. The council does this via several functions: through research funding and by providing advising services to the Government of Greenland and international stakeholders on matters related to research investment and policy development in Greenland. The council also works to promote Greenland participation in international research collaboration, and to strengthen research dissemination.

The legal basis for Greenland Research Council is Inatsisartut Act No. 5 of 29 November 2013 on research advice and the granting of research funds.

1.1. Guide to this call

In this call you can read about the requirements that apply to applicants and applications to the Research Promotion Grants Program. Greenland Research Council's secretariat provides telephone and written guidance on administrative and formal issues regarding this call and application procedures. The secretariat does not provide guidance on scientific matters. Greenland Research Council recommends that you instead contact your local research support unit or make use of peer feedback.

Questions regarding this call and application procedure can be addressed to secretary Nivi Johnsen by e-mail njsn@nanoq.gl or by telephone +299 345000 between 9:00 and 15:00 on weekdays.

1.2. Greenland Research Council's call for proposals 2026

With this call for proposals, Greenland Research Council invites applications for funding from the Research Promotion Grants program 2026. The application deadline for 2026 is 1st October.

Greenland Research Council supports research activities within and across all scientific fields. All funding is allocated through competitive calls with no thematic restrictions.

This document is a translation into English of the Danish version of the call for proposals. In case of any inconsistencies between the two versions, the information in the Danish version applies.

1.3. Research consolidated in Greenland

The Greenland Research Council's principles for good research practice are based on equality, respect, relevance, reciprocity, humility, responsibility, synergy, holism and cohesion.

Greenland Research Council works to promote research consolidated in Greenland to the benefit of society. As part of our funding criteria, it is a requirement that the research project applied for is affiliated with a Greenland research institution+.

Applications to the Greenland Research Council must be affiliated with a Greenlandic research institution and relate to how the projects contribute to Greenland's national research strategy ([Research – the path to development - Greenland's national research strategy 2022-2030](#)).

The Council supports research that is locally rooted and that is substantially carried out and managed by local

researchers and collaborators, i.e. researchers and individuals who live in Greenland. Involving the local population is considered both important and necessary, not only for the relevance and quality of the research, but also as a key criterion for a project to receive support.

Applicants must therefore clearly explain how local involvement is ensured in practice, including how cooperation is created with locally based actors and citizens, and how the research contributes to capacity building and knowledge sharing in Greenlandic society.

Furthermore, emphasis is placed on the fact that the research must be of benefit to society. This means that it addresses specific societal needs and challenges and contributes knowledge that can be applied in a Greenlandic context.

Projects are therefore directly encouraged to:

- engage all stakeholders and relevant local institutions
- focus on future users and engage in local partnerships and knowledge exchange
- include local and traditional knowledge
- contribute to innovation and sustainable social development
- contribute to knowledge and competence building in Greenland
- engage in formal and informal research training
- inform, engage, and inspire citizens via a diverse range of science communication practices.

1.4. Research integrity

Research projects carried out in Greenland are required to obtain certain research permits, depending on the area of research conducted. It is always the responsibility of the researcher to orientate him/herself and follow regulations and laws applicable to his/her field of work.

To ensure the legitimacy of granted projects, applicants are required to obtain all necessary permits for the research activities carried out.

Greenland Research Council expects research projects within the field of health sciences to register with the Ethical Review Board for Health Research in Greenland, and projects must be approved before starting. More information can be found on nun.gl.

2 Research Promotion Grants

2.1. Grant terms

For this program, up to DKK 150,000 can be applied for individual projects where a single research institution participates, and up to DKK 300,000 for individual projects in which at least two Greenlandic institutions participate in a collaboration and where expenses are distributed fairly between the participating institutions.

The support can cover:

- Salary costs for researchers, technical/administrative staff and project partners (excluding overheads)
- Research-related operating costs (such as data collection and analysis and Open Access fees)
- Travel/accommodation costs and mobility for project partners*

- Travel/accommodation costs for other participants, including stakeholders*
 - Knowledge exchange activities, stakeholder engagement activities and networking*
 - Communication activities, translation, production of printed materials*
- * If stated as part of the research project.

Support is generally provided for projects that will be fully financed with contributions from the research promotion pool.

Support is not provided for overhead or participation in conferences.

Support is generally not provided for PhD or thesis projects. If the applicant is in the process of completing a master's or PhD, it must be clearly stated that the applied project can be carried out independently of the applicant's ongoing master's or PhD studies.

For applicants who have previously received support from the Greenland Research Council, the supported project must be completed before you can apply again.

The conditions are the same regardless of citizenship.

2.2. Criteria for funding

The Greenland Research Council provides research promotion support among the applications received based on an individual assessment of

1. the scientific quality and content of the project, including the description of objectives, methods including the use of local and traditional knowledge, and the importance of the project's contribution to science
2. the scientific qualities of the project owner
3. the project owner's ability to implement the project, including the project's finances and the overall organization and management, so as to ensure a high professional and international level
4. the expected result in the form of scientific competence building in Greenlandic organizations
5. the expected result in the form of solving current problems and creating value in society (including, for example, job creation, prevention, improved productivity, competitiveness, competence building, etc.)
6. the project owner's method of engaging and communicating with the community.

In the assessment, the Greenland Research Council places emphasis on ensuring that the individual criteria are met to the greatest extent possible. However, it will always be a comprehensive assessment, where different criteria may be met to a greater or lesser extent. Due to the competition between applications, it is not certain that meeting the criteria will lead to a grant.

2.3. Application deadline and submission of application

The application deadline for submitting applications is October 1st, 2026. The application form is completed and submitted online on the [Research Council's website](#).

3 Requirements to the application

Complete the required fields in the application form and submit with the following documents:

1. Project name and description
2. Specified budget for the project
3. CV and publication list for the main applicant and for any scientific staff that will be paid through the grant applied for
4. Written acceptance from the institution where the project is intended to be carried out.

Applicants should be aware that an interdisciplinary council participates in the prioritization of applications. Applicants are therefore recommended to address the project description to active researchers within all fields of science and not only to specialists within the field of the application. Your application can be written in English or Danish.

Upload your project description, budget, CV(s), the institutional accept-form, and any additional appendices as one PDF file together with the online application form on the GRC website. The application must be sent in by the researcher who is responsible for the project (main applicant)..

3.1. Project description

Your project description must be a maximum of four pages incl. tables and figures and excl. a reference list, each page comprised of no more than 2.400 characters including spaces.

You must use the font Times New Roman, font size 12, at least 2 cm margin on the left, right, top and bottom, and line spacing of 1.5. In tables and figure texts, font size 10 and line spacing 1.0 may be used. The project description template, that can be found on the research council's website, is formatted accordingly.

The project description must contain the following:

1. Purpose of the study
2. Background
3. Project plan including
 - a. timeline
 - b. a research-technical plan describing the chosen method
 - c. description of national and international cooperation
 - d. methods for science communication
4. Description of methods to involve society in the project, ethical considerations, and methods for capacity building and dissemination of your research, for example
 - a. Involving local students, stakeholders, academic institutions, businesses, organizations.
5. Teaching activities at the university or other educational institutions, public science talks etc.

3.2. Budget

In order for the Greenland Research Council to assess your application, you must prepare a budget that covers the entire project period and shows what you are applying funding for. The budget must be divided into a relevant number of items, such as salary costs divided by person, activity and travel costs divided by activity, acquisition costs, etc. It is important that the budget contains information about all participants in the project, including those participants for whom funding from the Research Council is not being applied for, as this provides an overall overview of the project's participant composition and

finances.

If co-funding has been confirmed, this needs to be documented for and specified in the budget. It is a requirement, that the project's economy has been approved by the administering institution's management and by the applicant. Approval and signatures must be provided in the 'institutional budget acceptance' form.

If the budget includes items that have not yet been co-funded, this must be stated. A description of the extent to which the project can be implemented if this co-financing is not available will strengthen the application.

3.3. CV and publication list

A CV and a separate publication list for the main applicant must be included in the application.

Applicant's CV must be no more than two A4 pages (incl. figures and tables). For the applicant, it is optional as to whether a full or selective publication list is included.

In addition, CVs and lists of publications (maximum two pages per person in total) must be attached for all scientific staff for whom salary support is requested from the Greenland Research Council. When applying for salary support, it must always be clearly stated which individuals the salary funds are intended for.

The roles of all listed project participants (VIP, TAP, and others) must be appropriately balanced, and the specific role of each participant must be clearly described and justified.

All project participants' affiliations with Greenlandic institutions must be stated.

The CV must include the organization's address and information on education (with academic degrees listed together with the year of achievement), employment, experience in project and research management, key research areas, supervision of students and junior researchers, academic achievements, awards and honors, and other scientific qualifications. *The CV must not contain sensitive and/or confidential information (e.g. CPR number). Leave periods, except for maternity and adoption leave, must be stated without further specification.*

Only publications that have been published or formally accepted for publication may be included in the publication list.

3.4. Acceptance from administering institution

The Research Council's form confirming acceptance by the administering institution must be completed and attached to the application.

It is a prerequisite for a grant that the project's budget information has been approved and signed by both the management of the administering institution and the applicant. The administering institution is the unit, responsible for handling the financial and personnel administration of the project and the applicant's expenses during the project period, and for ensuring that the administration complies with applicable legislation, including employment law, accounting, and related regulations. The relevant template is available on the [Research Council's website](#).

3.5. Special fields that must be completed in the application form

The table below presents an overview of the principal fields that must be completed in the application form.

Beskrivelse	
Applicant	Applicant's information.
Previous funding	Have you previously received funding from the Research Promotion Fund? If yes: specify year, project title, and amount granted. If yes: have you submitted the final report? If yes: has the project conveyed and registret on lsaaffik.org?
The project	Popular scientific description of the project, including research area, objectives, and research questions (in English and Greenlandic or English and Danish, approx. 400 words per language).
	Research area.
	Keywords.
	Institutional affiliation(s).
	Other project participant(s): name, position, workplace, e-mail.
	Location(s) where the project will be conducted.
	Ethical considerations.
	Description of methods for capacity building in society.
	Description of methods for engaging stakeholders, citizens, and local institutions.
	Description of methods for dissemination to society.
Finances	Total budget for the project.
	Amount applied for from the Greenland Research Council.
	Description of how the requested funds are expected to be used.
	Funding or resources applied for or granted from other sources.
	Documented commitments for any additional funding and/or in-kind contributions must be attached.
Upload of application	Project description.
	Budget.
	CV of the principal applicant, as well as the CVs of any other scientific staff for whom salary funding is requested.
	Completed and signed "Acceptance from the Institution" template.
	Any additional appendices.
	Any other relevant informations.
Self-check	The project description must not exceed four (4) pages, including figures and tables but excluding the reference list, with a maximum of 2,400 characters per page, including spaces.
	CV and list of publications for the principal applicant, and CVs with publication lists for all scientific staff requesting salary funding, must be included.
	Budget includes all project costs and clearly indicates what the applied-for funding covers.
	The Research Council's template for acceptance by the administering institution is completed, signed, and attached.
	A maximum of DKK 250,000 is being requested.
	No PhD scholarship or master's thesis support requested.

4 Processing of applications

Applicants should expect a processing time of up to eight (8) weeks from the application deadline.

All applicants will receive written notification of the outcome of their application.

The Greenland Research Council publishes an overview of applicants who have been awarded funding approximately three to four weeks after the Council's decision. Funded projects will be listed in the project bank on the Research Council's website, including the project's popular science description, information on other participants, project duration, and the size of the grant.

Information on applicants who have not received funding may be made public to the extent that access to documents is requested under the Act on Public Access to Information. This may include lists showing applicants' names and project titles. Applicants should therefore ensure that project titles do not contain information about activities intended to remain confidential.

All members of the Research Council participate in the processing of all applications. If a member is disqualified with respect to a particular application, they will not participate in the processing of that application. The Greenland Research Council is subject to the rules on disqualification set out in Chapter 2 of Inatsisartut Act no. 8 of 13th June 1994 on case processing in public administration.

4.1. How to correct an incomplete or deficient application

If an applicant discovers a deficiency in an already submitted application prior to the application deadline, *the full application must be resubmitted with the missing information included*. The applicant should inform the Council Secretariat that a new application has been submitted to replace the previous one.

Corrections received after the application deadline will not be considered in the assessment.

5 Access to Public Administration Files Act

Inatsisartut Act no. 9 of 13 June 1994 on public access to information in public administration grants you, as a citizen, a number of rights, including the right to access documents related to how public authorities process cases. All material submitted to the Greenland Research Council is therefore fully covered by this Act, including with regard to access to documents.

6 Data protection

The information you provide in your application will be registered in the Greenland Research Council's applicant portal. Upon request, you have the right to access and correct the data we register and store about you, in accordance with the Greenlandic Data Protection Act. The information you provide is continuously transferred to the Government of Greenland's archives, in accordance with Executive Order no. 3 of 4. February 2020 on the Inatsisartut Act on Archives.

7 Responsibilities of the grantee

- The grantee is responsible for ensuring that the grant is used for the designated purpose.
- The grantee must publish the results of the research project.
- Projects funded by the Greenland Research Council must register and communicate their project on the online portal Isaaffik – the Arctic Gateway (www.isaaffik.org).
- In connection with the publication of the results of the research project, the grantee must state that the research project has received a grant from the Greenland Research Council. Greenland Research Council's logo must be used in relevant promotional contexts. For promotional logo use in Greenland the Greenland/English logotype should be used, and in international contexts the English logotype should be used.
- No later than four months after the end of the project, the applicant must provide accounts for the grant, a report of a maximum of 400 words and easy-to-understand illustrations. Independent of the report, it is recommended to include a popular scientific article of approx. 800 words written in a form that is suitable for dissemination to the Greenland population. The final report must be submitted by completing the reporting form available on the research council's applicant portal via the website.
- All publications of results from the research project must be documented in the final report to the Greenland Research Council. These publications will be registered in the council's statistical data.