

Dear all –

Novo Nordisk and AU has committed to a collaboration, and each year, up to 3 joint PhD projects, shaped as co-funded Industrial PhDs (ErhvervsPhD-ordningen), will be approved by the Joint Steering Committee. This is a great way to get a joint PhD with Novo Nordisk, and I should mention that **the success rate has been very high for the first two calls**. Therefore, I encourage you to think about projects that could be relevant for both NN and yourself. **The next call for applications is on May 1st**, which means it is about time to look for a project.

If you have an idea, but do not have a relevant contact at NN yet, there is still time, as the steering committee is happy to help finding a good match – please contact Birgit or myself, and we can talk about it.

I strongly encourage you to consider this possibility.

Short information about the idea (**see much more in the attached slides**):

- You establish a mutually relevant project together with an employee at Novo Nordisk and a PhD candidate
- You write a 2 page proposal with the attached template
- The Steering Committee decides which proposals go through the first step.
- You then apply for the Industrial PhD at the Innovation Fund Denmark
- If granted, the PhD starts around New Years
- If NOT granted by the Innovation Fund, there is a good chance that NN will fund the PhD anyway!

Best Regards,
Jacob Ramsay

The AU-NN PhD programme – concept

- each year, **up to 3** joint PhD projects, shaped as co-funded **Industrial PhD** (*ErhvervsPhD-ordningen*), will be approved by the Joint Steering Committee
- the selected projects then develop a full project plan for final inputs, and apply for co-funding from Innovation Fund Denmark
- the combined funding will therefore be jointly supplied by Novo Nordisk, Innovation Fund Denmark, and Aarhus University

The AU-NN PhD programme – **your process**

- together with a supervisor from the "other side", develop an idea for a jointly-relevant PhD project
- use your local colleagues and management for sparring to improve the concept – scientifically as well as relevance & priorities
- read and understand Innovation Fund's requirements
- use the **short proposal template** (which will be shared soon) to describe and submit your proposal latest by **01 May** to AUNNmail

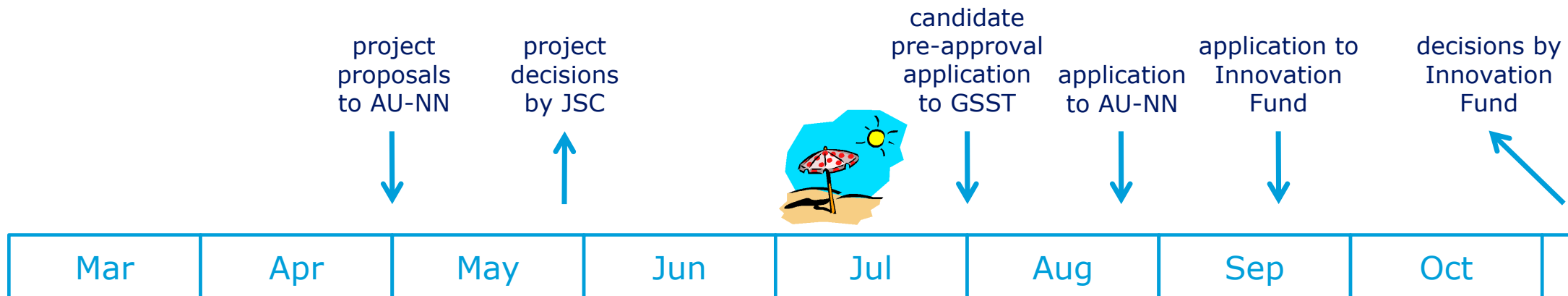
The AU-NN PhD programme – timeline

develop proposal

(don't worry about details)

write application (if proposal approved)

(also mind the details – with our help)



from proposal to decision: 1 month
 from application to IF decision: 3 months
 from decision to project start: ~2 months

The AU-NN PhD programme – **startup**

- if fully approved, i.e. also by Innovation Fund, then the remaining steps are (in this order):
 1. negotiate and sign legal collaboration agreement
 2. agree with all parties on the start date (expect Jan/Feb)
 3. finalize employment processes & finalize PhD school enrolment

The AU-NN PhD programme – assistance

- any questions about the process?
- also feel free to reach out to AUNNmail@novonordisk.com
- helpful PhD programme contacts:
 - NN: Rasmus Nielsen + Danielle Weinreich + Stephan Bouman (EIS)
 - AU: Rikke Ljungmann (GSST) + So-Young Ahn (ST)
- JSC:
 - NN: Lars Fogh Iversen, Søren Tullin, Uli Stilz
 - AU: Søren Keiding, Birgit Schiøtt, Erik Østergaard Jensen