

Call 2018:

Establishment of four Clinical Academic Groups



Deadline for applications: 3 April 2018 at 12:00

Copenhagen Health Science Partners (CHSP) is a joint organisation aimed at strengthen the cooperation between the University of Copenhagen (UCPH) and the Capital Region of Denmark (Region H) within the area of health.

CHSP must promote synergies and collaboration between research, innovation, clinical practice, education and skills development at a high international level. The first step was to establish a series of Clinical Academic Groups (CAGs) for the purpose of realising a common potential within a given field across university and hospital environments.

The first four CAGs were established in the summer of 2017, and CHSP now calls for applications for the establishment of another four CAGs in 2018. The establishment of a CAG will concern a two-year period. Subsequently, the CAG will be evaluated every two years.

Funding

Each CAG receives basic funding for the first two-year period of DKK 1 million from CHSP. The funds will take the form of a framework grant distributed over two years.

In addition, each CAG receives DKK 450,000 each year for three years for enrolment of one new PhD student at the Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences at UCPH, each year within translational research areas. This contribution thus amounts to one PhD scholarship per CAG. Each CAG is expected to supplement this funding with additional funds for wages for a minimum of three PhD students per CAG.

The CAGs must use the funding to launch the basic academic collaboration initiatives comprising the core of the CAG. In the application form the applicants must outline how they expect to use the funding to establish and run the unique collaboration that makes it possible to realise the academic ambitions of the CAG.

Objective

The objective of establishing CAGs is to raise the cooperation between clinicians and researchers in the hospitals and the university to a new level and with concrete and groundbreaking results in view. This must be done by establishing strong, academically oriented networks within areas of special potential – CAGs. Expectations to and perspectives for the individual CAGs are that they *both* contribute with research-based breakthroughs *and* raise the

quality of clinical practice. The goal of the individual CAG is to strengthen the translational approach, ensuring that research, innovation, clinical practice, education and skills development constitute equal and mutually value-creating elements of a joint focus within the area. The expected results must both strengthen the research, make everyday clinical practice more academic, ensure clinically relevant involvement in research and facilitate social value creation. The ultimate goal is to improve the treatment of patients through high-quality research and treatment as well as through faster implementation of results.

While the director of CHSP holds the overall responsibility for the strategic and academic development of the cooperation of the parties, the CAG heads will together with and with reference to the director of CHSP form part of a strong professional/academic management group.

Preconditions and Criteria

The CAG must have a strategic objective and a professional focus involving several university and hospital environments. The main criteria for a successful CAG application is documented excellent research within the given field and a clear goal for its clinical impact.

In 2018, the CAG presidency (CAG leader and vice-chairman) must be represented from The Capital Region of Denmark and The University of Copenhagen.

In addition, the CAGs are expected to meet the following criteria:

Goal:

- Promoting education and excellent research within all disciplines of the health and medical sciences
- Clear clinical outcomes and potential socio-economic gains
- A strong, shared vision that can withstand international auditing

Team/organisation:

- Proven excellence or potential for excellence
- Strong and clear management with organisational skills and extensive knowledge of and experience with research management
- Potential for communication, education and skills development, outreach and innovation
- Strong international network and plans for developing such a network

Practicability:

- Clear and realistic description of the governance structure in relation to the CAG internally and in relation to both university and hospitals
- Clear, realistic and documentable implementation plan
- Concrete suggestions for innovative educational and learning measures within the area of the CAG
- Necessary funding potential

The assessment of the individual application will also take into consideration whether the given area is in need of the organisational boost provided by the CAG. Thus, a mature and professionally strong environment may not necessarily be appointed as a CAG if the joint CAG organisation and academic content will not result in a significant professional boost of the area of benefit to the patients, and/or if the suggested CAG area will not gain significant increased value following from the appointment of the CAG.

Selection Process

The selection is carried out in a transparent and professional process in close cooperation between the Executive Board and an international panel.

The final recommendation of applicants for CAGs are made by the international panel.

Applications that fail to meet the formalities are disqualified initially

- The director of CHSP and the chairmanship of the Executive Board will determine whether applications meet the formal requirements and disqualify any applications that fail to do so.
- An international panel will assess the approved applications and produce a joint, prioritised recommendation of six applications for individual interviews conducted by the panel. The international panel will produce a short, individual feedback statement for each application.
- Based on the interviews the international panel will recommend four applicants for CAGs; the recommendations are forwarded to the chairmanship of the Executive Board.
- The chairmanship of the Executive Board will process the recommendations in keeping with the framework and criteria initially agreed on by the Executive Board and the international panel.
- The international panel's recommendations and the assessment by the Executive Board are presented to the Board of Partners for deliberation and approval.

- Based on the above the Board of Partners will make the final assessment of the recommendation of the four applications and submit a recommendation for processing and approval in the Region H regional council and the UCPH management.

Deadline for Applications, Formalities and Important Dates

- The deadline for applications is Tuesday 3 April 2018 at 12:00.
- Applicants must use the available application form and follow the instructions given in the form.
- Applications must be in English and include a Danish summary.
- Applications must be sent to the CHSP Secretariat in accordance with instructions given in the application form.
- Interviews of selected CAG applicants conducted by the assessment panel have been scheduled for 23 May 2018 and will be held in Copenhagen.
- New CAGs will be announced at an event that has been scheduled for 28 June 2018.
- The new CAG must commence no later than 1 October 2018

Further Information

An open information meeting will be held on Tuesday 19 December 2017 from 16:15 to 18:15, where anyone interested can get further information and ask questions. The meeting will be held at Panum. See separate invitation.

Please direct any questions regarding the call and application process to:

- Director of CHSP Per Jørgensen at 2324 3332
- Head of the CHSP Secretariat Nanna Tengstedt at 2646 6580 or
- CHSP Secretariat at chsp@ku.dk

Questions and answers of common interest will be published regularly at www.chsp.dk.

For further information of the background, preconditions and requirements to the application, please see '*Copenhagen Health Science Partners og Clinical Academic Groups*'.