

The Fund for Academic Cooperation and Exchange (FACE-programme)

The Fund for Academic Cooperation and Exchange (FACE) is established by the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs under the Danish Arab Partnership Programme (DAPP) to support academic cooperation between Denmark and the MENA region (the Middle East and North Africa).

The FACE-programme is based on the two DAPP objectives which are, i) promoting reform and democratization processes in the MENA region and, ii) improving dialogue, understanding and cooperation between Denmark and the MENA region. FACE focuses mainly on the third¹ DAPP thematic area, 'Knowledge-Based Societies', through promotion of critical and independent academia that supports reform and democratization processes, and by contributing to dialogue and cooperation between Danish and Arab academia. FACE aims at promoting inclusion of actors and/or perspectives that are normally excluded from the public domain and policy dialogue, promoting outreach as regards goal and perspectives of the academic research and hence, including questions relevant to people outside the urban elite that is likely to produce sustainable result, which will have a multiplier effect or 'lasting impact'.

Grants: FACE supports projects with a budget of up to DKK 2,000,000 per year. The overall amount available for all Grants 2015-2017 is DKK 11M. There are two grant sizes: 1) Large grants between DKK 50,000 and DKK 2,000,000 per year. 2) Small grants of up to DKK 50,000 (E.g. for academic exchange visits, participation and organizing of conferences, seminars and meetings).

Launch of first call: The first call will be launched on 15th September 2015. All background and application documents will be available on www.face-programme.dk from this date.

Deadline for applications

Grants above 50,000 DKK: 15th November 2015, 24:00 Danish Time.

Grants below 50,000 DKK: Continuously within the period from 15th September 2015 until 1st May 2017.

General eligibility criteria

- Only Danish academic institutions or legal entities with experience with academic cooperation/activities (preferably in the MENA region) are eligible.
- The partner from the MENA region may be a non-formalized group of individual scholars/students.
- For the large grants Danish applicants must have established formal collaboration with partners from the MENA region.
- All projects – below and above DKK 50,000 – must contribute to the two overall objectives of the FACE-programme (reform and dialogue) and focus on one or more of DAPP's four thematic areas.
- Projects can have a regional coverage, but the majority of the activities must focus on one or more of the DAPP priority countries (Morocco, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Yemen, Jordan and Syria).
- Funded projects must end no later than June 2017.

Assessment of applications: A Grant Committee carries out the professional and independent assessment and prioritization of applications for the Fund. The Grant Committee members will be appointed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs based on recommendation from Danish academic institutions.

Information Meetings

Copenhagen University

Thursday 27 August 2015, 13.00-14.00
Karen Blixensvej 4, 2300 København S
Room: KUA2 - 12.1.62

Århus University

Monday 31 August 2015, 13.00-14.00
Fredrik Nielsens Vej 2-4, Bygning 1421, 8000 Aarhus C
Room: 1 (Mødelokale 1)

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¹ For more information: <http://www.detarabiskeinitiativ.dk/om/>