

PROPOSALS FOR NAD ACTIVITIES - OPEN CALL

The vision of the Neuroscience Academy Denmark (NAD) is to bring training and education in neuroscience in Denmark to an international level, and to foster integration and collaboration between different groups and universities.

NAD Research Columns and NAD members can propose activities that will support training of young scientists and networking activities.

ABOUT THE ACTIVITIES NAD SUPPORTS

NAD supports the education and training of PhD candidates specialised in neuroscience. Activities that further serve to advance interdisciplinary and translational collaborative networks between neuroscientists based in Denmark can also be supported. This includes:

- PhD courses on topics of high interest and new methods.
- Networking activities, such as symposia or workshops. Duration up to three days.
- Societal and scientific activities with other scientific academies in Denmark (Danish Diabetes and Endocrine Academy, Danish Cardiovascular Academy and Danish Data Science Academy).

Of these activities, PhD-courses and Symposia/workshops are organised by initiative of individual NAD members, or NAD Research Columns.

PROCESS

Suggestions for PhD courses and networking activities should be sent to the NAD office office@neuroscienceacademydenmark.dk.

NAD's Education and Training Committee (ETC) will evaluate the proposals and make a recommendation about whether support should be granted, or whether the proposal should be amended or rejected.

NAD activities can be proposed by all members but should aim to have broad backing within NAD to ensure meaningful participation and outcomes. When preparing a proposal, it is a good idea to get into contact with the NAD office early in the process, so that NAD can offer early feedback. The aim is that NAD's members write the proposal in a dynamic collaboration with NAD and ETC.

PHD COURSES

NAD can offer practical organisation and limited financial support for PhD courses accepted within the framework of NAD. Most new PhD courses will be organised as part of the respective PhD schools' programme, with the main funding coming from the local PhD-school. For courses receiving positive recommendation from ETC, NAD will advertise the course through its platforms and can support limited accommodation for PhD students travelling from other universities to participate in a specific course. Existing courses can, in some cases, be organised with support from NAD if considered of particular relevance to one of more of the NAD research columns – previous course activity should be indicated in the proposal. Criteria for accepting PhD courses within the framework of NAD:

PhD courses should satisfy the majority of below criteria:

- Hold scientific value/interests for early career scientists in one or more Research Columns
- Exhibit novelty as defined by filling a gap in the existing course catalogue
- Include translational and/or interdisciplinary elements
- Add collaborative value as defined by involvement of 3 or more lecturers who are recognized scientists in their field
- Hold educational value as defined by at least 70% classroom teaching/exercises

SYMPOSIA OR WORKSHOPS

NAD can support and organise symposia or workshops. In general, NAD will cover board and lodging for, but not transportation in relation to, retreats, workshops, and courses that span multiple days. Support is granted to NAD members, although some support may be afforded to external speakers if deemed important. NAD activities should aim to host 50-100 participants and registrations will be on a first-come first-served basis. Some activities may be prioritised for e.g. postdocs, PhD students, or researchers working in a specific field - such prioritisation should be indicated in the proposal and will be a factor in the evaluation. NAD can support 2-4 scientific symposia annually.

Symposia or workshops should satisfy all of below criteria:

- The activity should appeal to scientists at all levels and be relevant for a broad range of NAD members (either within one NAD column, or across columns).
- The activity should aim to foster collaborations between different groups within Denmark or abroad as demonstrated by organisational involvement of 2 or more departments/institutions.
- Interdisciplinarity and translational aspects, including collaboration between basal and clinical researchers, or collaboration with industry, is especially encouraged (funding cannot be granted to industrial partners).