

## Call

### Quantum Test and Demonstration Facilities (Q-TEST)

**Application deadline:** Tuesday 18 August 2026 at 12:00 noon

**Project duration:** 1–4 years

**Total budget for the call:** DKK 49 million

**Innovation Fund Denmark investment per project:** DKK 10–49 million

**Maximum funding intensity:** 50% of total eligible project costs

#### 1. Background

Under the [Political Agreement on Research and Innovation 2026–2029](#), DKK 50 million<sup>1</sup> has been allocated in 2026 to establish one or more test and demonstration facilities to support Danish quantum research, knowledge-based innovation, and the commercialisation of quantum technologies.

The initiative aims to strengthen synergies across the Danish quantum ecosystem and contribute to attracting both researchers and companies to Denmark. It is intended to complement the Quantum Denmark initiative and take into account application needs across the Danish and European ecosystem, with a particular focus on scale-up and commercialisation.

#### 2. Purpose

The purpose of this call is to help maintain and further strengthen Denmark's strong position in quantum technology and to accelerate the commercialisation and industrial scale-up of quantum technological solutions.

The initiative is intended to contribute to the development of national capabilities within, for example, fabrication, integration, and validation of quantum technologies with industrial and commercial potential.

Innovation Fund Denmark provides funding for the establishment of facilities used for testing and demonstration of quantum technologies. Support may be granted, for example, for:

- Development and fabrication of quantum components
- Integration and testing of quantum systems
- Validation and demonstration environments for emerging technologies
- Pilot facilities, testbeds, and the development of scalable and modular test infrastructures

#### 3. Target group

The call is open to private companies, including both SMEs and large enterprises, investing in quantum technologies in Denmark.

Applications may be submitted by single applicants or consortia. Consortia may include international partners. The main applicant must be a Danish legal entity, and the planned facility must create value for actors in the Danish quantum ecosystem.

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<sup>1</sup> 2 pct is allocated to administrative costs

Universities, GTS institutes and other organisations may apply individually or in consortia on equal terms with companies. As the use of the test and demonstration facilities is of a commercial nature, funding may be provided as state aid to undertakings under Article 26a of the General Block Exemption Regulation, as described in the state aid section 7 in the [guidelines](#).

#### 4. Eligible costs

Funding under this call is granted in accordance with Article 26a of the General Block Exemption Regulation as investment aid for testing and experimental infrastructure (EU Regulation No. 651/2014 of 17 June 2014). Funding is conditional upon compliance with the requirements of Article 26a.

Support may be granted for costs related to the establishment of test and demonstration facilities. Funding is not provided for subsequent operational costs.

Eligible costs include:

- Purchase and installation of production and test equipment, including buildings, facilities, physical infrastructure, and machinery
- Acquisition and licensing of intangible assets directly linked to the investment (e.g. licences, patents, and production-related know-how)

**Non-eligible** costs include:

- Internal personnel costs (salaries)
- Activities related to business model development, market analysis, direct sales activities, and other commercial activities, including deployment of existing technologies or commercial operation of the facility

Limited support may be granted for activities that are necessary and directly related to making the facility operational.

Funding **cannot** be granted for activities that have already been initiated or are already supported by other public funding schemes.

#### 5. Investment rates

As a general rule, the investment rate is 25 pct. for large enterprises, 35 pct. for medium-sized enterprises, and 45 pct for small enterprises. Public research organisations and GTS institutes are considered enterprises when determining aid intensity.

The funding rate may be increased by 5 percentage points if at least 80 pct. of the facility's capacity is allocated to SMEs.

**Funding intensity (pct):**

	Small enterprise	Medium enterprise	Large enterprise
Maximum base rate	45	35	25
Increased rate (≥80% SME allocation)	50	40	30

### Definition of enterprise size:

	Employees	Annual turnover	Annual balance sheet
<b>Small enterprise</b>	< 50	≤ 10 mio. €	≤ 10 mio. €
<b>Medium enterprise</b>	< 250	≤ 50 mio. €	≤ 43 mio. €
<b>Large enterprise</b>	≥ 250 or above SME thresholds	> 50 mio. €	> 43 mio. €

**Note:** The definition of enterprise size is based on the definition set out in Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC of 6 May 2003 concerning the definition of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises.

### 6. Assessment and evaluation criteria

Applications will be assessed by Innovation Fund Denmark's Grand Solutions [Committee for Quantum Technology](#). Where appropriate, external expert assessments may be included.

Assessment will be based on:

- Quality of the idea
- Impact
- Quality of implementation

Further information and detailed evaluation criteria are available in the [guidelines](#).

#### Timeline:

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| • Call opens                                      | 1 May                     |
| • Access to application form                      | mid-May                   |
| • Application deadline                            | 18. August 2026 kl. 12:00 |
| • Response to applicants:                         | mid-September 2026        |
| • Project start (subject to investment agreement) | November 2026             |

### Application submission

Applications must be completed and submitted via the electronic application system [www.e-grant.dk](http://www.e-grant.dk) no later than 18 August 2026 at 12:00 noon. Guidance for the e-grant system is available on the website of the [Danish Ministry of Higher Education and Science](#).

All application materials must be written in English. After the deadline, it will no longer be possible to modify the application content, except for correction of personal data. No additional material or new information may be submitted after the deadline.

Please note that due to planned maintenance, the e-grant system will be in read-only mode during weeks 28–29, during which it will not be possible to create, edit, or submit applications.

### 7. Guidelines and inspiration

Further information is available in the [guidelines for Test- og Demonstration Facilities](#).

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### **9. About Innovation Fund Denmark**

Innovation Fund Denmark accelerates Danish research and innovation into solutions that strengthen the competitiveness and sustainability of Danish society. This is achieved by investing in researchers, companies and entrepreneurs who create value, generate jobs and address societal challenges, and by realising the potential of the wider innovation ecosystem.

The Fund promotes diversity in all its forms and encourages all interested applicants to apply, regardless of ethnicity, religion, gender identity, disability status, age or field of expertise.