

Overview of funding opportunities for Swiss-Danish collaboration in Quantum: Horizon Europe and national funding programmes

1. Horizon Europe: set up of international consortia with Danish and Swiss entities

- ➔ **Open for** organisations from the academic and non-academic sectors (including SMEs, spin-offs, start-ups, industry, research organisations, universities, etc.)
- ➔ **Call topics** are bottom-up (meaning open for any field of science including quantum) – except for Digital Cluster 4, where the topics will be predefined in the work programme to be published by the European Commission soon.

Call opening 2025	Call deadline 2025	Instrument	Scope	Contact	
				For Danish applicants	For Swiss applicants
Open	17 September	EIC Transition	The programme supports maturation of a novel technology from experimental proof of concept (technology readiness level TRL 3/4) to demonstration in relevant application environments (TRL 5/6). The proposal must build on results already achieved within an eligible project (e.g. Pathfinder). Minimum 1, max 5 partners.	Barbara Spano bsp@ufm.dk	cornelia.spycher@euresearch.ch
27 March	8 October	MSCA Staff Exchanges	Funding for secondments of research staff members across countries, sectors and disciplines. Minimum 3 partners required. 1 call per year.	Lea Motzfeldt lmot@ufm.dk	msca@euresearch.ch
21 May	29 October	EIC Pathfinder	Funding for the earliest phases of scientific and technical research and development of future, groundbreaking, market-creating technologies. TRL1-4 (validation in the lab). Minimum 3 partners required. 1 call per year.	Barbara Spano bsp@ufm.dk	cornelia.spycher@euresearch.ch
28 May	25 November	MSCA Doctoral Networks	Funding for an international PhD programme to train the next generation of scientists. Minimum 3 partners required. 1 call per year.	Lea Motzfeldt lmot@ufm.dk	msca@euresearch.ch
May/June	Sept/Oct	Digital Cluster 4	Actions under this cluster will support key enabling technologies that are strategically important for Europe's future.	Matthias Humer matu@ufm.dk	digital@euresearch.ch

2. Danish-Swiss joint calls that are nationally co-funded by the two countries

- ➔ **Open for** organisations from the academic and non-academic sectors (including SMEs, spin-offs, start-ups, industry, research organisations, universities, etc., in Switzerland excluding funding for profit-oriented organisations)
- ➔ **Call topics** are mainly bottom-up (meaning open for any field of science including quantum) – except for calls of ERA-Net QuantERA, where the topics are predefined by the consortium.

Call opening 2025	Call deadline 2025	Funding agency	Name of funding programme		Scope	Contact	
						For Danish applicants	For Swiss applicants
Calls open usually three months in advance.	April October	Innovation Fund Denmark & Swiss National Science Foundation	International Co-Investigator Scheme		The International Co-Investigator Scheme provides funding for cross-border projects which include a subproject abroad (in this case Denmark or Switzerland). Up to 50% of the budget requested can be used for the applicant in the other country (Denmark or Switzerland).	Mette Catarina Skaarup mcas@ufm.dk	projects.international@snf.ch
			For Danish applicants: Independent Research Fund Denmark	For Swiss applicants: Swiss National Science Foundation			
Expected to open in July (tbc) Further calls expected in 2026 and 2027.	Expected to close in autumn (tbc)	Innovation Fund Denmark & Innosuisse	Eurostars-3 Call 9		Does your small or medium-sized enterprise (SME) want to strengthen its competitiveness and develop an innovative product or service with foreign partner companies or research teams? The Eurostars programme can help you do just that.	Stine Holm stine.holm@inofond.dk	Janique Siffert janique.siffert@innosuisse.ch
			For Danish applicants: Innovation Fund Denmark	For Swiss applicants: Innosuisse			

Call opening 2025	Call deadline 2025	Funding agency	Name of funding programme		Scope	Contact	
						For Danish applicants	For Swiss applicants
Launch foreseen for 2025: Calls are issued every two years.		Innovation Fund Denmark & Swiss National Science Foundation	ERA-Net QuantERA		QuantERA is an alliance of 41 Research Funding Organisations from 31 countries that funds outstanding research projects through calls for proposals. The consortium undertakes additional joint actions to strengthen scientific progress in Quantum Technologies.	Innovation Fund Denmark	Ahmad Zein Assi quantera@snf.ch
			For Danish applicants: Innovation Fund Denmark	For Swiss applicants: Swiss National Science Foundation			

- 3. Funding programmes in Denmark** open for international collaboration between Danish and Swiss entities
- ➔ **Open for** organisations from the academic and non-academic sectors (including SMEs, spin-offs, start-ups, industry, research organisations, universities, etc.)
 - ➔ **Call topics** are mainly bottom-up (meaning open for any field of science including quantum).

Call opening 2025	Call deadline 2025	Funding agency	Name of funding programme	Scope	Contact
Open Further calls expected in 2026 and 2027.	19 March	Innovation Fund Denmark	Grand solutions 2025: Quantum Technologies	Supports projects with a high-risk profile where significant investments are needed to create concrete, groundbreaking results. The projects must have a clear societal or economic potential. Investment per project 5-40 M DKK and the project period 1 to 5 years. The total budget of the special grand solutions program on quantum is 15-20 M EUR per year. Swiss participants can get funding from Innovation Fund Denmark.	Vibeke Schrøder vibeke.schroede@innofond.dk

Call opening 2025	Call deadline 2025	Funding agency	Name of funding programme	Scope	Contact
Open Further calls expected in 2026 and 2027	1 April	Danish e-Infrastructure Consortium (DeiC)	Fully funded PhD and Postdoc scholarships in the areas of Quantum Algorithms or Quantum Software	To support Denmark fully using access to quantum computers and supercomputers (HPC facilities) for the benefit of research and innovation in the quantum field. PhD students and postdocs will be employed at the Danish universities or in Danish private companies located in Denmark. Open for Swiss nationals and residents.	Maria Tammelin Gleerup maria.gleerup@deic.dk
Open	3 June	Independent Research Fund Denmark (DFF)	Postdoc exchange programme in Quantum Research	To provide talented researchers at the postdoctoral level with the opportunity to spend a period of their research career at leading research institutions abroad, e.g. in Switzerland. Funding per project is DKK 1,5 M ex. overhead over a period of 2 years. The total budget of the call is DKK 19,8 M. The applicant's PhD degree must have been obtained from a Danish institution.	DFF-opslag@ufm.dk
Open Further calls expected in 2026 and 2027.	18 June	Danish Agency for Higher Education and Science	Global Innovation Network Programme	To strengthen international networks in order to develop innovative and sustainable solutions to societal and global challenges and provide long-term possibilities and added value for the applicant, the partner(s) and other stakeholders in Denmark. Switzerland is among the 13 prioritized countries under the programme.	Nicolai Narvestad nicn@ufm.dk

4. Funding programmes in Switzerland open for international collaboration between Danish and Swiss entities

- ➔ **Open for** organisations from the academic and non-academic sectors (excluding profit-oriented organisations)
- ➔ **Call topics** are mainly in the specific area of Quantum except Bridge Discovery.

Call opening	Call deadline	Funding agency	Name of funding programme	Scope	Contact
Launch foreseen for 2025: SQI Strategy 2025–2028		Swiss Quantum Initiative & Innosuisse	Swiss Quantum Initiative innovation instrument	The call aims at funding early-stage innovation quantum technological projects. Details of the call and its thematic limitation will be published in the beginning of June 2025, such as participation possibilities of actors from outside Switzerland.	quantum@scnat.ch
Launch foreseen for 2027: SQI Strategy 2025–2028		Swiss Quantum Initiative & Swiss National Science Foundation	Swiss Quantum Initiative research project call	Not yet defined, but most likely targeted to Swiss quantum researchers with the aim to strengthen Swiss Quantum research and to establish, foster and extend new collaborations between different research groups and research institutions in Switzerland and abroad (including Denmark), as well as project partners from the industry.	quantum@scnat.ch
Applications may be submitted at any time, but no earlier than 18 months before the event/conference and no later than 60 days prior to the event/conference.		Swiss Quantum Initiative	Support of events and conferences in the field of quantum science and technology	The aim of this call for proposals is to promote exchanges between quantum experts by supporting events and conferences with a high relevance for Switzerland in the field of quantum. The Involvement of multiple players in Switzerland and/or internationally is possible.	quantum@scnat.ch
Next call will be launched in 2026.		Swiss National Science Foundation & BRIDGE & Innosuisse	Bridge Discovery Call	The BRIDGE Discovery call for projects is aimed at experienced researchers who wish to develop an innovation resulting from their research work, whether fundamental or applied. This programme provides financial support to develop the scientific basis needed for the implementation of innovative projects, in particular during the critical phase before they are commercialised, thereby advancing their scientific and technological vision. Applicants are typically from Switzerland. Project partners may be based in Switzerland, abroad and/or from the industry (including Denmark).	discovery@bridge.ch