AARHUS UNIVERSITY
PHD ADMISSIONS GUIDE
"As Vice-Chancellor of Aarhus University, I would like to welcome you to our modern research university. Aarhus University is currently focusing on strengthening our academic profile by recruiting an increasing number of highly qualified international PhD students from all over the world. You can be part of our elite university."

**Aarhus University can offer you:**

- High quality PhD programmes among the best in the world
- Unique environments, where you can pursue the unexpected
- A head start for an outstanding research career
Aarhus University belongs to the international elite. It consists of nine main academic areas covering the entire research spectrum – basic research, applied research, strategic research and research-based consultancy for public-sector decision-makers. Research is the foundation of a strong university and the foundation of everything we do. In all the university’s degree programmes, research and education are closely linked to ensure the depth of these programmes.

The university hosts fifteen Centres of Excellence supported by the Danish National Research Foundation, and manages two Advanced Grants for research in physical sciences and engineering from the European Research Council.

Aarhus University in brief (2008)

- 37,000 students and 10,000 staff
- 1,430 PhD students
- Ranked among top 100 universities in the world (THE-QS and Shanghai rankings)
AARHUS UNIVERSITY – A UNIVERSITY COVERING THE WHOLE OF DENMARK

As at student at Aarhus University you will have the opportunity of being stationed at campuses or field-stations in all parts of our beautiful country, depending on the topic you choose to study. Everywhere you will experience research-based education and dynamic study environments.

The majority of our students study in Aarhus, the second-largest city in Denmark. The large student population creates an energetic and vibrant atmosphere with a variety of cultural attractions and events. The city is situated by the sea with easy access to nearby forests and wetlands.

Five good reasons to choose Denmark

1) Excellence and creativity
2) A safe and modern society
3) Equality and welfare
4) Clean and green
5) English – no problem
PhD programmes are offered at eight graduate schools.

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The National Environmental Research Institute collaborates with the graduate schools of science, agricultural sciences, health sciences and social sciences at Aarhus University with regard to our PhD programmes.
PHD PROGRAMMES AT AARHUS UNIVERSITY

Aarhus University offers you a variety of challenging and supportive PhD programmes with research as their main focus. Supervised research training will enable you to perform high-quality research. To strengthen your qualifications you will gain in-depth knowledge as well as key competences through participation in our PhD courses. Furthermore, you have the outstanding opportunity of gaining guided experience in teaching and other forms of knowledge dissemination.

Our PhD students report that they especially value the high level of research, friendly atmosphere and good working relationships at Aarhus University.

Admission requirements
Aarhus University welcomes applicants from all over the world. However, our PhD programmes are internationally very competitive, and only applicants with the highest level of documented qualifications (educational background, academic skills and grades) are admitted.

You can enter a three year PhD programme after five years of full-time university study (Master’s degree). Several graduate schools also offer you a four year PhD programme after you have completed four years of full time university study. At the Faculty of Science you have the unique opportunity of starting your PhD studies after obtaining your Bachelor’s degree. You can read more about these options and the research fields and study structures of the individual programmes on the graduate school websites.

Financial support
Aarhus University offers a range of attractive scholarships targeting highly qualified, top-motivated students from all over the world. Read more about the types of financial support on the individual graduate school websites.
HOW TO APPLY

On the individual graduate school websites you can find detailed information about application announcements and deadlines as well as application procedures and guidelines.

PhD projects:

- **Individual projects**: You can apply for admission to a graduate school based on your academic record and a project proposal prepared by you.

- **Specified projects**: You can apply for a number of specific PhD positions with predefined project descriptions. Predefined projects are announced on the individual graduate school websites.

**Financial support**: Enrolment in the PhD programme requires available funding for the entire PhD programme.

- You can apply for scholarships in connection with your application to the PhD programme.

- You can apply as a self-financed student. You must document your external funding sources.

You can facilitate the application process by obtaining national recognition of your degree via CIRIUS.
Once you have been admitted to the PhD programme, you will receive an official letter of admission. You may need the original letter of admission to apply for a residence permit or a visa.

Along with your letter of admission you will receive a welcome package containing practical information regarding your stay in Denmark and your studies at Aarhus University. Practical information on visa requirements, residence and work permits and other issues can be found at the International Help Desk for PhD students.
USEFUL LINKS

Tourist Information
Denmark
visitdenmark.com

Aarhus
visitaarhus.com

General Information
Study in Denmark
studyindenmark.dk

New in Denmark
newtodenmark.dk

Work in Denmark
workindenmark.dk

CIRIUS
ciriusonline.dk

Aarhus University
Aarhus University
au.dk

Aarhus University, Graduate Schools
au.dk/en/phd-studies

International Help Desk (IHD)
au.dk/ihd
au.dk/ihd/contact/contact_persons

Graduate Schools
Graduate School of Agriculture, Food and Environment
agrsci.dk/ny_navigation/uddannelse/forskeruddannelse

Graduate School of Business
asb.dk/research

Graduate School of Educational Research
dpu.dk

Graduate School of Health Sciences
health.au.dk

Graduate School of Humanities
humaniora.au.dk/en/phd

Graduate School of Science
science.au.dk/en/phd

Graduate School of Social Sciences
samfundsvenskab.au.dk/en/phd

Graduate School of Theology and the Study of Religion
teo.au.dk/graduateschool

Research Education Programme at National Environmental Research Institute
dmu.dk/International/Education/PhD