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# CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Deadline: 1 February 2024

Research Centre for Shaping  
Digital Citizenship (SHAPE) &  
Aarhus Institute of  
Advanced Studies (AIAS)

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Aarhus University's Research Centre for Shaping Digital Citizenship (SHAPE) and Aarhus Institute of Advanced Studies (AIAS) are pleased to announce five theme-based fellowships of a duration of ten months, from September 2024 to June 2025.

## AIAS-SHAPE Fellowship Theme: Democracy and Digital Citizenship

Interdisciplinary research collaboration and innovative ideas are prerequisite for tackling joint societal challenges. Strengthening global cooperation among relevant research communities will have a significant impact on tackling the direct and indirect human consequences of technological development and increased digitalization.

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The theme of this call is '**Democracy and Digital Citizenship.**' Fellows will investigate the relationship between data/algorithms and democracy/citizenship and thereby contribute to SHAPE's collective task of conducting research that helps solve problems related to democracy and citizenship in a digitalized world. SHAPE is particularly interested in projects that address the democratic fragility that comes with digitalization, for example, the challenge of strengthening citizen participation in democratic processes and increasing the citizenship of (potentially) vulnerable groups.

The research fellows will be based at AIAS, which is a physical house with office space and facilities for interaction, in small, medium and large groups. AIAS provides a unique interdisciplinary setting, which offers researchers the opportunity to engage in interdisciplinary research, to broaden their research profile and to collaborate with an inspiring international and multidisciplinary community at AIAS, the interdisciplinary research environment of SHAPE and Aarhus University as a whole. Applicants for a fellowship should bring intellectual curiosity and readiness to engage in discussions beyond any disciplinary boundaries.

## Who can apply

The call is open for researchers of any nationality and from all academic disciplines **with research profiles within the thematic scope of the call.** The target group of the programme is talented researchers at all career stages with a minimum of a PhD degree at the time of application.

AIAS and Aarhus University strive to create a multidisciplinary, inclusive academic environment and to be an inspiring workplace for all by fostering a culture in which each individual has opportunities to thrive, achieve, and develop. We view equality and diversity as assets, and we welcome all applicants.

Applicants apply individually, but the five selected candidates are expected to also work together as a group during the course of the fellowship. Furthermore, relevant researchers from SHAPE will be affiliated with the selected group of fellows.

## The fellowship includes

Fellows are offered a salary based on seniority (employment conditions and wages are regulated through the Danish collective union agreements). The fellowship covers relocation travel (up to a maximum of 2000 euro) and offers relocation assistance. Fellows will have office space at AIAS and can participate in academic training activities, conferences and workshops at AIAS. They will also be affiliated with relevant research environments at SHAPE and Aarhus University.

## How to apply: Application process and deadline

Applications must be submitted online via the application system: [GrantOne](#)

In the 'Guide for Applicants,' you can find the detailed application requirements, the structure of the online application system and the selection process and selection criteria.

After the application deadline, applications will be subject to an eligibility screening. A review and selection panel, consisting of research members from SHAPE and the AIAS management, will evaluate each eligible proposal and make the final selection.

### Timeline of application process

- Opening of call: November 2023.
- **Deadline for applications: 1 February 2024 at 12.00 (noon) CET.**
- Evaluation and selection period: February-April 2024.
- Applicants will receive answers: April 2024.
- Fellowships begin: 1 September 2024.

### Formalities

- Regarding the recruitment process, AIAS refers to the Danish Ministerial Order on the appointment of academic staff at universities under the Danish Ministry of Higher Education and Science.
- Appointment and salary are subject to agreement between the Ministry of Finance and The Danish Confederation of Professional Associations (AC).
- For further information on qualification requirements and job descriptions, please refer to [Memorandum on job structure for academic staff at Danish Universities](#).

### Contact

For more information about the process, guidelines or the application system, please see the website: <https://aias.au.dk/opportunities-at-aias/aias-shape-fellowships> or contact Programme Manager Helle Villekold at [helle@aias.au.dk](mailto:helle@aias.au.dk).