
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Deadline: 1 February 2023

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



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 2023 to June 2024.

Why apply for an AIAS-SHAPE Fellowship

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.

[The AIAS-SHAPE theme-based fellowships](#) seek to enhance interdisciplinary and global collaboration by engaging an interdisciplinary and international group of excellent researchers in theme-based research projects within the scope of SHAPE.

The theme of this fellowship 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 developing insights into digital citizenship. Suggested projects can draw on theories and methods from all academic fields in investigating topics in which data and democracy are at stake.

The research fellows will be based at AIAS with office space and facilities for interaction, in small, medium and large groups. AIAS provides a unique interdisciplinary setting, which offers the 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, with the interdisciplinary research environment of SHAPE and with Aarhus University as a whole. Applicants for a fellowship should bring intellectual curiosity and readiness to engage in discussions beyond their own 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 not only a multidisciplinary, but also an inclusive academic environment, and applicants are welcome regardless of race, religion, nationality, sex, gender and disability.

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

All fellows are offered a salary based on seniority (employment conditions and wages are regulated through the Danish collective union agreements), relocation assistance and travel costs (up to a maximum of 2000 euro). Fellows will have an office space, the opportunity to participate in the infrastructure of AIAS, in academic training activities, and in conferences and workshops at AIAS and at the relevant research environments at SHAPE and AU.

How to apply: Application process and deadline

Applications must be submitted online via the 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 2022.
- **Deadline for applications: 1 February 2023 at 12.00 (noon) CET.**
- Evaluation and selection period: February-April 2023.
- Applicants will receive answers: April 2023.
- Fellowships begin: 1 September 2023.

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

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About SHAPE

SHAPE – Shaping Digital Citizenship is a research centre which aims to promote democracy and active citizenship in a world characterised by data and algorithms. The goal is to generate knowledge at a high international level as well contributing to the public debate, business community and civil society. SHAPE is a knowledge-seeking, open centre at which a cross-disciplinary approach is regarded as a necessity; and where collaboration with politicians, decision-makers, organisations and other stakeholders is given high priority. SHAPE wishes to contribute to the development of the digital democratic society of the future: locally, nationally and internationally. For further knowledge about SHAPE, please refer to: <https://shape.au.dk>

About AIAS

AIAS is a place for excellent researchers from all core academic disciplines to pursue cutting-edge research projects for the benefit of society and humankind in optimal research conditions. The daily encounter with the diverse research disciplines at AIAS provides fellows with fresh and different insights and perspectives on their own research, leading to new and unexpected research questions and ideas. For further knowledge about AIAS, please refer to our webpage: <https://aias.au.dk/>