
Call for Applications

Autumn 2026

AARHUS INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDIES (AIAS)



AIAS Visiting Fellowships (for researchers on sabbaticals)

Aarhus Institute of Advanced Studies at Aarhus University offers a number of visiting fellowships to outstanding researchers from abroad who are looking for an opportunity to engage in the international and interdisciplinary research community of AIAS and to collaborate with the research environments at Aarhus University (AU). Visiting fellows will have their daily office space at AIAS and will have the opportunity to participate in the activities at AIAS and the relevant research environments at AU. AIAS offers optimal office facilities and a thriving international and interdisciplinary community with joint social and academic activities.

AIAS - Interdisciplinary engagement and diversity

AIAS is an Institute that breaks down disciplinary and national boundaries and provides the framework and the setting for dialogue and discussions that challenge and expand the conventional ways of thinking and contribute to collaborative research. As AIAS has fellows from all over the world and from all academic disciplines, visiting fellows will therefore be an integral part of a much wider and global research community. AIAS strives to create not only an interdisciplinary, but also an inclusive academic environment and applications are welcome regardless of race, religion, nationality, sex, gender, and disability.

Requirements

Applicants must have a PhD and a **minimum of two years of postdoctoral research experience** at the time of the application deadline. AIAS Visiting Fellowships are for researchers from international institutions, and the fellowship is without salary, and it is therefore expected that successful applicants will bring their salary with them from their home institution. Applicants should also have an active collaboration with Aarhus University and established contact with a researcher or research community at Aarhus University. An open-minded approach and a curiosity to other academic disciplines than your own is a great advantage.

Fellowship duration

Applicants can apply for a visiting fellowship with a duration of a minimum of 2 months and up to 6 months for the autumn semester 2026.

Benefits of an AIAS Visiting Fellowship

- Office space and access to the lecture hall and meeting room facilities at AIAS
- Integration into an inspiring interdisciplinary and international research community
- Access to all social and academic activities at AIAS
- Administrative support for hosting academic events and conferences
- Travel costs to Aarhus (one return ticket) covered (amount subject to prior approval by AIAS)
- Assistance with relocation practicalities.

Application process

Next deadline:

- **April 14, 2026**, for visiting fellowships starting in the Autumn semester of 2026.

After the application deadline, the AIAS Review Board for visiting fellowships will assess the applications, and answers will be sent out within 30 days to all applicants.

Application requirements and process

The application must be in English and include:

- Letter of motivation (max 2 pages)
- Letter of support from an Aarhus University Contact stating the type and plans for collaboration
- CV of applicant (including selected list of publications, max 5 pages)
- PhD diploma
- Exact dates of preferred start and end dates of your fellowship in period from September 2026-end of December 2026.

Applications must be submitted online via the system GrantOne.

Contact

For more information, please contact Helle Villekold at helle@aias.au.dk

Web <https://aias.au.dk/opportunities-at-aias/aias-visiting-fellowships>

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 research, leading to new and unexpected research questions and ideas. For further knowledge about AIAS, please refer to our webpage: <https://aias.au.dk/>

About Aarhus University

As a top 100 university on several rankings, Aarhus University offers inspiring education and research environments for 38,000 students and 8,000 employees, ensuring results of a high international standard. Aarhus University is a research-intensive university with state-of-the-art research facilities, and strives at creating value through knowledge, new insights and collaboration. Know more about Aarhus University: <https://international.au.dk/about/>

