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# CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

for 2019 / 2020

**Aarhus Institute of Advanced Studies (AIAS)**

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## **AIAS-COFUND (Marie Curie) Fellowships**

Aarhus Institute of Advanced Studies (AIAS) is pleased to announce that up to 15 AIAS-COFUND fellowships are available for the most talented researchers from around the world. The scheme is funded by the European Union's Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation Programme under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions (grant agreement no 754513) and Aarhus University Research Foundation.

### **Why apply**

A fellowship at AIAS offers researchers a unique opportunity to pursue their own research project in an inspiring international and multidisciplinary environment. The AIAS-COFUND II Programme is for both junior and senior researchers who are seeking to enhance their genuine understanding of the methodologies and approaches of other scientific disciplines at the highest level, thus making cross-disciplinary inspiration and initiatives possible.

The Programme also provides career development opportunities, especially for young talented researchers, by offering both academic mentorship and career development in transferable skills and also the opportunity to organize large-scale multidisciplinary and international conferences.

### **The AIAS-COFUND II Fellowship Programme**

Applicants can choose their research topic freely within all academic areas. The duration of a fellowship varies from 6 up to 36 months, with commencement dates either on 1 October 2019 or 1 February 2020. A fellowship includes a competitive salary, funding for travel and reasonable research expenses.

The programme encompasses two types of fellowships:

- **AIAS-COFUND Junior Fellowships** for postdoctoral researchers with a career experience of 2-10 years. Fellowship duration: 12- 36 months.
- **AIAS-COFUND Senior Fellowships** for researchers with a career experience of 10+ years. Fellowship duration: 6-18 months.

Please note: PhD training is not included in the calculation of experience.

### **Who can apply?**

The target group of the programme is talented researchers at all career stages with a PhD and a minimum of two years of fulltime postdoctoral research experience at the time of the application deadline. Applicants must comply with a mobility demand:

- Applicants must not have resided or carried out their main activities (work etc.) for more than 12 months in Denmark in the 3 years immediately prior to the call deadline. Time spent as part of a procedure for obtaining refugee status under the Geneva Convention, compulsory national service and/or short stays such as holidays are not taken into account.

## How to apply

- Applications must be submitted online via: [www.efond.dk/aias](http://www.efond.dk/aias).  
Read more about the detailed requirements to the application and usage of the online application system in the 'Guide for Applicants'. The guide can be found on <http://aias.au.dk/aias-fellowships/aias-cofund-fellowships/>.
- **Deadline for application: 23 January 2019 at 12.00 (noon) CET.**

## Timeline:

- Opening of call: Monday, 12 November 2018.
- Deadline for applications: Wednesday, 23 January 2019 at 12.00 (noon) CET.
- Evaluation period: February-May 2019.
- Applicants will receive answers: June 2019.
- Fellowship periods will commence: 1 October 2019 or 1 February 2020.

For more information about the process, guidelines or the application system, please contact Programme Manager, Helle Villekold at [helle@aias.au.dk](mailto:helle@aias.au.dk) or by phone +45 87 15 35 58.

## 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 Science, Innovation and Higher Education.
- 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](#).

All interested are encouraged to apply regardless of personal background.

## About AIAS

Curiosity-driven and independent research for excellent scholars from all disciplines is the hallmark of the Aarhus Institute of Advanced Studies (AIAS). AIAS focuses exclusively on research excellence and training of research talent. The mission of AIAS is to advance the highest quality research at Aarhus University and to strengthen international research collaboration by attracting talented, highly qualified researchers worldwide. Read more on [www.aias.au.dk](http://www.aias.au.dk).

## About Aarhus University

As a top 100 university, Aarhus University offers an inspiring education and research environment for 40,000 students and 8,000 employees, ensuring results of a high international standard. It has an annual budget of EUR 860 million. The university's strategy and development contract are available on <http://international.au.dk/>.