

# PHD SUPERVISORS

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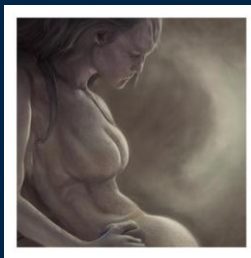
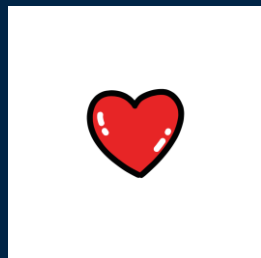
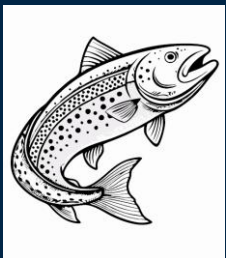
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# HEAD OF GRADUATE PROGRAMME IN PUBLIC HEALTH

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Dorte Rytter  
Associate professor in epidemiology  
Department of Public Health



# APPLICATION



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### Dreaming of doing a PhD?

Find our open calls, our application guide and other relevant matters. Information specifically for international applicants can also be found here.



### PhD courses and ECTS

Find information about the wide range of courses you can take and ways to obtain ECTS.



### Going abroad?

Find information about funding and practicalities if you are planning on doing your change of research environment abroad.



PhD Course Management



MyPhD - login and guides



### NEWS

**What is the future of global health in times of geopolitical shifts and financial uncertainty?**

### EVENTS

**PhD defence: Peter Carøe Lind**

26  
SEP

Friday 26 September 2025, at 14:00  
Merete Barker Auditorium, building 1253-211, Aarhus

### Well-being during your PhD studies

Get an overview of useful links to information and resources at Health and Aarhus University that can support your well-being during your PhD studies.



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# OPEN CALL

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## Apply for a PhD with your own project

There are two annual ordinary open calls, one in the spring semester and one in the autumn semester. When there is an ordinary open call it is advertised here.

To be enrolled as a PhD student, you must apply for enrolment and have your project approved and financed.

In our ordinary open calls you apply for enrolment and a faculty fellowship. In addition, a number of fully financed integrated PhD fellowships from the Graduate School of Health is offered.

When you apply for admission, you apply for one of our graduate programmes. [You can read more about the graduate programmes here.](#)

All PhD applications are evaluated based on the submitted material within the deadline, using [the assessment criteria](#) for PhD fellowships.

When all applications have been assessed by [the Stipend Committee](#), you get a reply to your application (see the timeline below). [See the types of admission offers.](#)

**ALWAYS consult our [application guide](#) to learn about our admission**

[Application](#) > [Open calls](#) > Ordinary open calls

Offered fellowships in 2024 

### Doing a PhD at Aarhus University

Find more information about what it is like to do a PhD at AU



### Are you an international applicant?

Find information about doing a PhD in Denmark and what practicalities you need to be aware of.



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# THE IMPORTANT YELLOW BOX!

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**ALWAYS** consult our [application guide](#) to learn about our **admission requirements and mandatory elements of the application** before you apply!

Here are 12 things you need to consider and remember before you apply!

1. Do you meet our requirements for enrolment? [Application guide: ordinary open calls](#)
2. Does your project description adhere to our rules? [Application guide: ordinary open calls](#)
3. Do you know how your application is assessed? [Assessment of application](#)

Attachments (should be uploaded **only in PDF**) – did you remember:

4. Your project description? [Project description \(word\)](#)
5. A recommendation from your main supervisor? [Recommendation from main supervisor \(Word\)](#)
6. Your CV?
7. Bachelor's and Master's degree diplomas and transcripts of records?
8. Motivation and competences? [Motivation and competences \(Word\)](#).
9. The initial PhD plan? [Initial PhD plan \(Word\)](#)
10. Language documentation (recommended, documentation required before actual enrolment)?
11. A budget? [You are welcome to use this budget form \(Excel\)](#)
12. Any other documents relevant to your application?



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# The Stipend Committee

The Stipend Committee is appointed by the Dean of the Faculty of Health. The committee gives counseling in relation to the granting of fully financed PhD fellowships.

The committee is responsible for recommending the granting of fellowships to the Dean of the Faculty of Health based on expert assessments of applicants' qualifications, talent and project.

The committee members represent the academic diversity among the academic staff at Health.



# TOP 15 INTERVIEWS

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One day at Hotel Guest Apart

Short interview of the top candidates

Questions related to the project and the candidate facilitated by the chair



# RESEARCH YEAR



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## 2025: Timeline for Research Year applications for enrolment

CALL	DEADLINE	REPLY	STARTING DATE
15/10-17/11-2025	17/11-2025	Mid-December 2025	1/2-2026

### Supervisor course for Assistant Professors (Adjunkt but not “eksterne lektorer”)

It is recommended that Assistant Professors who have not completed a course in supervision, e.g. during their PhD studies, participate in one of the following courses:

- › [The PhD student as supervisor for undergraduate students – how and when?](#)
- › [Academic Supervision Online Course](#)



### Spring 2025

- All 63 qualified applicants were enrolled: Biomedicine 1, ClinFo 58, Public Health 4

### Principles

- 120 enrolments per year (fremdriftsreformen)
- Ranking by “weighted grade average”

Novo Nordic Foundation  
Pregraduate scholarships 2025 – 2030  
Adminstrated by SDU



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» Work in addition to doing a PhD

» Changes to your PhD study

» After your PhD

(Substantial)

## Changes to the PhD project



To get changes to your PhD project approved, **your main supervisor needs to send** an application to [graduateschoolhealth@au.dk](mailto:graduateschoolhealth@au.dk) stating the changes to the original project description (e.g. by using track changes). He/she needs to send a new project description along with the application, and you must be cc. on the e-mail.

The changes to your PhD project will have to be **approved by the Head of the Graduate Programme**.

Regular updates of a PhD project are considered a natural part of a PhD education.

Substantial changes

- Replace a WP by another WP
- We cannot guarantee that the assessment committee approves



# 1: CHANGE OF RESEARCH ENVIRONMENT

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## Change of research environment

A change of research environment, preferably abroad, is a mandatory requirement for the PhD degree.

The duration of a stay must be **at least 30 consecutive days** and *at least be 30 days in order to be approved as a research environment change*. The main supervisor must find a suitable place for a research environment change.

A stay at another AU department/institution (incl. AUH and AUH Hospital) **does not** count as a research environment change. Participation in a course or a conference in itself **does not** count as a research environment change. Please also notice that participation in a conference or congress **does not** count as a research environment change (before, during, or after) **is not** included.

If your research environment change differs from this, you will need an exemption to [graduateschoolhealth@au.dk](mailto:graduateschoolhealth@au.dk).

### Going abroad?

The graduate school recommends you to arrange a research stay abroad. It is a great opportunity to participate in the international research community you build a network across borders and get scientific and cultural experiences valuable to your project and your career.



### Main supervisor statement

According to the PhD Order (ph.d.-bekendtgørelsen) §14 and §15 (1), the PhD dissertation can only be accepted for assessment if the PhD degree programme is completed satisfactorily including the completion of the individual study elements.

As a main supervisor for [redacted] I hereby confirm that the course of the PhD studies was satisfactory and that all mandatory study elements are completed prior to the submission of the PhD dissertation, hereunder (please tick off):

PhD courses, including mandatory courses (30 ECTS)

150 hours of teaching and dissemination activities

Minimum 30 days of research environment change outside AU, AUH or another hospital in Central Denmark Region

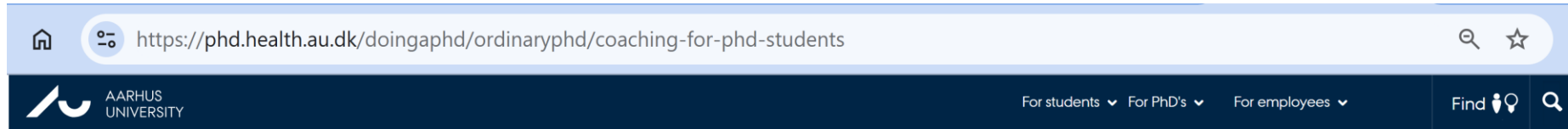
- Please state the dates and place of the research environment change: [redacted]
- Please write who the supervisor was at the host institution: [redacted]

### Date and signature

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# COACHING



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## Coaching for PhD students

Are you facing challenges that makes it difficult to focus on your PhD? It can be stress, lack of motivation or maybe you find it hard to balance work and private life. Then maybe attending coaching session could be beneficial for you.

The Graduate School of Health offers coaching to enrolled PhD students.

The conversations serve as a guide to help you deal with your challenges and can help you thrive and free resources to focus on your PhD studies.

Typically, the coaching session deal with these topics:

- » Motivation
- » Your expectations and ambitions
- » Planning and time management
- » Efficiency
- » Relation to the PhD supervisor(s)
- » Work/life balance
- » Writing process
- » Dealing with stress

### Seek advice or help

If coaching is not what you are looking for or you do not get recommende for coaching, there are **[other resources where you can seek advice and help.](#)**

You can seek advice from our [PhD student counsellor](#) if you are struggling with **unsolved problems related to your PhD studies.**

If you need **psychological counselling**, you can [read more about the opportunities on this page.](#)

If you are **experiencing harassment, bullying or discrimination**, [Studenterrådet's Retshjælp \(The Student Council's Legal Aid\)](#) offers free and independent counselling.



# INVITATION: ANNUAL MEETING ON PHD EDUCATION

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**4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER AT 3-5 PM IN MOGENS ZIELERSTUEN**

**How to promote positive PhD experiences**

By Professor Kirsi Pyhältö

The Centre for University Teaching and Learning, University of Helsinki.

Open dialogue on PhD education at Health, AU.

