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\*OR A WAY TO UNFOLD YOUR TALENT



AARHUS UNIVERSITY

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THE NUMBER OF **NOBEL PRIZES**

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# 68

THE NUMBER OF ENGLISH-LANGUAGE  
DEGREE PROGRAMMES

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# 120

THE NUMBER OF STUDENT NATIONALITIES



# WELCOME TO AARHUS UNIVERSITY

As a student at Aarhus University you will become part of an international study environment characterised by research excellence and innovation. We encourage critical thinking and active learning, and we believe that a degree from Aarhus University gives you a great starting-point for a future international career, be it in research, industry or in the public sector.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian Bech Nielsen". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Brian Bech Nielsen, Rector  
Aarhus University

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# WHY CHOOSE AARHUS UNIVERSITY?

## TOP 100 UNIVERSITY

AU is consistently ranked as one of the world's top universities. It was ranked number 74 in the 2014 Shanghai Ranking and number 96 in the 2014 QS World University Ranking.

## STUDY IN ENGLISH

AU offers more than 60 complete programmes in English at Bachelor's and Master's level. All PhD programmes are in English.

## INTERNATIONAL ACCREDITATION

Aarhus University's School of Business and Social Sciences (Aarhus BSS) is accredited by AACSB, AMBA and EQUIS for the school's core business activities. This means that Aarhus BSS is a Triple Crown accredited business school.

## FAVOURABLE TUITION FEES

Tuition is free for EU, EEA and Swiss citizens. For other students, tuition fees are set annually and can be found on our website.

## AN INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Around 12 per cent of AU's 40,000 students are international, representing over 120 nationalities.

## RESEARCH-BASED TEACHING

At AU, teachers are active researchers and teaching takes place in an informal context. All programmes are deeply rooted in research and are reviewed on an ongoing basis to meet the highest national and global quality standards.

## CAREER COUNSELLING AND JOB BANK

AU offers career counselling and access to a free job bank for international Master's students and graduates.

## THE GREEN CARD SCHEME

The Green Card residence permit to complete a higher educational programme in Denmark is valid for an additional six months after completion of the degree, so graduates have time to look for work in Denmark.

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# ENGLISH – NO PROBLEM

Danes were recently ranked as the best non-native English speakers in the world, so it is easy for international students to get along in Denmark even if they don't speak good Danish.

# SAFE, SECURE, EQUAL

Denmark is widely cited as one of the world's most liveable places. It has the world's highest level of income equality according to the OECD.

# STUDENT LIFE



➤ Bonfire in the University Park at the Midsummer celebration in June.



➤ The city of Aarhus is home to many open spaces, parks and beaches.





➤ The Dale T. Mortensen Building, named after one of Aarhus University's Nobel Laureates, is home to the International Centre.



➤ The study environment at the University is centred around an attractive campus at the heart of the city. The University plays a decisive – and essential – role at the hub of the city.



➤ Aarhus University offers state-of-the-art facilities and labs.



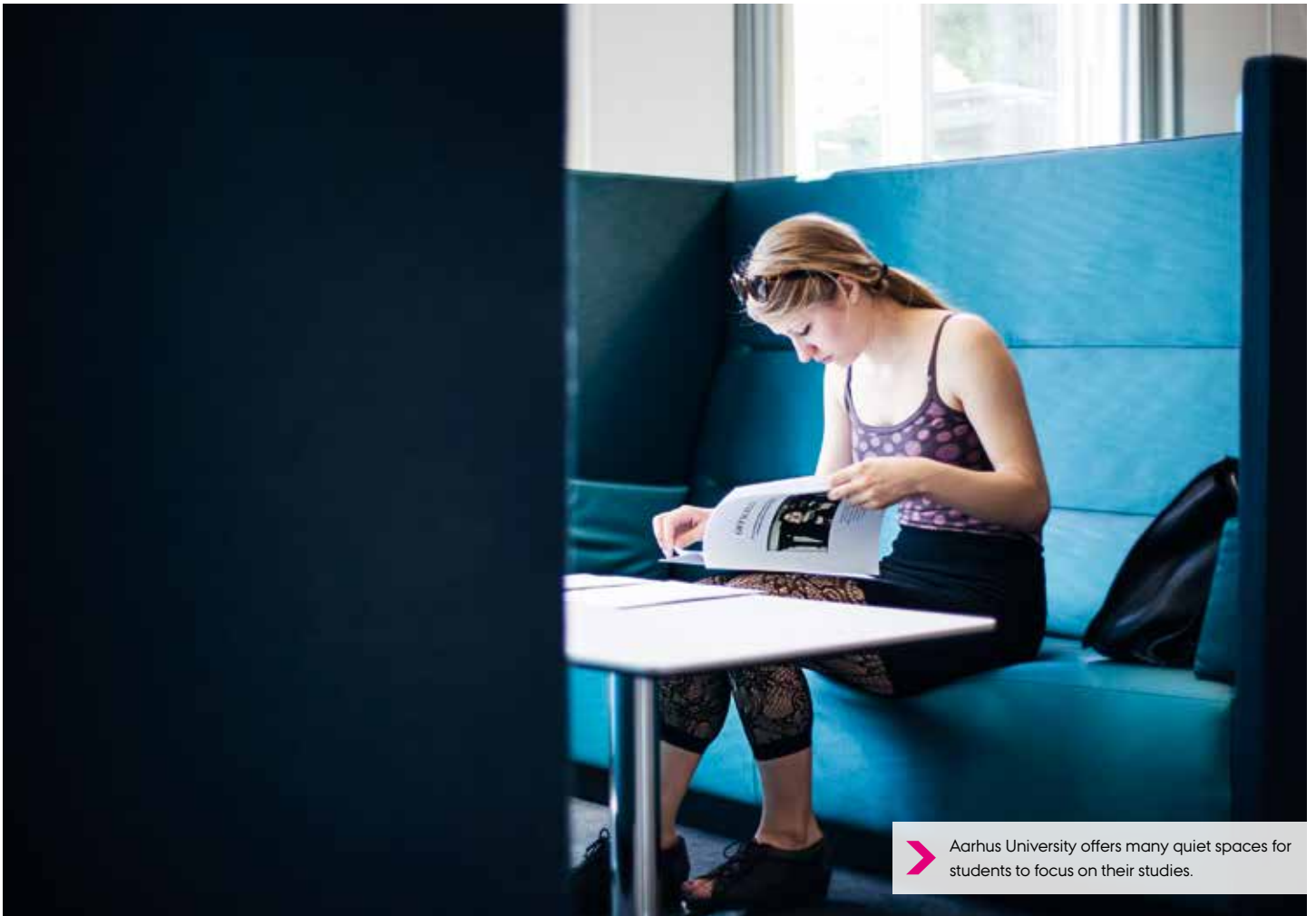
➤ Campus Emdrup in Copenhagen, location of AU's education and pedagogy programmes.







➤ Campus Herning, location of some of AU's business development and technology programmes.



➤ Aarhus University offers many quiet spaces for students to focus on their studies.

# LIVING IN DENMARK

Located on Scandinavia's southern edge, Denmark is Europe's gateway to the Nordic region. Denmark is a safe and secure country with a very low crime rate. The Danes are relaxed, informal, and often ironic. 'Hygge' – making people feel at home – is an essential part of life. Maybe that is why the Danes have so often been named as the world's happiest people. Most Danes also have a good command of English, so you can communicate easily even if you don't speak good Danish.

## LIVING COSTS

The standard of living is high and the economy performs above the European average. Accommodation, food and transport are therefore relatively expensive in Denmark compared to other countries. But salaries and PhD stipends are correspondingly high, and services such as medical treatment are free of charge.

I think Danish people are very friendly. They always smile. And I like that you can speak English with them. It makes it very easy to communicate. I still haven't met a Dane who couldn't speak English. Even older people can speak it.

**Hanh Ngyuen**

MSc in Biology, from Vietnam

## SAMPLE PRICES:

Housing/rent:	EUR 320-600/month
Food and daily expenses:	EUR 200-350/month
Bus ticket:	EUR 2.70 per ride EUR 19 for ten-ride pass
Insurance (accident and personal belongings):	EUR 270 /year

**Estimated monthly expenses in total:**

**EUR 600-950**

1 Euro = DKK 7.45



DENMARK

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HERNING

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# LIVING IN AARHUS

The university's main campus is located in the city of Aarhus, a dynamic city on Denmark's Jutland peninsula. From here, beach, harbour and forest are all within a 15-minute bike ride.

With a Top 100 university right in the heart of town, Aarhus is swarming with students eager to study and live life to the full. The city is ripe with opportunities aimed at young people. Concerts, museums, nightlife and shopping (as well as dormitories) are all within walking distance.

Every year the celebrated Spot Festival showcases more than 100 upcoming bands, while the three-day Northside Festival displays the most popular acts in alternative music. ARoS, the city's ground-breaking art museum, showcases work by some of the world's most progressive artists. And the shopping is rated the best in Scandinavia.

The city's new urban waterfront project has created stunning new housing and vibrant multi-purpose urban spaces in the old harbour area, while Northern Europe's biggest hospital is nearing completion in the northern part of town.

And in 2017, Aarhus is European Capital of Culture. Hundreds of unique cultural events are scheduled from now till the end of 2017.

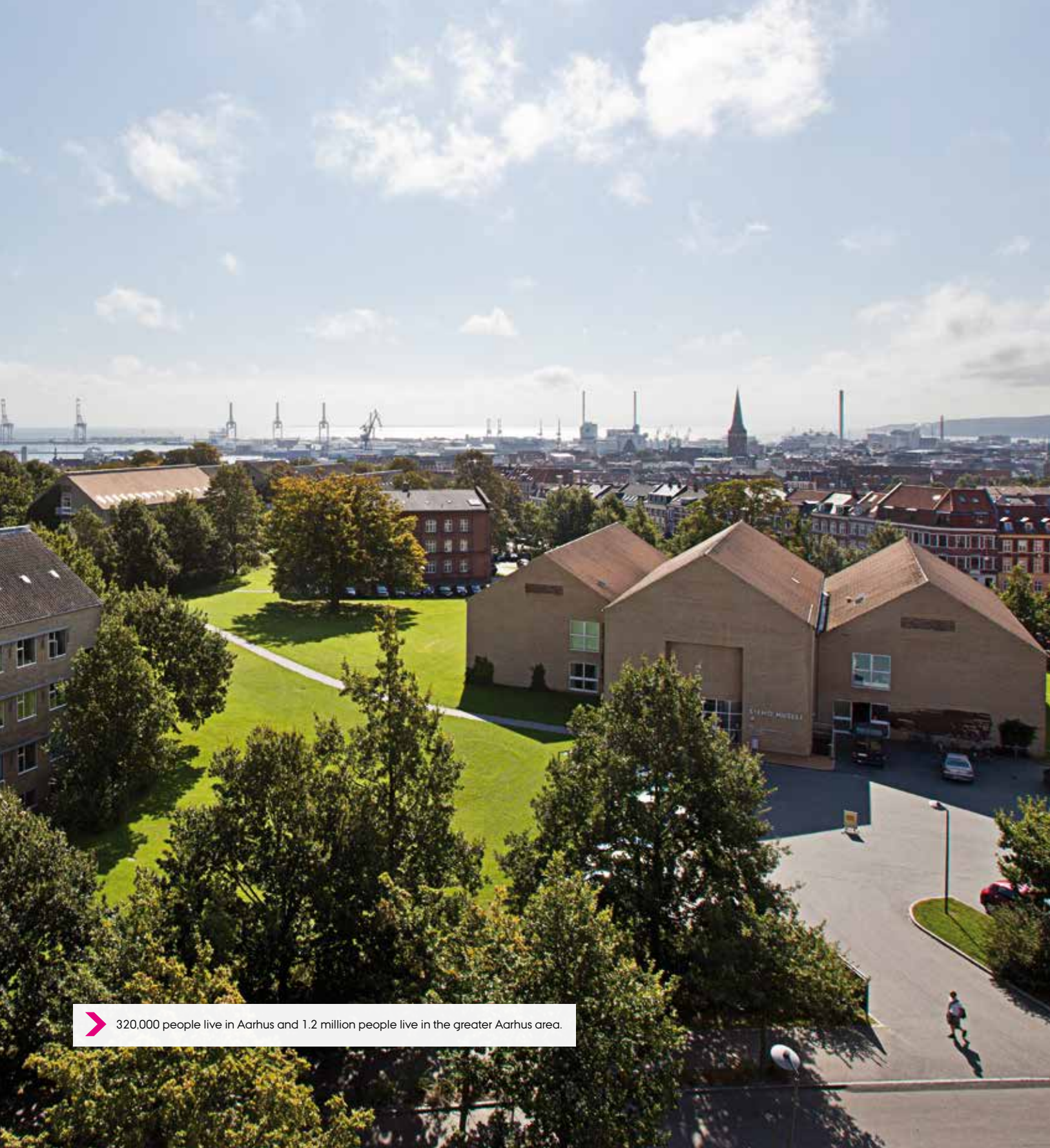
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## AARHUS: YOUNG AND WELL-EDUCATED

- 30 per cent of the city's residents are aged between 20 and 34
- 33 per cent are university-educated
- 50,000 are students

A FEW OF AU'S BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND EDUCATION DEGREE PROGRAMMES ARE BASED OUTSIDE AARHUS. READ MORE ABOUT OUR CAMPUSES IN HERNING AND COPENHAGEN (EMDRUP) AT [STUDYGUIDE.AU.DK](https://www.studyguide.au.dk)



320,000 people live in Aarhus and 1.2 million people live in the greater Aarhus area.

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# ON-CAMPUS FACILITIES

## STUDENTERHUS AARHUS

– is the university's central meeting point for international and Danish students in Aarhus. Social and cultural activities are organised all year round and regular events include the Tuesday 'International Night,' a weekly dinner club, theme parties and film nights.

## DALE'S CAFÉ

– is a meeting place for international students and PhD students. Quality coffee, sandwiches and a wide selection of beers are served in an informal lounge area with an outside terrace.

## FRIDAY BARS

– every Friday at noon, each department sets up a small bar in a canteen or a classroom serving beer and soft drinks. Another great place to meet fellow students – and also professors – over a drink.

## CANTEENS

– are located on every AU campus and offer both hot meals and sandwiches.

## AARHUS UNIVERSITY SPORTS (AUS)

– organises activities from badminton to fencing to chess.

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## STUDENT COUNSELLORS

– are experienced students who are there to advise other students in their department. This is the first place to go if you have any questions about your studies at AU.

## STUDENT ADVISORY OFFICE

– This group of social workers and psychologists are there to assist students with personal matters. This service is free of charge and completely confidential.

## LEARN DANISH

– As an international student you can sign up for free Danish classes on campus.

TO READ ABOUT ON-CAMPUS FACILITIES IN CAMPUS  
HERNING AND COPENHAGEN,  
PLEASE GO TO [STUDYGUIDE.AU.DK](http://STUDYGUIDE.AU.DK)



Aarhus University Libraries are located on every AU campus. All have spacious reading rooms and wifi and some are accessible 24/7.

# STUDY IN DENMARK

## DEGREE STRUCTURE

Study programmes at all Danish universities are research-based and analytical with a special focus on theory. They provide a broad academic foundation as well as the opportunity to specialise. The degree structure is linked to the Bologna process and is based on three main levels: Bachelor's, Master's, and PhD degrees.

At AU, students who are particularly well qualified can begin a PhD programme even before they finish their Master's degree. Alongside traditional three-year PhD programmes commencing after Master's level, a number of attractive four- and five-year PhD programmes can be accessed either one year into the Master's

programme (the 4+4 model) or immediately after the Bachelor's degree (the 3+5 model).

## STUDY AND TEACHING ENVIRONMENT

Instruction at Aarhus University is structured around lectures, seminars, project-oriented work, practical exercises and – for some students – lab classes. Students are expected to participate actively in academic discussions during class.

As a student in Denmark you will experience student-centred learning and open debate during class, as well as close collaboration between students and teachers.


**BACHELOR**  
THREE-YEAR PROGRAMME

**MASTER**  
TWO-YEAR  
PROGRAMME

**PHD**  
THREE-YEAR PROGRAMME



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Where I'm from you don't talk back to the professors, but here you share your ideas and engage in discussions with the professor and the other students. You even question the textbooks, which would never happen at home. I really like that approach, since it gives you a better perspective on the subjects discussed.

**Ann Sanyu Mabel**

MA in Journalism, Media and Globalisation,  
from Uganda

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# PHD STUDIES AT AARHUS UNIVERSITY

## AN AMBITIOUS UNIVERSITY

As the first Danish university to admit students to PhD programmes before completion of a Master's degree, AU has a tradition of working with talented students as early as Bachelor's degree level. This flexibility and the fact that all programmes are taught in English have significantly boosted PhD student numbers. Around 1800 PhD students are currently enrolled at AU, of whom about 25 per cent are internationals.

AU's four PhD graduate schools give PhD researchers a support base that provides access to pooled networks and helps to develop and promote their work internationally. With the aid of this support system junior researchers have achieved international recognition and have gone on to attractive positions at international universities and companies.

## FOCUSED TALENT DEVELOPMENT

For a number of years, talent development has been one of the four core activities of AU, alongside education, research and knowledge exchange. To attract and retain talented young researchers, AU offers the best possible research facilities, collaboration with leading researchers in related fields, and attractive working conditions.

## INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH ENVIRONMENT

AU offers strong international networks and structures for research collaboration. We are committed to providing young researchers with global competencies through international mobility and collaboration.

## ATTRACTIVE WORKING CONDITIONS

PhD students at AU are not senior students but junior faculty members. Young researchers earn a salary and a pension and enjoy parental leave benefits, besides having a voice in department meetings.

As a young researcher at AU you will enjoy state-of-the-art facilities and labs, a research-based approach to all activities, a dynamic study environment, and a strong tradition of multidisciplinary research – for instance in one of our 30 major research centres.

Our PhD students cite the high quality of research, the friendly atmosphere and the attractive working conditions as what they value most highly at AU.

**See more at [talent.au.dk/phd](https://talent.au.dk/phd)**

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# HOW TO APPLY

For admission requirements for each individual degree programme at Aarhus University, see our website [studyguide.au.dk](http://studyguide.au.dk). A number of programmes have a limited intake, which means only the best qualified applicants will be selected for admission according to the declared selection criteria.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

The steps below apply to Master's applicants. For other applicants, please visit our website – [studyguide.au.dk](http://studyguide.au.dk) – for more information.

**1**

Go to **masters.au.dk** to find our online application system, application deadlines, procedures and admission requirements.

**2**

Fill in the application online. Have all your electronic documents ready when you apply, so they can be attached to your application right away. Please note that the information you are asked for and the documents you must attach will vary depending on the programme, your nationality and your qualifying educational background.

**3**

Submit your application online. You may apply for up to three Master's degree programmes at AU and prioritise your applications. Only online applications are accepted.

**4**

Further information about the process and when you can expect to hear from us can be found on our website.

**IMPORTANT:** Full instructions on how to apply for individual programmes can be found on our website – [studyguide.au.dk](http://studyguide.au.dk)







# A PAIR OF SUNGLASSES\*

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\*OR AN OUTDOOR  
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BE MORE  
AT AU SUMMER UNIVERSITY  
DENMARK

AU Summer University takes place on campus in July and August. Every year more than 65 courses are offered and around 1,600 Danish and international students attend courses taught in English at

Bachelor's and Master's level in the fields of Business, Social Sciences, Health, Natural Sciences, Agricultural Sciences and Arts. To find out more go to: [au.dk/summeruniversity](https://au.dk/summeruniversity)

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You hear that Danish people are not very friendly, but for me it has been no problem starting a life here. I have a Danish girlfriend and some really good friends. Another good thing is that you get good guidance from the moment you get here. The service from the International Centre is well organised and helped me to a good start.

**Mateusz Tokarski**

MA in Cognitive Semiotics, from Poland

# THE BACK COVER\*

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