

# Quick guide – GSNS Screening Grants

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Based on funding from Aarhus University Research Foundation (AUFF) and own resources, the Graduate School of Natural Sciences (GSNS) provides funding for internationalisation of the PhD programmes at Faculty of Natural Sciences, Aarhus University.

## Screening Grants

A GSNS screening grant can be granted in connection with recruitment of foreign research talents for PhD studies at GSNS. The candidate can attend courses, summer schools, and workshops, do laboratory work, and prepare a PhD application. The screening grant can be granted for a period of maximum 90 days and the candidate will be assessed based on their potential for being enrolled in a PhD study at GSNS.

GSNS only grants screening grants to applicants in connection with an actual screening of the candidate. Thus, an application from a supervisor who already knows in advance that he/she wants the candidate as a potential PhD student at GSNS will be rejected. It also means that a potential candidate who has already been admitted or received a conditional admission offer for a PhD study at GSNS will be rejected as a potential screening grant recipient.

For further information on applying for a GSNS screening grant, please see [here](#).

## Application to a PhD programme following a GSNS screening grant

If the screening period is successful and the supervisor supports the candidate's wish to apply for enrolment at GSNS, **it is expected that the candidate submits an application for admission no later than by the end of the 3 months' screening period.**

A transition directly from the screening period to a start on the PhD study at GSNS cannot be expected due to the processing time of applications and the time required for obtaining a work and residence permit for the candidate. If a work and residence permit is needed, the start date will often be 4-5 months after deadline for applying in one of the four annual calls.

For further information on applying for admission to the PhD programme at GSNS, please see [here](#).

## Please note that:

- Only members of the academic staff (supervisors) at the Faculty of Natural Sciences, Aarhus University, can apply for a screening grant (referred to as "the applicant")
- We accept and process applications as they are received ([GSSTgrants@au.dk](mailto:GSSTgrants@au.dk))

- It can take 7-8 weeks from an application is approved before the candidate can start the grant period (depending on the needs of a visa/work and residence permit)
- The applicant can either apply for a GSNS grant with an amount of max. DKK 8,000 per month in living expenses **OR** choose to fully fund the candidate's living expenses. The applicant (i.e. the supervisor) is welcome to co-fund/pay specific expenses such as travel, conference fees, running costs, and the like.

### **To be eligible, the candidate must:**

- have at least a Bachelor's degree
- have no prior affiliation to Aarhus University, i.e.,
  - a screening grant cannot be given as funding for an extension to another stay (planned or already in progress) at Aarhus University
  - applying for funding for two or more consecutive stays is not possible
- have a postal address outside of Denmark before starting the grant period
- be able to meet the English language requirement at GSNS (see [here](#) under "Language skills")

To apply for a grant, you must first establish contact with a potential candidate. Afterwards, you can apply for the grant via the [GSNS application form](#).

### **Taxation**

GSNS candidates who are visiting for a maximum of 90 days are often exempted from paying Danish tax. However, this will depend on citizenship among other things.

Please note that if the candidate returns to Denmark for employment later, then the Danish Tax Authorities will probably estimate that the candidate will have to pay tax of the total grant amount retroactively.

For further information on taxation, please see the International Academic Staff website [here](#).

### **Permission to reside and work in Denmark**

Most GSNS candidates from non EU/EEA countries are required to acquire a visa or a work and residence permit in connection with these types of stays in Denmark (even if they will be staying in Denmark for less than 90 days).

Due to the processing time for a visa or a work and residence permit, most GSNS candidates with a non EU/EEA citizenship cannot expect to start earlier than 2½-3 months after an application for a GSNS grant has been submitted.

The International Staff Office at Aarhus University will help the candidate apply for a visa or a work and residence permit when relevant.

For further information on visa and work and residence permits, please see Aarhus University's International Staff Office website [here](#) and the Danish Immigration Service's website [here](#).

### Timeframe

- We accept and process applications as they are received
- Approval of application: Approx. 2 weeks after an application has been submitted to GSNS
- If relevant, submit an application for visa or work and residence permit no later than 2 months before the candidate's start date (Please note that if the candidate is from a non EU/EEA country, the processing time might be longer due to deadlines at the Danish Immigration Service)
- Submit an application for accommodation as soon as possible
- 1 ½-3 months after an application has been submitted: Start of the screening visit
- 1-3 months after the start date of the visit: Screening grant candidate submits an application for admission to the PhD programme at GSNS

### The English language requirement at GSNS

Please find the current language skills requirement [here](#) under "Language skills".