Quick guide to GSST Screening Grants and Visiting Grants

General Information
Based on funding from Aarhus University Research Foundation (AUFF) and own resources, the Graduate School of Science and Technology (GSST) provides funding for internationalisation of the PhD programmes at Science and Technology, Aarhus University.

We accept and process applications as they are received.

The following two kinds of funding for internationalisation can be applied for:

A) Recruitment of foreign research talents for PhD studies at GSST, Aarhus University, (i.e. a so-called ‘screening grant’)

B) A stay at GSST, Aarhus University, for PhD students enrolled at a foreign university (i.e. a so-called ‘visiting grant’)

Priority will be given to applications for screening grants (Type A), whereas support for visiting PhD-students from foreign universities (Type B) will be given in exceptional cases only.

Please note that only members of the academic staff (supervisors) at the Faculty of Science and Technology, Aarhus University, can apply for these two types of grants.

To apply for a grant, contact should first be established with a potential guest researcher. Please note that in this quick guide the terms ‘guest researcher’ and ‘candidate/student’ are used interchangeably to describe the screening/visiting grant recipient. Afterwards, the supervisor should apply via GSST’s application form.

The grant cannot be given as funding for an extension to another stay (planned or already in progress) at Aarhus University.

The grant can only be given to the same candidate/student for one stay for a period of a maximum of 90 days (application for 2 or more consecutive stays is not possible).

The grant cannot be given as co-financing of any kind. This means that the applicant can either apply for a GSST grant (with an amount of max. DKK 8,000 per month in living expenses for the guest) OR the applicant can choose to fully finance the candidate’s/student’s stay himself/herself. The applicant cannot apply for a GSST grant and then provide extra funding himself/herself for the
candidate’s/student’s living expenses.

For further information on application forms, please see here.

**Screening Grants**

A GSST screening grant can be granted in connection with the recruitment of foreign research talents for PhD studies at GSST, Aarhus University. The screening grant can be granted for a period of maximum 90 days. The candidate/student can attend courses, summer schools or workshops, do laboratory work or prepare a PhD application. Qualitative assessment of the person in question will be made with a view to a potential PhD study at GSST, Aarhus University.

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

For further information on applying for a GSST screening grant, please see here.

**Application to a PhD programme following a GSST screening grant**

If the screening period runs successfully, and the supervisor supports the candidate’s/student’s wish to apply to the PhD programme at GSST, it is expected that the candidate/student submits an application for admission to GSST no later than by the end of the 3 months’ screening period.

A gradual transition directly from the 3 months’ screening period to the start of the PhD study at GSST cannot be expected. This is due to the fact that the period from the PhD study application deadline to the actual PhD study starting date is typically between 3-5 months depending on the candidate’s/student’s nationality (if a work and residence permit is needed, the starting date will often be 4-5 months after the PhD study application deadline).

For further information on applying for admission to the PhD programme at GSST, please see here.

**Visiting Grants**

The aim of the visiting grant is to strengthen the internationalisation of the PhD study programmes at GSST, Aarhus University, by providing foreign PhD students with the opportunity of taking a part of their PhD study at GSST, Aarhus University. For a period of maximum 90 days, the PhD student can take part in research collaboration, PhD courses, summer schools, workshops and laboratory work and/or work on her/his PhD thesis.
It will be of vital importance to the assessment of the application how the PhD student can contribute to the already existing PhD environment within the given research field, e.g. in the form of specific method transfer. It is therefore important that the project description includes both clear arguments on how the stay can contribute to the PhD environment at Aarhus University, and a description of the stay’s intended activities and objectives.

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For further information on applying for a GSST visiting grant, please see here.

**Taxation**

GSST guest researchers who are here for a maximum of 90 days are normally exempt from paying Danish tax. Please notice, that in case the grant period exceeds the initial 90 days, or if the guest researcher returns to Denmark for employment later, then the Danish Tax Authorities will probably estimate that the guest will have to pay tax of the total grant amount retroactively.

For further information on taxation, please see here.

GSST will apply for tax exemption on behalf of the guest researcher when relevant.

**Permission to reside and work in Denmark**

Most GSST guest researchers from non EU/EEA countries are required to obtain a visa or a work and residence permit in connection with these types of stays in Denmark (even if they’ll be staying in Denmark for less than 90 days).

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

The International Centre at Aarhus University will help the guest researcher apply for visa or work and residence permit when relevant.

For further information on visa and work and residence permits, please see Aarhus University’s International Academic Staff website here and The Danish Agency for International Recruitment and Integration’s website newtodenmark.dk here.
Timeframe

- Please note that if the guest researcher is from a non EU/EEA country, it may take a relatively long time between the application for a GSST screening or visiting grant has been submitted and the actual starting day of the screening or visiting stay. This is due to the processing time at the The Danish Agency for International Recruitment and Integration.

- We accept and process applications as they are received/continuously.

- Approval of application: Approx. 2 weeks after application has been submitted to GSST.

- If relevant, submit application for visa or work and residence permit no later than 2 months before screening or visiting stay starting date.

- Submit application for accommodation as soon as possible.

- 1 ½-3 months after application has been submitted: Screening or visiting stay starting date depending on citizenship (please see above regarding work and residence permit).

- 1-3 months after the screening stay starting date: Screening grant recipient submits application for admission to the PhD programme at GSST.