

# Quick guide – GSST Screening Grants and Visiting Grants

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## 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 will be described in this quick guide:

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.

The terms 'guest researcher' and 'candidate/student' are used interchangeably to describe the screening/visiting grant recipient.

### **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
- We accept and process applications as they are received
- It can take 7-8 weeks from an application is approved before the candidate/student can start the grant period (depending on citizenship – due to visa/work and residence permits)
- Only someone with at least a Bachelor's degree can be granted a GSST grant
- A screening grant can only be given to a candidate/student with no prior affiliation to Aarhus University

- A screening 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 the monthly amount of max. DKK 8,000 in living expenses for the candidate/student. 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 candidate/student OR the applicant can choose to fully finance the candidate's/student's living expenses. The applicant (i.e. the supervisor) is welcome to co-finance / pay specific expenses such as travel, conference fees, running costs and the like
- The candidate/student must have a postal address outside of Denmark before starting the grant period

To apply for a grant, contact should first be established with a potential guest researcher. Then afterwards, the supervisor should apply for the grant via GSST's application form, which can be found [here](#).

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 been admitted or received a conditional admission offer 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 citizenship (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 often exempt from paying Danish tax. However, this will depend on citizenship among other things.

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 the International Academic Staff website [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 an application for a GSST grant has been submitted.

The International Academic Staff Service 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 Immigration Service's website [www.newtodenmark.dk](http://www.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 visa work and residence permit processing time
- We accept and process applications as they are received
- 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 visa or 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