

Researcher in Surveillance and Health

The Department of Digital Design and Information Studies and the Center for Surveillance Studies within the School of Communication and Culture at Aarhus University invites applications for a position as researcher in surveillance and health. The researcher position is affiliated with the research project 'Human Agency and Data-Intensive Surveillance (SURVEILLANCE AGENCY)' funded by the Carlsberg Foundation.

The researcher position is a full-time and 4-year fixed-term position. The position begins on 01 January 2025 or as soon as possible thereafter.

The School of Communication and Culture is committed to diversity and encourages all qualified applicants to apply regardless of their personal background.

Project

The position is associated with the *Carlsberg Semper Ardens: Accomplish* project [SURVEILLANCE AGENCY](#), which aims to introduce a new perspective foregrounding the human condition that we are not just observed objects but also subjects who experience and practice data-intensive surveillance. The health domain is particularly relevant to focus on, as it intersects with many aspects of the broader surveillance landscape.

The project aims to gain valuable insights into the broader implications and challenges of surveillance technologies by scrutinising experiences and practices within the health domain. Gaining this insight requires thorough empirical research into surveillance's subjective, cultural, and social situatedness and the technological designs and processes enabling it. Using case studies, the project examines how we encounter surveillance through different aspects of participation in the Danish welfare society as patients, citizens and private individuals.

The [Center for Surveillance Studies](#) will host the project. Proficiency in Danish is preferred for the position.

Researcher position

The successful applicant is expected to take part in project activities related to developing concepts and theory, data collection and analysis, and will actively collaborate closely with team members. They will be supported by the principal investigator (PI), Professor Anders Albrechtslund, and work closely with the three PhD team members. Further, they will work with other Center for Surveillance Studies members.

Your main tasks will consist of:

- participate in the planning, collection and analysis of empirical data from the case studies
- contribute to the organisation of research workshops and international conferences
- support and facilitate team activities and collaborate with other team members
- author and co-author project outputs for peer-reviewed international journals and other relevant publications
- present research and participate in international meetings and conferences
- disseminate and communicate research through various outlets and outreach activities for different kinds of audiences
- contribute to the overall leadership and management of the project as co-PI and sparring partner for the PI

Teaching and supervision

As a researcher in surveillance and health, your position is primarily research-based, but it will also involve a small degree of teaching and supervision. To that end, the successful applicant will be expected to participate in the department's teaching and supervision activities and teach and supervise at BA and MA levels. The department currently offers the following degrees: [Bachelor's degree programme in information studies](#), [Master's degree programme in information studies](#), [Bachelor's Degree Programme in Digital Design - IT, Aesthetics and Interaction](#) and [Master's Degree](#)

Application Deadline:
24 October 2024

Faculty:
Faculty of Arts

Institute/Faculty:
School of
Communication and
Culture

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Vacant positions:
1

Hours per week:
37

Number of months:
48

Expected date of accession:
01/01/2025

[Programme in Digital Design.](#)

Given the international focus of the degree programmes, the successful applicant will be expected to teach in English as well as Danish.

The person appointed to the post of researcher must complete Aarhus University's [teacher-training programme for assistant professors](#), which is designed for university teaching.

Qualifications

Applicants must have a PhD degree or document equivalent qualifications in a relevant field related to Science, Technology and Society Studies (STS), surveillance and health research, as well as teaching and research experience equivalent to that attained through a PhD degree. Applicants must be able to document, relevant to the position:

- an internationally oriented research profile within STS, surveillance and health research as documented by a PhD dissertation and/or research publications
- experience in the self-directed management of research projects
- relevant teaching experience at university level as documented by a [teaching portfolio](#) (or equivalent documentation of teaching experience and qualifications) commensurate with the length of the applicant's academic career
- excellent communication and interpersonal skills in order to engage productively both within the research team and with external organisations and institutions.

Furthermore, it will be considered an advantage if applicants can document

- a track record of research publications of a high international standard commensurate with the length of the applicant's academic career
- experience of participation in national and international research networks
- time spent abroad working at one or more internationally recognised research institutions
- proficiency in Danish.

Please note that although the application process can be completed on the Aarhus University system without uploading publications or a teaching portfolio, applications that do not include uploaded publications (maximum five), as well as a [teaching portfolio](#) (or equivalent documentation of teaching experience and qualifications), will not be considered.

Although the Aarhus University application system allows uploading letters of recommendation, please do not include letters of recommendation or references with the application. Applicants who are invited to an interview may be asked to provide references.

Work environment

Active participation in the daily life of the department is a high priority, and we emphasise the importance of good working relationships, both among colleagues and with our students. To maintain and develop the department's excellent teaching and research environment, the successful applicant is expected to be present at the department daily.

We respect the balance between work and private life and strive to create a work environment to maintain that balance. You can read more about [family and work-life balance](#) in Denmark.

International applicants

International applicants are encouraged to read about the [attractive working conditions](#) and other benefits of working at Aarhus University and in Denmark, including healthcare, paid holidays and, if relevant, maternity/paternity leave, childcare and schooling. Aarhus University offers various services for international researchers and accompanying families, including a [relocation service](#) and an [AU Expat Partner Programme](#). You can also find information about the [taxation aspects of international researchers' employment by AU](#).

The department

The place of employment is the Department of Digital Design and Information Studies Helsingforsgade 14, 8200 Aarhus N, Denmark

Description

Prospective applicants are invited to view the [department's website](#).

School of Communication and Culture

The school is a part of the Faculty of Arts. You will find information about the school and its [research programmes](#), [departments](#), and diverse activities on its [website](#).

Contact

For further information about the position, please contact the PI, Professor Anders Albrechtslund by e-mail alb@cc.au.dk

If you need help uploading your application or have questions about the recruitment process, please contact Arts HR support by e-mail: hsi@au.dk.

Qualification requirements

Applicants should hold a PhD or equivalent academic qualifications.

Aarhus University offers a broad variety of services for international researchers and accompanying families, including relocation service and career counselling to expat partners: [Relocation Services for Professors and Postdocs at Aarhus University \(au.dk\)](#). Please find more information about entering and working in Denmark here: <http://international.au.dk/research/>.

Formalities

- Faculty of Arts refers to the Ministerial Order on the Appointment of Academic Staff at Danish Universities ([the Appointment Order](#)).
- Appointment shall be in accordance with the [collective labour agreement between the Danish Ministry of Taxation and the Danish Confederation of Professional Associations](#).
- Further information on qualification requirements and job content may be found in the [Memorandum on Job Structure for Academic Staff at Danish Universities](#).
- Further information on the application and supplementary materials may be found in [Application Guidelines](#).
- The application must outline the applicant's motivation for applying for the position, attaching a curriculum vitae, a teaching portfolio, a complete list of published works, copies of degree certificates and examples of academic production (**mandatory, but no more than five examples**). Please upload this material electronically along with your application.

If nothing else is noted, applications must be submitted in English. Application deadline is at 11.59 pm Danish time (same as Central European Time) on the deadline day.

Aarhus University's ambition is to be an attractive and inspiring workplace for all and to foster a culture in which each individual has opportunities to thrive, achieve and develop. We view equality and diversity as assets, and we welcome all applicants.

Shortlists may be prepared with the candidates that have been selected for a detailed academic assessment. A committee set up by the head of school is responsible for selecting the most qualified candidates. See this link for further information about shortlisting at the Faculty of Arts: [shortlisting](#)

Faculty of Arts

The Faculty of Arts is one of five main academic areas at Aarhus University.

The faculty contributes to Aarhus University's research, talent development, knowledge exchange and degree programmes.

With its 550 academic staff members, 240 PhD students, 9,500 BA and MA students, and 1,500 students following continuing/further education programmes, the faculty constitutes a strong and diverse research and teaching environment.

The Faculty of Arts consists of the School of Communication and Culture, the School of Culture and Society, the Danish School of Education, and the Centre for Teaching Development and Digital Media. Each of these units has strong academic environments and forms the basis for interdisciplinary research and education.

The faculty's academic environments and degree programmes engage in international collaboration and share the common goal of contributing to the development of knowledge, welfare and culture in interaction with society.

Read more at arts.au.dk/en

The application must be submitted via Aarhus University's recruitment system, which can be accessed under the job advertisement on Aarhus University's website.

Aarhus University

Aarhus University is an academically diverse and research-intensive university with a strong commitment to high-quality research and education and the development of society nationally and globally. The university offers an inspiring research and teaching environment to its 38,000 students (FTEs) and 8,300 employees, and has an annual revenues of EUR 935 million. Learn more at www.international.au.dk/