

Research Assistant in Autobiographical Memory and Morality

Center on Autobiographical Memory Research [CON AMORE], Department of Psychology and Behavioural Sciences, Aarhus University, invites applications for a 1 year and 5 months position as research assistant with an expected start on April 1st 2026.

The vacancy is part of a larger research project on the interplay between autobiographical memory and morality.

About the project and tasks:

Everyday life is filled with concerns and norms for morality, such as concerns for the welfare of others, fairness, and honesty. Yet, the role of morality has been underrepresented in research on autobiographical memory - that is, memory for the personal past. The aim of this project is to establish a new approach to the study of autobiographical memory rooted in the hypothesis of a fundamental interplay between morality and memory.

As a member of the memory and morality research team at CON AMORE, you will work on research projects investigating the interplay between autobiographical memory and morality, including but not limited to:

- Use AI techniques, including the development and application of large language models (LLMs), for text analysis of memory reports according to specific research aims.
- Content coding of memory narratives.
- Perform data analysis using statistical software such as R and SPSS.
- Contribute critically to academic writing and the publication process.
- Take part in the center's research events.

Expected qualifications

- A master's degree in cognitive science or psychology.
- Substantial Knowledge and experience in artificial intelligence (AI) and natural language processing (NLP).
- Good statistical and programming skills in R and Python.
- Experience with content coding of verbal descriptions
- Good communication and teamwork skills.
- Interest in autobiographical memory and moral psychology.

Some experience with conducting research in these fields.

Who we are

The Department of Psychology and Behavioural Sciences is part of [Aarhus BSS](#), Aarhus University – a top 100 university. Aarhus BSS has achieved the triple-crown AACSB, AMBA and EQUIS accreditations.

At the Department of Psychology and Behavioural Sciences, we teach and conduct research into the most significant subject areas of psychology. The department employs around 55-60 academic staff members and 40 PhD students. Our researchers have a strong tradition for collaborating with Danish as well as international researchers from many different academic fields such as health and psychiatry, education, pedagogic, linguistics, philosophy, religious studies, organizational development and management, economics and neuroscience.

Further information

For more information about the Department of Psychology and Behavioural Sciences, please visit: <http://psy.au.dk/en/>

For further information regarding the position, please contact Professor Dorthe Berntsen, e-mail: dorthe@psy.au.dk

If you need help uploading your application or have any questions about the recruitment process, please contact HR Supporter, Charlotte Thomsen, e-mail: charlotte@au.dk

Ansøgningsfrist:

27. januar 2026

Institut/VD-område:

Psykologisk Institut

Fakultet:

Aarhus BSS

Antal måneder:

17

Timer pr. uge:

37

Forventet

tiltrædelsesdato:

01-04-2026

Place of work

Department of Psychology and Behavioural Sciences, Bartholins Allé 11, DK-8000 Aarhus C.

Application deadline

January 27th 2026

Qualification requirements

The qualification requirement for appointment as research assistant is a Master's degree.

International applicant?

Aarhus University offers a broad variety of services for international researchers and accompanying families, including relocation service and career counselling to expat partners. Please find more information here:

<https://internationalstaff.au.dk/relocationservice/>

Please find more information about research opportunities at Aarhus University here:

<http://international.au.dk/research/>

Terms of employment

The appointment is made in accordance with the [Memorandum on Job Structure for Academic Staff at Danish Universities](#) as well as the circular on the [Collective Agreement for Academics Employed by the State](#) (in Danish).

The job content and qualification requirements are described in further detail in the [Ministerial Order on the Appointment of Academic Staff at Universities](#).

Application procedure

When you apply for this position it is mandatory to attach the following:

- Application
- Curriculum Vitae. You are encouraged to declare any periods of leave without research activity, including, for example, maternity leave, since your research activities are assessed in relation to your actual research time
- Education (diploma for master's, PhD and possibly higher doctoral degree)

In addition the following documents can be included in the application:

- List of publications (the enclosed publications must be clearly marked on the list of publications)

Publications. Up to three publications may be submitted. In the event of several authors the publications must be accompanied by a co-author statement concerning the applicant's share of the collaborative work with the consent of the co-authors. [This template may be used for the purpose.](#)

- Teaching portfolio. The specific requirements regarding the documentation can be found [here](#)

Materials which cannot be uploaded together with the application may be submitted in three copies to Aarhus BSS HR & PhD, Aarhus University, Bartholins Allé 16, DK-8000 Aarhus C.

Read more about how to apply for an academic post at Aarhus BSS [here](#)

The evaluation process

After the application deadline, an assessment committee is appointed. Please note that the assessment of applicants is based solely on the material received prior to the application deadline. For further information, see [Guidelines for Assessment Committee, Aarhus BSS](#).

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.