

PHD General Call Political Science and Government Winter 2026

Aarhus BSS Graduate School invites applications for admission to the PhD programme.

Aarhus BSS encompasses a wide range of academic disciplines and outstanding research environments within the fields of business and social sciences. Approximately 250 students are enrolled across the Graduate Schools 7 PhD Programmes, with about 60 new students from around the world entering each year. The school offers international and high level PhD programmes that qualify you for a career both within academia as well as the private and public sector

A number of PhD positions are available within the following areas of business and social sciences:

- Management
- Economics and Business Economics
- Law
- Political Science
- Psychology and Behavioural Sciences
- Business Development and Technology

Formal requirements

You can read more about how to apply in the [application guide](#) and find the rules and regulations of the PhD education [here](#).

The following criteria are decisive in the assessment of the candidates:

- the applicant's academic qualifications (assessed on the basis of the qualifying degree)
- the quality and relevance of the project proposal
- the applicant's level of academic aptitude and assessed ability to complete the project within the framework of the PhD programme

You can read more about the assessment procedure and committees appointed by the dean [here](#). Please note that for applications to the programme for Psychology and Behavioural Science, the criteria for assessment are specified [here](#).

Applicants are very much encouraged to supply documentation as to how they rank compared to their class (both Bachelor's and Master's degrees). This may for example be in the form of a letter from your University stating either how you rank as an individual student compared to other students the year you graduated ("ranks as no. 6 out of 111" or "ranks as among the best 8 percent") or if that is not possible, general information from your University as to how grades were distributed in the year of your graduation will be appreciated.

Please note that Aarhus BSS Graduate School reserves the right to evaluate the applications on the basis of the documentation received before deadline, and you will not necessarily be asked for further documentation. Furthermore, Aarhus BSS Graduate School reserves the right to reject application that do not comply with the limitations as stated in the application guide (see link above).

All interested candidates are encouraged to apply irrespective of personal background.

Terms of enrolment

PhD students at Aarhus BSS Graduate School are always enrolled. The enrolment happens in accordance with the Ministerial PhD Order no. 1039 of August 27, 2013 and the terms stated in the Rules and Regulations for the PhD programmes at Aarhus BSS Graduate School. Both can be found [here](#).

If you are enrolled in part A of the 4- or 5-year schemes you will receive a SU PhD Scholarship according to the rules set out in the [State Educational Grant and Loan Scheme](#) (SU). In addition, you will be offered to undertake paid work of up to 280 hours during your part A enrolment period.

Application Deadline:
03 February 2026

Institute/Faculty:
Aarhus BSS

Faculty:
Aarhus BSS

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Number of months:
36

Hours per week:
37

Expected date of accession:
01/09/2026

Terms of employment

If you are offered employment at Aarhus University in connection with enrolment in the 3-year scheme, 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](#).

You can read more about the 3-, 4- and 5-year scheme [here](#).

Aarhus University

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