

PhD models and financing

Ordinary PhDs

- Employed at AU through PhD scholarships/fellowships and enrolled at GSST
- As part of the protocol to the collective agreement, the PhD student must fulfil a work obligation for AU as part of the salary (often done through teaching)
- As part of the Ministerial Order, the PhD student must fulfil a dissemination requirement (often done through the work obligation/teaching)
- As a rule at GSST, ordinary PhD students spend most of their time at AU, but are expected to spend a minimum of 3 months and a maximum of one year at another research institution/company (often fulfilled by going abroad).

Financing:

- Most often co-financed through a multitude of sources, such as the university, public or private research foundations, private companies, EU programmes, etc. The financing covers the PhD scholarship/fellowship, tuition fee (incl. contribution to GSST), project-related/running costs, incl. e.g. expenses to fulfil the requirements of the Ministerial Order (going abroad, going to conferences, taking courses, etc.), financing for office equipment (computer, etc.).

Self-financed PhDs

- Non-AU employed/financed – e.g. Industrial PhDs or company PhDs, but also CSC, SWB, other home-country financing or similar

Industrial PhDs

- Employed in a company under the Industrial PhD scheme funded by Innovation Fund Denmark and enrolled at GSST
- No work obligation governed by the collective agreement for AU
- As part of the Ministerial Order, the Industrial PhD student must fulfil a dissemination requirement (can be done e.g. through teaching)
- As a rule at GSST, the Industrial PhD student splits his/her time equally between the company and the university

Financing:

- Innovation Fund Denmark's grant to the university with Industrial PhD projects at ST is usually DKK 360,000 in total per project (incl. overhead).
- No tuition fee, but overhead (DKK 110,000 in total per project) to be paid to the department, and contribution (DKK 30,000 per year) to be paid to GSST.

Company PhDs

- Employed in a company, and funded entirely by the company (with no funding from Innovation Fund Denmark) and enrolled at GSST
- No work obligation governed by the collective agreement for AU
- As part of the Ministerial Order, the company PhD student must fulfil a dissemination requirement (can be done e.g. through teaching)
- As a rule at GSST, the company PhD student must spend at least half the time at the university

Financing:

- Tuition fee, overhead and any project-related costs, incl. e.g. expenses for supervision, financing to fulfil the requirements of the Ministerial Order (going abroad, going to conferences, taking courses, etc.), financing for office equipment (computer, etc.) must be agreed with the department. Contribution (DKK 30,000 per year) to be paid to GSST.

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