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NEWSLETTER FROM THE DOCTORAL SCHOOL

Welcome to the fall edition of the newsletter from the Doctoral School. This version contains information regarding the 4+4 PhD programme for PhD students and other relevant information.



WORDS FROM THE PHD STUDY DIRECTOR

A normal PhD study follows the 5+3 model: 5 years of study leading to the MSc degree followed by 3 years of study leading to the PhD degree. This newsletter introduces the 4+4

model, which I believe is very attractive because it enables spreading a PhD study over 4 years. I recommend using this model when possible.

Recruitment is another important aspect of relevance to PhD supervisors. Here, the Doctoral School offers to help with the non-scientific aspects, the goal being to

NEW PHD STUDENTS IN 2017

As of November 1st the Doctoral School has enrolled a total of 58 new PhD students in 2017:

Number	Department
18	Architecture, Design and Mediatechnology
10	Computer Science
18	Electronic Systems
12	Planning

The aim for 2017 was to enroll 55 PhD students.

improve the quality of the recruitment process. The newsletter also recalls the rules for the distribution of ECTS points in relation to PhD courses. Finally, it emphasizes that participation in another research environment is a mandatory element of PhD studies in Denmark. Finally, you are always welcome to contact me in case you have comments or suggestions relating to the Doctoral School.

- Professor, PhD Study Director, Christian S. Jensen

INFORMATION FROM THE DOCTORAL SCHOOL – NEWS AND REMINDERS

4+4 PhD programme

It is now possible to enroll PhD students under the 4+4 PhD programme. The outline of the programme is that the student is enrolled, on a part time basis, as PhD student after one year of the master degree programme. The master degree is then finished alongside the enrollment as a PhD student. The 4+4 programme is an important element in relation to talent development and the education of young researchers – which is a key element in the AAU strategy. The programme frees up time for the researchers to do what they do best – research. For detailed information about the programme, enrollment, employment, salary and the like – please contact [Helen Kjerstein Kristensen](#) at the Doctoral School [or see our website](#).

PHD COURSES for 2018

Within the next month (approximately) it is expected that the PhD course catalogue for 2018 will be ready. Remember it is always possible to submit suggestions for PhD courses to your head of programme.

ECTS distribution for PhD courses

It is required that the PhD student obtains 30 ECTS during the course of a PhD programme. 10 must be allocated to project-specific courses and 10 to general courses. The PhD student can freely distribute the remaining 10 ECTS, a maximum of 6 ECTS can be obtained from conferences, study circles and the like.

Getting the right candidate

Head of Section at the PhD office, Charlotte Holmberg is an experienced HR professional that can assist in relation to employing the right candidate through a PI test. Where members of the assessment committee is

AWARDED PHD DEGREES IN 2017

As of November 1st a total of 36 degrees have been awarded:

Number	Department
7	Architecture, Design and Mediatechnology
2	Computer Science
15	Electronic Systems
12	Planning

It is expected that a total of 49 PhD degrees will be awarded at the end of 2017.

STAYS ABROAD

The Doctoral School would like to stress that participating in another active research environment during the course of a PhD study is a mandatory element of PhD studies in Denmark. This is typically achieved through a stay abroad of 3 to 6 months. Such stays can have a substantial positive impact on a PhD study and the future career of a PhD student. Furthermore, it often creates a foundation for future collaborations and contributes to the network of the PhD student. This element is to be covered in the PhD study plans. The Doctoral School provides the possibility to apply for financial support when undertaking a stay abroad. For information regarding this element of a PhD study, see <https://ufm.dk/en/legislation/prevailing-laws-and-regulations/education/files/engelsk-ph-d-bekendtgorelse.pdf> (see Parts 3 and 4). For more information regarding this possibility please contact [Helen Kjerstein Kristensen](#)

focused on the academic competences, Charlotte can through the test, assess the personality and personal capacities of the applicant. The test ensures the best match between personality and academic competences.

Furthermore, Charlotte can assist in ensuring a dedicated process concerning the recruitment.

For more information contact [Charlotte Holmberg](#).



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