

Call for applications for fellowships at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

With the purpose of developing and sharing knowledge of the highest quality, the Danish Agency for Higher Education and Science (DAHES) and Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) has entered into a partnership agreement, which is effective until 31st December 2025.

1. Grant type

As part of the partnership agreement, DAHES has acquired “Visiting Slots” (fellowships) at MIT. DAHES invites PhD students and post-doctoral candidates employed by a Danish university or a Danish public research institution including hospitals to submit applications for the following:

- Fellowships for PhD students for a term of up to 6 months,

OR

- Fellowships for post-doctoral candidates for a term of up to 12 months.

1.1 Cost covered by the fellowship at MIT

The fellowship paid by DAHES will cover the bench fee to MIT and expenses for the MIT department related to having a visiting researcher at MIT. Fellows from Denmark will accordingly fund their own transport including expenses for visa, lodging and living expenses, whilst assuming responsibility for their own salaries, benefits, health insurances, preparations for visa applications, etc.

2. Deadlines

There is no deadline for the call as long as the agreement is effective but applications must be for fellowships which will commence no later than 12 months from the date of application to DAHES. Example: if you submit an application to DAHES on 1 March 2023, you must start the fellowship at MIT no later than 1 March 2024. The granting of visiting months for suitable candidates is assigned according to the first-come-first-served principle until all the available fellowship months have been occupied.

Please observe that there is a processing time at DAHES and MIT and that time should also be allocated for the visa process. DAHES cannot make any guarantees about visa processing time and outcome but recommends that applications are submitted to DAHES at least 3 months in advance of the proposed start of the fellowship. Please also note that DAHES will process applications in the following periods:

- In March for applications submitted from December to February,
- In June for applications submitted from March to May,
- In September for applications submitted from June to August,
- In December for applications submitted from September to November.

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DAHES reserves the right to close the call for further applications when all the “Visiting Slots” have been occupied or if the Finance Act no longer supports the agreement.

3. Assessment criteria

The present call is open to PhD students and post-doctoral candidates employed by a Danish university or a Danish public research institution including hospitals. In the assessment of the received applications, importance will be attached to the following criteria:

- The alignment of scientific focus of the research project with those of MIT,
- The quality and intellectual merit of the research project proposed,
- The value added by collaborating with a counterpart from MIT,
- Potential for future scientific collaboration.

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Applicants will be evaluated by DAHES and MIT on the basis of the assessment criteria.

It should be stressed that the purpose of the fellowship programme is research collaboration, **not** education or training for the Danish visitor. In particular, a MIT faculty host is intended to be a research partner of the visitor, and is not expected to provide basic education or training in how to conduct research. A visitor's degree of participation in the programme is expected to be commensurate with that of MIT's core researchers.

4. Requirements and procedures for applications

Applications must be submitted in English using the electronic application form, which is available [here](#).

The visiting fellow must have a member of the MIT research group acting as an official host. The applicants are expected to identify a MIT faculty member host by themselves prior to applying for the fellowship. Neither DAHES nor MIT can provide assistance in matching applicants and MIT faculty members.

A prerequisite for DAHES's decision to grant visiting researchers a fellowship is that their candidacy has been accepted by MIT prior to DAHES's final assessment. The application will be reviewed by an appointed evaluation committee at MIT and granted by DAHES. Depending on the quality of the applications received, DAHES and the evaluation committee at MIT reserve the right to grant fellowships of shorter duration than initially applied for. However, this procedure will be conducted in dialogue with the applicant(s).

All fellows will be required to comply with MIT's standard policies and procedures during their participation in the programme. Each fellow will be required to execute and abide by the terms and conditions of MIT's standard form of Inventions and Proprietary Information Agreement for Visitors. (IPIA) Read more about the agreement at [MIT's web page](#) (scroll down to and click MIT Visitor IPIA (visiting scientists, research affiliates, and visiting graduate students) to download the form).

Upon completion of the visit at MIT, the grant holder is required to submit a short debriefing report to DAHES using the form in e-grant along with documentation for the stay (boarding pass), and a letter from the hosting scientist at MIT.

The Danish Act of Processing of Personal Data with latest revision (Act No. 429 of 31 May 2000) gives you certain rights when information concerning you is processed electronically. We would therefore draw your attention to the following:

Upon request, you are entitled to inspect and, where relevant, correct information concerning you whenever such data are processed electronically.

If your application is granted a fellowship, information about your name, the project execution site, the title and duration of the project, key number, and the size of the grant can be published in the Danish National Research Database (www.forskningsdatabasen.dk) (partly in English) and on the homepage of the Danish Agency for Higher Education and Science (www.ufm.dk).

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5. Submission of applications

The application should be short and concise and should as a minimum include:

- Name of applicant
- Occupation/position
- Private address
- Intended period for the visit
- Project title
- Motivation for applying for the fellowship at MIT
- Applicant's scientific experience
- Project description
- Description of the relevance of the collaboration with MIT
- Potential for future collaboration

Furthermore, the following appendices must be included in the application:

- Short CVs of the applicant and the collaboration partner at MIT (max. 2 pages each).
- Two letters of recommendation from the head of department at the applicant's institution and from the host at MIT accepting the fellow from Denmark. The letters of recommendation must be written on official letterhead and signed by the head of department and the host respectively.

It is the applicant's responsibility that the application contains the required information and appendices. As a rule, DAHES does not collect additional information for use in the assessment of the application. Equally, as a rule, forwarded material and other documentation enclosed with the application (apart from the above-mentioned appendices) will not be considered in the assessment of the application.

Applicants will be notified shortly after the decision.

6. Contact information

The programme will be administrated by DAHES. For further information, please contact:

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