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EDUCATION

Course evaluations using Brightspace

The (final) evaluations for this semester's courses have been released, and teachers can now see them in Brightspace.

The new system has the same option as Blackboard: teachers can add questions before making the evaluation form available to the students. [Guidelines for course evaluations](#).

The new module also simplifies the procedure involved. Teachers can plan when (and for how long) the evaluation form should be open to enable students to respond. Publication and the conclusion of the process will then take place automatically. Once the evaluation is closed, the evaluation reports will be sent automatically to the teacher(s) and the department consultant. This means that teachers no longer have to remember to send the evaluation report to their head of department and department consultant, so the new system does make the evaluation process a bit simpler.

If you have any technical problems with the evaluation module, please feel free to contact the experts at [Brightspace support](#). They are always happy to help. For instance, they have an online drop-in service, and you can also book a student worker to solve your problems.

Are any of your students struggling to cope with life at the university?

The Centre for Educational Development (CED) has developed a useful website focusing on the issue of student well-being. You'll find plenty of good advice and guidelines about what teachers and supervisors can do if they notice any students struggling to cope with teaching, supervision, group work or exams. There are ideas about how to help these students, and how to define your role as a teacher or supervisor in this connection.

[Website about how to help students who are struggling to cope](#).

Annual review completed successfully

47 of the school's degree programmes have been subjected to an annual review this year as part of the university's regular quality and development initiatives. The annual review results in a plan of action for specific degree programmes which is drawn up at the departments concerned and then reviewed by the

department's degree programme board. So each plan of action is the result of a lot of hard work by many members of staff and students, and the school is very grateful to everyone involved.

These plans of action vary from one degree programme to the next, of course. But some of the issues involved are common themes of concern across the entire school. For instance improvements in recruitment material, improvements in freshers' week, and (in particular) the re-establishment of a healthy study environment after Covid-19. The plans also focus on the issue of what's known as 'time on task' among the students. And finally, they deal with careers and vocational events in all shapes and sizes (for instance integrated career paths, alumnus networks, external collaboration and dialogue with employers) for both Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes.

The school management team has read all these plans of action with great interest, and is delighted to learn that all our departments have had such useful and important discussions of quality this semester.

Active participation instead of attendance in autumn 2021

The faculty management team has decided that as long as students participate actively in their courses during the autumn of 2021, they do not necessarily have to attend the teaching. This is just like last semester. You will find more information here: <https://medarbejdere.au.dk/en/faculties/arts/for-teachers-at-the-faculty/information-for-the-teaching-staff-at-the-faculty-of-arts-in-connection-with-covid-19/>

Restart your life as a student

On 1 September all students at the Faculty of Arts received a 'welcome back' email referring them to [the website about restarting their lives as students](#).

The site contains not only practical information but also ideas to help you remember what it's like to be a student – how to get back to traditional study techniques after more than a year on Zoom.

There is also a list of student clubs and associations, information about [how to book rooms for events organised by students](#), and information about how to apply for funding for student activities from [the faculty's student well-being pool](#)

Teachers at the Faculty of Arts

You will find more information about exams, teaching, the annual planning cycle etc. on the portal for teachers at the Faculty of Arts.

You'll also find [newsletters from Arts Studies Administration](#)

RESEARCH

Grants awarded by the Royal Danish Academy of Sciences and Letters

This year, the Royal Danish Academy of Sciences and Letters is once again inviting applications for selected grants and foundations, all with the application deadline of 1 October 2021. For instance, applications can be submitted to:

- [Lillian og Dan Finks Fond](#).
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For more information about individual grants and guidelines on how to apply, please see [the website of the Royal Danish Academy of Sciences and Letters](#).

The application deadline for these grants is 1 October 2021, and travel activities must not start before 1 December 2021. Only applications submitted via the online application form will be considered.

Applications for the COST network

Deadline 29 October 2021

COST is an EU-funded programme which supports the establishment of international research networks. The overall objective of COST is to support pioneering scientific work which can lead to new concepts and new products, including preparing the participants to take part in research projects under the Horizon 2020 programme.

A typical COST network lasts four years, involves 24 or more countries, and receives funding of about DKK 1 million per year. The funding comes from the Horizon 2020 programme, and covers (among other things) the establishment of research networks, short-term study trips and training courses.

Please send applications electronically using the application system.

You can read more about the COST network and the application process [here](#).

DON'T FORGET! Applications for centre status at the School of Communication and Culture – next deadline 1 November 2021.

Applications for the establishment of new research centres can be submitted twice a year. The autumn deadline is 1 November 2021. Please send your application to research consultant Pernille Roholt (pero@cc.au.dk).

You will find the school's centre policy and the application form [here](#).

Support for funding for research centres and research environments outside the programmes

Deadline 15 November 2021

To support the School of Communication and Culture's research organisation, centres and research environments which do not belong to a particular programme can apply for up to DKK 10,000 to carry out specific activities.

Here are some of the activities for which funding may be available:

- Seminars
- Workshops
- Networking events
- Invitations to visiting scholars
- Knowledge sharing with society

As far as possible, you should apply for external funding for activities such as conferences and visits by visiting scholars. If you have any questions about specific activities and budgets, please contact research consultant Pernille Roholt (pero@cc.au.dk).

[Application guidelines and application form](#).

Deadline for submission to Pernille Roholt: 15 November 2021.

Applications for support to draw up strategic applications

Deadline 15 November 2021

In 2021 the school has once again set aside funds for new or particularly strategic initiatives that can attract more external research funding or strengthen collaboration with external parties. You can apply for funding to develop applications with basic research potential, and support for the development of applications with strategic partners.

Support for basic research initiatives

You can apply for support to prepare applications for:

- Sapere Aude
- ERC grants – Starting Grant, Consolidator Grant or Advanced Grant
- Horizon Europe
- The Danish National Research Foundation

What can you apply for?

You can apply for a workload reduction of up to 150 hours (on submission of a completed application), or for research group meetings in connection with the formation of research centres, or to set up consortia, host international workshops or prepare major applications. Support will only be provided for seminars which have a preponderance of external participants.

Funding for workload reductions is subject to negotiation with the relevant heads of department and an agreement regarding the type of compensation involved. This is to ensure that research priorities do not stand in the way of the school's teaching activities.

If you have any questions about specific activities or budgets, please feel free to contact research consultant Pernille Roholt (pero@cc.au.dk).

[Application guidelines and application form.](#)

Deadline for submission to Pernille Roholt: 15 November 2021.

Support for strategic collaboration projects

With a view to supporting the objective of strengthening collaboration with external stakeholders and developing new formats to include external parties during the development of research projects, the school sets aside funding to develop applications for the external funding of research projects in collaboration with stakeholders and institutions outside the university.

For instance, you can apply for support to prepare applications for:

- The Innovation Fund Denmark
- VELUX HUMpraxis or other major thematic or strategic applications for private foundations when the School of Communication and Culture is the grant recipient

What can you apply for?

You can apply for support to form networks and develop applications for external funding, for instance to establish networks with international partners, set up consortia, host international workshops and prepare major applications. In exceptional circumstances, an internal workload reduction is granted (max. 50 hours) relating to part of your teaching commitment. This is an option when the formation of a network is deemed to require exceptional efforts (for instance the establishment of brand-new partnerships outside academia).

If you have any questions about specific activities or budgets, please contact research consultant Pernille Roholt (pero@cc.au.dk).

[Application guidelines and application form.](#)

Deadline for submission to research consultant Pernille Roholt: 15 November 2021.

EUopStart

Deadline: 2 November 2021 at 12:00

Public and private research institutions are once again invited to apply for grants to strengthen Danish participation in European research and innovation. Grants are available to cover salaries, consultant fees and travelling expenses.

Role in application	Max. grant
Partner	DKK 50,000
Coordinator	DKK 75,000

[Read more about EUopStart here.](#)

Workshop for ERC Starting Grant applicants (deadline 13 January 2022)

12 October at 12:30-16:00.

Arts and BSS, Aarhus University: This hands-on, peer-to-peer workshop is intended to help you prepare for your application to the ERC StG call for the 13 January 2022 deadline.

[Read more about the workshop and sign up here.](#)

Workshop for ERC Consolidator Grant applicants (17 March 2022 deadline)

26 October at 12:00-15:30.

Arts and BSS, Aarhus University: This hands-on, peer-to-peer workshop is intended to help you prepare for your application to the ERC CoG call for the 17 March 2022 deadline.

[Read more about the workshop and sign up here.](#)

Are you interested in visiting a company, organisation or upper-secondary school?

Deadline: 1 November 2021.

With a view to strengthening our links with the university's external partners, tenured academic staff now have the opportunity to apply for a workload reduction to visit a company, organisation or upper-secondary school for 1-2 months in 2021.

There are two objectives: (1) increasing our knowledge of the labour market outside the university, for which many of our students are preparing; and (2) creating a sound foundation for external partnerships which can generate new ideas for projects providing potential solutions for some of the challenges facing companies, organisations and upper-secondary schools.

This initiative should be seen in connection with the faculty's other forms of collaboration with external partners, including jointly funded research, PhD students working for companies, project placements and case competitions.

The deadline for applications is 1 November 2021. You will find the application form and guidelines here: ([Virksomhedsophold for VIP \(au.dk\)](#))

Research projects and notification requirements

If you handle personal data in your research projects, you need to register these projects in AU's internal project register.

It is important that you register your project and familiarise yourself with the guidelines for handling personal data in all types of project. This applies not only to large, externally funded projects, but also to small projects carried out in your own research time.

[You will find the guidelines for research projects and notification requirements here.](#)

NEWS ABOUT THE SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION AND CULTURE

Aarhus University to host ECREA 2022 – 9th European Communication Conference

The Department of Media and Journalism Studies at the School of Communication and Culture, together with the European Communications Research and Education Association (ECREA) and the Danish School of Media and Journalism (DMJX), will host the 9th European Communication Conference in 2022 in Aarhus (Denmark).

[Read more about the conference](#) and [see the welcome video here](#).

Call for IT developer support; Deadline 5 November

NetLab's eighth and final call for IT developer support has now been announced.

NetLab offers a number of weeks of full-time IT developer support for Danish researchers who study web phenomena relating to live web, existing web archives and web archiving. NetLab is part of the national Danish DIGHUMLAB infrastructure, supporting researchers who want to study the web either as material which needs to be archived, or as material found in existing archives such as the national Danish archive (Netarkivet, which has archived the entire Danish web since 2005), or the American Internet Archive.

- [Examples of previous projects which have received NetLab's IT developer support since 2018 can be seen on this site](#)
- [You will find the call here](#)

Aesthetic seminar, autumn 2021

[Programme for the aesthetic seminar this autumn](#)

Workshop focusing on a new area of research: media and climate

The Nordic Anthropocene Media open workshop was held at Aarhus University on Monday 20 September 2021.

The workshop launched a process of collaboration across national borders, as well as establishing a group to work with environmental media and journalism studies at Aarhus University.

[You can read more about the Nordic Anthropocene Media workshop here](#)

[More news about the school](#)

Introductory webinars for Workzone – AU’s record-keeping system

If you still haven’t registered for one of the compulsory introductory webinars for Workzone, please check out [the link for registration on our Workzone website](#)

APPOINTMENTS

Andreas Højlund has been appointed to the position of assistant professor at the Department of Linguistics, Cognitive Science and Semiotics for the period 01.08.2021-31.07.2026

Anna Zamm has been appointed to the position of assistant professor at the Department of Linguistics, Cognitive Science and Semiotics for the period 01.09.2021-31.08.2026

Kristoffer Friis Bøegh has been appointed to the position of researcher at the Peter Skautrup Centre for the period 01.10.2021-30.09.2024

Rina Vijayasundaram has been appointed to the position of research assistant at the Department of Digital Design and Information Studies for the period 15.08.2021-14.08.2022

Berit Merete Kjærulff has been appointed to the position of research assistant at the Department of Comparative Literature and Rhetoric for the period 01.09.2021-31.12.2021

Kirstine Christensen has been appointed to the position of research assistant at DATALAB for the period 13.09.2021-31.12.2021

Søren Elmholt Andersen has been appointed to an administrative position at the Danish National Centre for Foreign Languages for the period 01.09.2021-30.11.2021

NEWS FROM THE FACULTY OF ARTS AND AARHUS UNIVERSITY

Strategy follow-up 2020 for the Faculty of Arts

In December 2019 Aarhus University finalised its strategy for 2020-2025, and the Faculty of Arts strategy followed in June 2020. The faculty has now completed its review of the first year. [You will find more information about this here.](#)

Political decision to decentralise degree programmes: Internal management discussions off to a good start

By the turn of the year, AU needs to submit a plan for relocating or cutting up to 10% of its student places before 2030.

Rector Brian Bech Nielsen underlines that this is no easy task, but AU has planned a process which starts with discussions between the Rector's Office and the deans.

The senior management team will involve the academic councils, the main liaison committee and the management before the board approves the plan, which will then be submitted to the ministry and the parties involved in the agreement.

[The article about decentralising degree programmes and the internal discussions can be seen here.](#)

Digital system makes it simpler and more secure to manage research data

A new digital system is on its way to AU's researchers – a system that will make it easier to manage research data throughout the entire research process. [You will find more information about the digital system here.](#)

New website with GDPR guidelines for research

The administrative staff work hard to help our researchers comply with requirements relating to information security, including GDPR. As mentioned previously, we regularly highlight specific aspects of information security and GDPR. Last time, our focus was information security and remote work.

This time, we're focusing on GDPR guidelines for research.

In this connection, AU's Data Protection Unit has developed a new website on GDPR guidelines for researchers who handle personal data in their research.

This website, which is updated regularly, was launched shortly before the summer holiday. Please help to ensure that the researchers in your department are aware of the existence of the new website, which contains information about the procedures they need to follow in order to comply with the demands of GDPR.

The website contains general guidelines that are applicable to researchers throughout the university. Please try to include this material in the way your department deals with the GDPR guidelines.

AU's data protection officer, Søren Broberg Nielsen, visited the Research Committee on 16 September to discuss how researchers can get the most out of the material on the website.

[You can visit the website on GDPR guidelines for research here](#)

Settling your expense account in RejsUd

The RejsUd Support Team is reducing the number of expense categories in the RejsUd system with a view to making it easier to use the system in future. It would help the implementation of this simplified structure a great deal if you settled as many of your expenses as possible before the end of the month.

[Here are the guidelines.](#) If you need any help, please ask your department secretaries or [the RejsUd Support Team](#).

It's time for staff development dialogues once again

All our staff and managers will be conducting annual staff development dialogues (SDDs) this autumn. The SDD is your opportunity to discuss your job, results, well-being and competence development with your manager. [You will find more information about SDDs here.](#)

Events on Faculty of Arts premises

Arts Building Services have updated the site about [using premises at the Faculty of Arts](#) for academic and academic/social events arranged by and for staff and students respectively.



Join the AU RUN 2021

Join the AU RUN 2021 – the coolest fun run at Aarhus University! There are two routes in the University Park (5 or 10 km), and there'll be goodie bags containing T-shirts and much more. The AU RUN 2021 will help to underline that Aarhus University is a great place to work and study.

You can sign up here: <https://www.sportstiming.dk/profile/login/?from=%2fevent%2f9499>

The registration deadline is 28 September. The AU RUN has been organised by Aarhus University Sport, the Student Council at Aarhus University and Studenterhus Aarhus. The aim is to promote a sense of well-being among both staff and students.

COUNCILS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Board of Studies at the School of Communication and Culture

You will find recent minutes and agendas from the Board of Studies on the **Board of Studies website**.

Academic Council

- [You will find the Academic Council's website here.](#)
- [You will find the latest minutes \(22 June\) from the Academic Council here.](#)

The school's liaison committees and occupational health and safety committees

[You will find the latest minutes and agendas from the school's liaison committees, occupational health and safety committees and other local committees here.](#)

THE NEWSLETTER

The newsletter is published once or twice a month. The English version of the newsletter is available as soon as possible after the Danish version. The next newsletter is scheduled to be published on 14 October.

Please send any input for the newsletter to nyhedsbrev@cc.au.dk.

You will find previous newsletters and a link to help you register for the mailing list on the school's staff portal: [MIKK](#). All employees at the School of Communication and Culture receive the newsletter, and external subscribers can unsubscribe via the link below.
