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# The PhD programme in Herning

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How to become a PhD student at the Department of Business Development  
and Technology, Aarhus BSS, Aarhus University, Denmark



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### Getting started

There are different ways to become a PhD student at the Department of Business Development and Technology (BTECH). The main approaches are described below.

BTECH accepts applications within natural and social science, or an integration of the two. Technical, economic or social change are key elements in most projects. The existing portfolio of PhD projects spans multiple methodological approaches and levels of analysis, and, typically, they combine theory with practice. You can find descriptions of BTECH's current PhD projects [here](#).

The best PhD project proposals are obtained when applicants contact a potential supervisor early in the process, preferably three to six months before applying in order to enhance the quality of the application and ensure a fit between the PhD project and the research conducted at BTECH.

The PhD programme at BTECH is part of Aarhus BSS Graduate School, and applications must be submitted to this programme. You can read more about the Aarhus BSS Graduate School [here](#).

### Full scholarships

Full scholarships are available in open competition biannually. Applications are accepted in January/February and August/September. Successful applicants will be notified after three months (late April or November). Full scholarships cover all expenses related to the PhD study, including salary and tuition fee.

The application process starts [here](#).

### Industrial PhD

The Industrial PhD programme funded by Innovation Fund Denmark ('Innovationsfonden') acts as a catalyst for collaboration between the candidate, the candidate's company and BTECH. Both private companies and public organisations can apply for an Industrial PhD scholarship, and the applying organisation does not need to have a 'named' candidate in order to apply.

In this programme, the company covers the candidate's salary, which must correspond to the salary of a university-employed PhD student under the AC collective agreement (i.e. the Danish 'AC-overenskomst'). Depending on seniority, the pay range is DKK 30,000 to 37,000/month. The company will receive salary reimbursement from Innovation Fund Denmark, corresponding to DKK 17,000/month (2019 prices). Innovation Fund Denmark covers the tuition fee and costs associated with the compulsory research stay abroad. The company must cover all remaining costs such as costs of personal equipment, e.g. computer, software and other equipment important for implementing the project. Read more about the industrial PhD [here](#).

The application process starts by contacting the Head of Programme Torben Andersen, [toa@btech.au.dk](mailto:toa@btech.au.dk). Please note that the company is responsible for the application to Innovation Fund Denmark.

### Self-financed and company-funded candidates

A self-financed or company-funded candidate can be enrolled in the PhD programme if the candidate satisfies the admission requirements, if there is a supervisory capacity at BTECH, and if there is a fit between the PhD project and the research at BTECH. The tuition fee (2019 prices) is DKK 318,000, which covers internal courses, supervision and the defence. The tuition fee does not cover salary, conference participation, workshops outside Aarhus University, and costs related to the compulsory research stay abroad. These additional costs may range up to DKK 250,000.

The application process starts by contacting the Head of Programme Torben Andersen, [toa@btech.au.dk](mailto:toa@btech.au.dk). For detailed information about the enrolment procedure, please see the road map below.

### Road map

If you are a self-financed or company-funded candidate and meet the [admission requirements](#) of the PhD programme, you can apply for admission as a PhD student at BTECH. The application process is illustrated below.

