CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
Deadline 15 January 2021
Aarhus Institute of Advanced Studies (AIAS)

AIAS-COFUND Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellowships
Aarhus Institute of Advanced Studies (AIAS) is pleased to announce that up to 15 AIAS-COFUND fellowships are available for the most talented researchers from around the world. The scheme is funded by the European Union’s Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation Programme under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions (grant agreement no 754513) and Aarhus University Research Foundation.

Why apply
AIAS hosts curiosity-driven and independent research for excellent scholars from all disciplines and focuses exclusively on research excellence and training of research talent. A fellowship at AIAS offers researchers a unique opportunity to pursue their own research project and to collaborate with the research environments at Aarhus University and the inspiring international and multidisciplinary community at AIAS, which is located within the Aarhus University campus.

The AIAS-COFUND II Programme is for both junior and senior researchers who are seeking to enhance their understanding of methodologies and approaches of their own and other scientific disciplines and to explore these approaches, thus making cross-disciplinary inspiration and initiatives possible.

The Programme also provides career development opportunities, especially for young talented researchers, by offering both academic mentorship and career development in transferable skills as well as the opportunity to organize multidisciplinary and international conferences.

The AIAS-COFUND II Fellowship Programme
The programme encompasses two types of fellowships that both include a full salary and a minor contribution to research expenses:

• **AIAS-COFUND Junior Fellowships** for postdoctoral researchers with a career experience of 2-10 years. Fellowship duration: 12-36 months.

• **AIAS-COFUND Senior Fellowships** for researchers with a career experience of 10+ years. Fellowship duration: 6-18 months.

Please note: Fellowships of 36 months can only commence in October 2021. Years of research experience are counted from the date of completion of the PhD as stated on the PhD diploma.
Who can apply
The target group of the Programme is talented researchers at all career stages with a PhD and a minimum of two years of fulltime postdoctoral research experience at the time of the application deadline. Applicants must comply with a mobility demand:

- Applicants must not have resided or carried out their main activities (work etc.) for more than 12 months in Denmark in the 3 years immediately prior to the call deadline. Time spent as part of a procedure for obtaining refugee status under the Geneva Convention, compulsory national service and/or short stays such as holidays are not taken into account.

How to apply
Applications must be submitted online via: www.efond.dk/aias.
Read more about the detailed requirements to the application and how to use the online application system in the ‘Guide for Applicants’. The guide can be found on: https://aias.au.dk/opportunities-at-aias/aiasfellowships/aias-cofund-fellowships/. Please note that applications that do not meet the administrative criteria concerning mandatory documents and allowed number of pages will not be considered.

When to apply
- Deadline for application: 15 January 2021 at 12.00 (noon) CET.

Timeline of application process
- Deadline for applications: 15 January 2021 at 12.00 (noon) CET.
- Applicants will receive answers: June 2021.
- Fellowship periods begin: 1 October 2021 or 1 February 2022.

For more information about the process, guidelines or the application system, please contact Programme Manager, Helle Villekold at helle@aias.au.dk or by phone +45 87 15 35 58.

Formalities
- Regarding the recruitment process, AIAS refers to the Danish Ministerial Order on the appointment of academic staff at universities under the Danish Ministry of Higher Education and Science.
- Appointment and salary are subject to agreement between the Ministry of Finance and The Danish Confederation of Professional Associations (AC).
- For further information on qualification requirements and job descriptions, please refer to Memorandum on job structure for academic staff at Danish Universities.

AIAS strives to create not only a multidisciplinary, but also an inclusive academic environment and applications are welcome regardless of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, gender and disability.

About AIAS
The mission of the Aarhus Institute of Advanced Studies (AIAS) is to advance highest quality research at Aarhus University (AU) by attracting talented, highly qualified fellows worldwide and within all disciplines. Fellows are proved ideal opportunities to further develop their research in short to long fellowship periods by ensuring fellows' participation in various kinds of collaboration and exchange with researchers, research groups and advanced students at AU and abroad. Read more on: www.aias.au.dk

About Aarhus University
As a top 100 university on several rankings, Aarhus University offers an inspiring education and research environment for 38,000 students and 8,000 employees, ensuring results of a high international standard. The university's strategy and development contract are available on: http://international.au.dk/