

**Collaboration between
Minister of Education, Chile
National Commission for Scientific and Technological Research, Chile
and University of Aarhus, Denmark**

Agreement

Ministry of Education, Chile (referred to hereafter as "the Minister"), The National Commission for Scientific and Technological Research, Chile (referred to hereafter as CONICYT) and University of Aarhus, Denmark (referred to hereafter as AU) have in the Letter of Intent signed the 20 April 2007 by the Minister, CONICYT and the Danish Ambassador to Chile agreed to prepare a document describing the offer of doctoral fellowships for Chilean PhD students at AU.

Number of fellowships:

The intention is to offer a total of eight PhD scholarships.

Duration of agreement:

2007-2015

Fields of Studies:

PhD study programmes are available at the Aarhus Graduate School of Science (AGSoS), Faculty of Science, AU. AGSoS offers PhD programmes in the following fields:

Applied Mathematics

Astronomy

Chemistry

Computer Science

Bio Geo Sciences

Bioinformatics

Biological Sciences

Earth Sciences

Engineering

History of Science

Mathematics

Medical Chemistry

Molecular Biology

Molecular Medicine

Nanoscience

Physics

Science Education

Sport Sciences

Further, studies will administratively be affiliated to one of faculty's departments/centres:

Department of Mathematical Sciences

Department of Computer Science

Department of Physics and Astronomy

Department of Chemistry

Department of Molecular Biology

Department of Biology

Department of Earth Sciences

The Steno Institute

Department of Sport Science

iNANO- interdisciplinary Nanoscience Centre

Length of Studies:

The PhD studies at AU can be 3 or 4 years. Description of different lengths of studies:

4 years of Ph studies:

The student is enrolled in the PhD programme at Aarhus Graduate School of Science after 4 years of full time university studies. The duration of the PhD studies is four years (4 years' PhD studies on top of 4 years' graduate studies, 4+4). PhD training is divided into 2 years for Part A and 2 years for Part B. The student must pass a Mid-term Review after Part A to be able to continue the studies in Part B. The public defence of the PhD dissertation finalises Part B of PhD studies.

3 years of PhD studies:

The student is enrolled in the PhD programme with a Master's degree and will be accredited the last year of the Master's studies. The PhD programme will therefore be only 3 years (5+3). PhD training is divided into 1 1/2 years for Part A and 1 1/2 years for Part B. The student must pass a Mid-term Review after Part A to be able to continue the studies in Part B. The public defence of the PhD dissertation finalises Part B of PhD studies.

Application procedure:

PhD applicants will apply to CONICYT. The applicants will apply on two application forms, one from CONICYT (in Spanish, online) and one from AU (in English, special form only for Chilean students applying through CONICYT).

Application form at AU (special form only for Chilean students applying through CONICYT):

The application form at AU must include:

- Curriculum vitae
- Documentation of qualifications. As a minimum documentation for the university degrees obtained with the most recent print-out of the grades/transcripts. English translations are required for documents that are written in languages other than Scandinavian and English.
- A letter describing motivation for applying

- English test
- A description of the research interests or if applicable a project description
- If available - suggestions for one or more supervisors
- 3 recommendations (e.g. from teachers during the undergraduate studies)

Selection procedure:

CONICYT will select qualified PhD applicants and make a prioritised list of applicants including a short description of applicants. CONICYT will send the applications and the list of prioritisation to AU. AU will find suitable supervisors for the PhD applicants provided that a supervisor is available in the specific field of study.

The PhD Programme committee will review the applications, and will inform to the applicants the results of the evaluation. The selected students will start their PhD studies as soon as the visa request procedure allows it.

If less than eight students were selected at the first call for applications in 2007/2008, additional calls may take place later.

Admission at AU:

The application will be reviewed by the UA Departmental PhD Committees. The review involves a thorough assessment of qualifications of the student and the recommendations provided by the teachers. The student's ability to study is very important and consequently, the grades and the time spent on studies are important evaluation parameters. After reviewing the PhD applications, the PhD Programmes, the Departmental PhD Committees make up a prioritised list of nominees including suggested supervisors and possible merit transfers. The Graduate School PhD Committee then reviews each nominee and awards the scholarships. Final approval is given by the Dean.

Scholarships:

AU Monthly allowance: The 8 Chilean PhD students will each receive an AU Monthly Allowance. The amount will be determined in order to assure that the Chilean PhD students get a net income which as a minimum equals the net income of a Danish PhD students following Part A PhD programme. The supplementary AU Monthly Allowance is paid by AU directly to the Chilean students. The AU Monthly Allowance will be paid directly to the students in monthly payments and can be subject to tax payment.

The Danish tax authorities will consult on the tax related issues and an appendix to this agreement will be prepared stating the allowance resulting from this agreement.

If grantees are subject to tax payments the AU Monthly Allowance will be increased accordingly to cover such payments.

Tuition fees:

The tuition fee is EUR 16,100 per year. AU will cover 100% of the annual tuition fee per student. The tuition fee facilitates full or partly coverage of PhD project related expenses (e.g. participation in PhD courses and conferences, laboratory expenses, office facilities including computer, library access, field work, etc.) and PhD administration expenses (e.g. PhD examination, travel and accommodation for PhD committee members, PhD certificate etc.).

Travel expenses:

AU shall furthermore cover the international travel expenses of the students between Chile and Denmark (round-trip ticket Chile - Denmark on economy class maximum EUR 1400. per each one-way ticket, two trips) and EUR 400 each way for shipping or personal belongings (two times).

Insurance:

Health insurance

The Chilean will be covered by the National Health Insurance scheme after six week residence in Denmark. The Chilean students will need a health insurance covering the first six week of their stay in Denmark. This health insurance will be covered by AU (approx. 200 EUR).

Insurance for accident, third party liability, and theft of personal effects during stay in Denmark will covered by the students themselves.

Conditions during childbirth and prolonged illness:

CONICYT-scholarship and AU monthly Allowance will be paid during childbirth and prolonged illness up to 6 months. The total study time will furthermore be prolonged with additional 6 month.

Conditions for prolonged absences:

CONICYT grantees that might need to leave Denmark for a period of time up to six months must send a formal note to CONICYT in advance.

When the absence period is longer than six months, grantees must request special authorization from CONICYT and must hold a written authorization from his/her PhD supervisor or PhD Program Coordinator.

Extensions:

Extensions must be requested via letter addressed to the CONICYT Fellowships Program Director explaining the reasons for the petition, and must be accompanied by a support letter signed by the student's supervisor. Further documents might be requested by CONICYT.

Signatures for agreement

CONICYT, Chile

Date: 31.01.08



Vivian Heyl, President

University of Aarhus, Denmark

Date: 11.02.08



Lauritz Holm-Nielsen, Rector

Aarhus Graduate School of Science, AU

Date: 13/2/08



Mogens Nielsen, Director of PhD studies

APPENDIX A
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Financing scheme

4 years PhD studies:

Total PhD expenses for 4 years: EUR 135.000

The total expenses include CONICYT-scholarship (EUR 48.000), AU Monthly Allowance (EUR 18.600), Tuition fee (EUR 64.400), travel expenses and initial health insurance (EUR 4.000). AU covers approx. 64% PhD costs for students enrolled in a four years PhD programme.

The total expenses area calculated based on tax exemption. The AU Monthly Allowance can be increased in the CONICIT-scholarship and AU Monthly Allowance is subject to tax payment.

The AU Monthly Allowance will be higher in the two last years of the PhD education

3 years of PhD studies:

Total PhD expenses for 3 years: EUR 106.300

The total expenses include CONICYT-scholarship (EUR 36.000), AU Monthly Allowance (EUR 18.000), Tuition fee (EUR 48.300), travel expenses and initial health insurance (EUR 4.000). AU covers approx 66 % of PhD costs for students enrolled in a three years PhD programme.

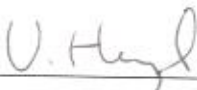
The total expenses are calculated based on tax exemption. The AU Monthly Allowance can be increased if the CONICYT scholarship and AU Monthly Allowance is subject to tax.

The AU Monthly Allowance is distributed even during the three years of PhD studies.

Signatures for financial scheme:

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