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.

1. Grant type
As part of the time-limited partnership agreement DAHES has acquired “Visiting Slots” (fellowships) at MIT that must be completed before 31st of December 2022. Thus DAHES invites PhD students, faculty members, and scientists employed by a Danish university or a Danish public research institution to submit applications for the following:

- Fellowships for PhD students for a term of up to 6 months in the period 1st of May 2022 to 31st of December 2022

OR

- Fellowships for faculty members and scientists for a term of up to 8 months in the period 1st of May 2022 to 31st of December 2022.

1.1. Visiting fellowship at MIT
The membership fee acquired by DAHES will cover the expenses of visiting researchers at MIT. Fellows from Denmark will accordingly fund their own lodging and living expenses, whilst assuming responsibility for their own salaries, benefits, health insurances, preparations for visa applications, etc.

2. Assessment criteria
The present call is open to PhD students, faculty members, and scientists employed by a Danish university or a Danish public research institution. 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.

Applicants will be evaluated by DAHES and MIT on the basis of the assessment criteria.
It should be stressed that the purpose of the partnership program 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 program is expected to be commensurate with that of MIT’s core researchers.

3. 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 program. 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 Reserarch Database (www.forskningsdatabasen.dk) (partly in English) and on the homepage of the Danish Agency for Higher Education and Science (www.ufm.dk).

4. 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 CV 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 requested 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.

5. Deadline
The call will be open for applications until 1st of December 2022. The granting of visiting months for suitable candidates is assigned according to the first-come-first-served principle until all the fellowship months have been occupied.

DAHES reserves the right to close the call for further applications before the above-mentioned deadline if the “Visiting Slots” have been occupied.

Applicants will be notified shortly after the decision.

6. Contact information
The program will be administrated by DAHES. For further information please contact:

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