

Financing PhD studies at Science and Technology

The budget plan for 2013 has now been finalised, and this means changes in some cases compared with previous budgets. The most significant change is that the departments are now independent economic units. Another important matter is that the need for greater coverage of indirect costs has been highlighted. The consequences of these changes as regards PhD studies are described below.

The methods and changes apply to all PhD students from the February 2013 intake, i.e. the round of applications with a deadline of 1 February 2013. Finance agreements entered into prior to this date are not affected.

In brief, the following conditions apply in future:

- Co-financing from the Graduate School of Science and Technology (GSST) is transferred to the departments as a fixed subsidy of DKK 500,000 per full-time equivalent for students with a Master's degree. This amount covers an average payroll cost of DKK 400,000, a buffer for additional expenses in connection with illness and parental leave of DKK 20,000, and tuition fees of DKK 80,000. The subsidy for students without a Master's degree amounts to half of the above figures. GSST thus no longer pays a percentage of salaries (as was the case at the former Faculty of Science), but provides the department with a fixed subsidy instead.
- The distribution of co-financing over a time period is finally determined via financing forms in connection with the round of admissions. Co-financing can be paid out as one third per year, for example, or as the entire subsidy in year one.
- Tuition fees are charged by the department's controller's office for external projects (DKK 80,000 per year per student with a Master's degree, and half per student without a Master's degree). As a rule, projects that require the payment of tuition fees are the projects that pay the PhD student's salary. Tuition fees from external projects are sent to the department.
- GSST charges the departments an annual subscription fee of DKK 30,000 per student with a Master's degree (half per student without a Master's degree).

- GSST covers expenses connected with assessments, screening grants, advertising, introductory days, events, generic courses, etc. Assessment expenses include fees, accommodation and travel expenses incurred by the assessors. This means that GSST does not pay for printing dissertations, holding receptions, etc.
- The department must ensure that the necessary resources are available for the PhD student to complete a PhD degree in accordance with the student's PhD plan. In addition to funds for completing the PhD project, this includes resources for office space or workstations, up-to-date laptops, and participation in conferences and travel activities. The department must also ensure that relevant professional PhD courses are held.
- The department is responsible for additional expenses in connection with illness and parental leave.

Kind regards

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