

Admission procedure without announcement

If a PhD applicant has received or is going to apply for funding for a PhD project, it is possible to apply for admission without announcing a PhD project.

Please note, that this is only a possibility if the PhD applicant fulfills one of the three options:

- 1) A grant **issued directly to the PhD applicant of at least 50 per cent of the salary for a PhD and study fee** (including PhD applicant paid by a Company or under the Industrial PhD Scheme). In addition, the remaining funding needs to be secured as well.
- 2) A government scholarship from the PhD applicants home country (for instance China Scholarship Council, CSC)
- 3) A PhD education and study fee paid entirely by the PhD applicant

Please note that any of the three listed solutions requires that there is an agreement with a supervisor regarding a PhD project. It is the supervisor, who shall contact the graduate school to get the admission procedure initiated.

To have a PhD applicant assessed for admission without an announcement, please send the following to admission.gradschool.tech@au.dk

- 1) Name and e-mail address of the PhD applicant
- 2) E-mail confirmation from your project economist that there is secured funding (tuition etc.) for the entire PhD project period.

The graduate school will hereafter send a link to the PhD applicant directing the applicant to the application form. The applicant is to send an e-mail to admission.gradschool.tech@au.dk when the application has been submitted.

Please find relevant information on how to apply including mandatory attachments here: [Application guide](#).

Evaluation of applicants

GSTS will carry out a legality check, i.e. check whether the applicant meets the language skills requirements. If the applicant fails to meet the language skills requirements, the applicant will not be forwarded for further assessment.

When the legality check has been completed, the applicants will be forwarded to the programme committee who make the academic recommendation.

On the basis of the academic recommendations, the Admission Committee and the Head of PhD school will decide whether or not the applicant is to be offered a PhD position.

If the applicant has been assessed qualified for admission contingent on securing the suggested funding, the administration will send a conditional PhD offer to the candidate.

If the admission offer is contingent upon obtaining funding from CSC, GSTS will in addition make an invitation letter for the applicant, which is needed in connection with the CSC application in China.