

## Professor of Museology, Aarhus University

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The School of Communication and Culture at Aarhus University invites applications for the position of professor of museology based at the Department of Art History, Aesthetics & Culture and Museology.

The appointment is full time and tenured and begins on 1/6/2022 or as soon as possible thereafter.

The School of Communication and Culture is committed to diversity and encourages all qualified applicants to apply regardless of their personal background.

### The position

The position is located at the Department of Art History, Aesthetics & Culture and Museology. There is close collaboration across aesthetic disciplines and study programmes in the department, including the Bachelor's supplementary subject in museology: curating and cultural heritage, and the professional Master in Curating. The department houses the research Center for Museology and the research programme in museology.

We are looking for an applicant who can consolidate and develop the department's strong museological research tradition and teaching environment and play a leading role in e.g., the research programme for museology and the Center for Museology. We prioritise applicants who will engage in the cross-disciplinary research and teaching environment that characterises museology at Aarhus University and who can preferably also contribute to courses in dissemination practices and theories, culture and organisational analysis in the Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes in art history.

In sum, we are looking for an innovative and dedicated researcher with a strong academic record of accomplishment who will deliver research of the highest international standard, pursue research funding from external funding bodies, and contribute to teaching and supervising students on all degree levels. The successful applicant is expected to take a leading role in managing and developing the department's research and educational activities as well as in collaborating nationally and internationally with a range of external partners.

### Research

The Department of Art History, Aesthetics & Culture and Museology at Aarhus University has a pronounced and significant national and international profile and a robust research network especially within the Nordic countries. The department's museological research and research activities

are primarily organised around the research programme in museology; please see the programme's homepage for further information.

The successful applicant will be expected to take a leading role in developing research in the field of museology, as well as publishing original peer-reviewed research at the highest international level and making significant scholarly contributions to theoretical and thematic developments within the field.

The successful applicant will also be expected to contribute to research initiatives in relation to both the field of museology and the research community at the department in terms of new collaborative research projects with internal and external partners, and in connection with external research funding. To that end, the successful applicant will be expected to demonstrate research leadership as well as taking the lead in applying for international research funding and developing international research networks.

#### Teaching and supervision

We are looking for applicants who have solid experience of teaching and supervision at university level as well as course, curriculum and degree programme development in the field of museology and related courses in the Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes in art history.

The successful applicant will be expected to take part in the department's teaching and supervision activities and to teach and supervise on the department's Bachelor's, Master's and PhD degree programmes, particularly in the BA supplementary subject in museology: curating and cultural heritage and BA and MA degree programmes in art history.

Please indicate in your application which courses you could teach. The successful applicant will be expected to apply innovative teaching methods, and to be the driving force in the ongoing development of degree programmes within the field of museology. In this connection, experience of degree programme development at universities or similar institutions will be an advantage. The successful applicant will be expected to teach in English as well as Danish.

#### Talent development

We are looking for applicants who have experience of supervising students at both BA and MA levels as well as supervising and helping to develop the careers of early-career researchers (PhD students, postdocs and assistant professors). The successful applicant will be expected to perform all these tasks, as well as recruiting and supervising PhD students and participating in the development and implementation of PhD courses within the field.

#### Knowledge exchange

It is expected that the successful applicant will engage in knowledge exchange, for instance in terms of research collaboration with private companies, government consultancy, collaboration with civil society, and the public dissemination of knowledge. The successful applicant is also expected to take part in public debates in areas related to the position.

The successful applicant will have excellent opportunities to engage in relevant collaborative initiatives with partners inside and outside Aarhus University.

#### Qualifications

Applicants must document a PhD degree or equivalent qualifications in a relevant field related to museology as well as teaching and research experience commensurate with that attained through an associate professorship. Applicants must document, relevant to the position:

- a record of original peer-reviewed articles and monographs at an international level which have contributed to developments within museology
- a record of accomplishment with regard to research management and the attraction of external research funding
- experience of participation in international research collaboration
- participation in both national and international research networks
- extensive, relevant teaching and supervision competences and experience at BA, MA and PhD level as well as experience of curriculum development
- extensive competences in and experience of supervision and the career development of early-career researchers (PhD students, postdoc students and assistant professors) and the development of PhD courses
- a significant record of accomplishment with regard to knowledge exchange

Finally, applicants are asked to provide a research plan for the next three years, as well as stating how they see themselves and the department contributing to future research developments within the field.

Please note that applications that do not include uploaded publications (maximum eight) will not be considered.

Although the Aarhus University application system includes an option to upload letters of recommendation, please do not include letters of recommendation or references with the application. Applicants who are invited to an interview may be asked to provide references.

#### Work environment

Active participation in the daily life of the department is a high priority, and we emphasise the importance of good working relationships, both among colleagues and with our students. In order to maintain and develop the department's excellent teaching and research environment, the successful applicant is expected to be present at the department on a daily basis.

We respect the balance between work and private life and strive to create a work environment in which this balance can be maintained. You can read more about family and work-life balance in Denmark.

#### International applicants

International applicants are encouraged to read about the attractive working conditions and other benefits of working at Aarhus University and in Denmark, including healthcare, paid holidays and, if relevant, maternity/paternity leave, childcare and schooling. Aarhus University offers a wide variety of services for international researchers and accompanying families, including a relocation service and career counselling for expat partners. You can also find information about the taxation aspects of international researchers' employment by AU.

An appointee who does not speak Danish will be required to acquire proficiency in Danish equiva-

lent to level B2 (CEFR) in order to handle tasks, including administrative and managerial responsibilities and to participate fully in the activities of the School of Communication and Culture within approximately three years of commencing the appointment. These include, but are not limited to, teaching and examining students, reading work-related texts and participating in meetings and collegial gatherings in Danish.

#### The department/section

The place of employment is the Department of Art History, Aesthetics & Culture and Museology, Langelandsgade 139, 8000 Aarhus C, Denmark.

Prospective applicants are invited to view the department's website.

#### School of Communication and Culture

The school is a part of the Faculty of Arts. You will find information about the school and its research programmes, departments, and diverse activities on its website.

#### Contact

For further information about the position, please contact head of department, Lise Skytte Jakobsen, [kunlsj@cc.au.dk](mailto:kunlsj@cc.au.dk).

If you need help uploading your application or have questions about the recruitment process, please contact Arts HR support by email: [hsi@au.dk](mailto:hsi@au.dk).

#### Qualification requirements

Applicants should hold a PhD or equivalent academic qualifications.

#### Formalities

- Faculty of Arts refers to the Ministerial Order on the Appointment of Academic Staff at Danish Universities (the Appointment Order).
- Appointment shall be in accordance with the collective labour agreement between the Danish Ministry of Finance and the Danish Confederation of Professional Associations.
- Further information on qualification requirements and job content may be found in the Memorandum on Job Structure for Academic Staff at Danish Universities .
- Further information on the application and supplementary materials may be found in Application Guidelines.
- The application must outline the applicant's motivation for applying for the position, attaching a curriculum vitae, a teaching portfolio, a complete list of published works, copies of degree certificates and no more than eight examples of academic production (mandatory). Please upload this material electronically along with your application.

If nothing else is noted, applications must be submitted in English. Application deadline is at 11.59 pm Danish time (same as Central European Time) on the deadline day.

Aarhus University's ambition is to be an attractive and inspiring workplace for all and to foster a culture in which each individual has opportunities to thrive, achieve and develop. We view equality and diversity as assets, and we welcome all applicants.

Shortlists may be prepared with the candidates that have been selected for a detailed academic assessment. A committee set up by the head of school is responsible for selecting the most qualified candidates. See this link for further information about shortlisting at the Faculty of Arts: [shortlisting](#)

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#### Faculty of Arts

The Faculty of Arts is one of five main academic areas at Aarhus University.

The faculty contributes to Aarhus University's research, talent development, knowledge exchange and degree programmes.

With its 550 academic staff members, 275 PhD students, 9,500 BA and MA students, and 1,500 students following continuing/further education programmes, the faculty constitutes a strong and diverse research and teaching environment.

The Faculty of Arts consists of the School of Communication and Culture, the School of Culture and Society and the Danish School of Education. Each of these units has strong academic environments and forms the basis for interdisciplinary research and education.

The faculty's academic environments and degree programmes engage in international collaboration and share the common goal of contributing to the development of knowledge, welfare and culture in interaction with society.

Read more at [arts.au.dk/en](http://arts.au.dk/en)

The application must be submitted via Aarhus University's recruitment system, which can be accessed under the job advertisement on Aarhus University's website.

#### Reference:

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