

3+5 Scheme - financing



The scheme is financed in the same manner and by the same grant donors that normally fund PhD programmes. The scheme is expected to cost the same as an ordinary three-year programme (approx. DKK 1.3 million) in the form of salary and operating expenses.

Costs – grant donor

Tuition, if any

Students from non-EU/EEA countries and Switzerland must pay tuition for enrolment in a Danish MSc programme. The annual cost of being enrolled in an MSc programme is DKK 77,500 (80% of the highest student FTE rate), and the money goes to the department.

The money cannot originate from public research funding, meaning that the universities are not allowed to fund the scheme themselves. The tuition must be paid by either external grant donors (private companies and foundations, foreign grant donors, students' own payment etc.) or via government student grants.

Remuneration of the student

In the period up to the completion of the MSc programme (Part A), the student is entitled to 48 PhD grant portions (ph.d.-SU klip) as well as being paid an hourly rate for 'duty work'. During the last two years, the student is employed as a PhD scholar in accordance with the collective agreement of the Danish Confederation of Professional Associations (AC) (*AC-overenskomsten*) (Part B).

PhD grant portions (ph.d.-SU klip)

In the period up to the completion of the MSc programme (up to three years), the student is entitled to so-called PhD grant portions. The grant portions are financed by the grant donor (department, research council, private companies etc.), but not by the Danish State Educational Grant and Loan Scheme Agency (as is the case for the ordinary study grant portions on the BSc and MSc programmes). They are called PhD grant portions because this kind of remuneration is regulated and described in the Executive Order on the State Educational Grant and Loan Scheme in Denmark (*SU-bekendtgørelsen*), and because the value of a PhD grant portion corresponds to the value of an ordinary Danish study grant portion. Students are awarded 48 PhD grant portions during the period of their MSc and PhD studies.

'Duty work'

As a supplement to the PhD grant portions, the student may, in accordance with the collective agreement of the Danish Confederation of Professional Associations (AC), be offered 'duty work'. In the period up to the completion of the MSc programme, students performing 'duty work' are paid by the hour.

UCPH has decided to offer students on integrated MSc and PhD schemes 150 hours of 'duty work' per year during Part A of the programme (until two years of the combined programme of study remain).

The 'duty work' is paid by the grant donor.

Salary in accordance with the collective agreement with the Danish Confederation of Professional Associations (AC)

In the period after the completion of the MSc programme, the student is employed as a PhD scholar and is remunerated in accordance with the collective agreement with the Danish Confederation of Professional Associations (AC). The scheme is arranged in such a way that students must graduate from the MSc programme at a time when there are two years left of the integrated programme. For this reason, the salary will only be paid for a period of two years in accordance with the collective agreement with the Danish Confederation of Professional Associations (AC).

Student's income

During Part A of the programme, the student's income will consist of PhD grant portions as well as hourly pay for 'duty work'. When one third of the PhD programme has been completed, and the MSc degree has been awarded, i.e. when two years of study remain, the student will be transferred to Part B and be employed as a PhD scholar in accordance with the collective agreement with the Danish Confederation of Professional Associations (AC).

On Part A, the student receives 48 PhD grant portions regardless of the duration of Part A, whereas the hourly pay for the 'duty work' will depend on the duration of Part A (the student is offered 150 hours per year). The student will be employed as a PhD scholar for precisely two years, corresponding to the prescribed period of study for Part B. This can be seen from the table below.

Remuneration over the five years of a five-year 3+5 programme

| | Part A, year 1 | Part A, year 2 | Part A, year 3 | Part B, year 4 | Part B, year 5 |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--|--|
| PhD grant portions | 12 PhD grant portions | 12 PhD grant portions | 24 PhD grant portions | | |
| 'Duty work' | Salary for 150 hours of work | Salary for 150 hours of work | Salary for 150 hours of work | | |
| Salary as a PhD scholar | | | | Salary in accordance with the AC agreement | Salary in accordance with the AC agreement |

If a student is entitled to receive the state education grant for MSc students, which is financed by the Danish state and administered by the State Educational Grant and Loan Scheme Agency, the student will also receive the state education grant for MSc students when the student is admitted to the integrated scheme. The disbursement continues until the grant portions run out.

MSc students whose cost of living are financed via a government student grant will not continue to receive this grant when they are admitted to an integrated MSc and PhD programme. They will be transferred to the above financing via PhD grant portions and hourly pay for 'duty work'.

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