BENEFITS WHEN HIRING AN INDUSTRIAL RESEARCHER

For the company
• Implementation of the newest research and knowledge tailored to your company’s challenges.
• Development of new tools and methods.
• Building a network within academia.
• Employ a specialist with salary subsidy from Innovation Fund Denmark.

For the student
• The possibility to carry out an application-oriented research project.
• Build a network outside the traditional university sector and obtain a career profile attractive within both academia and industry.
• Obtain knowledge and understanding of working within both academia and industry.
• As a bridge-builder between company and university you can contribute to the creation of new research collaborations.
WHY HIRE AN INDUSTRIAL RESEARCHER?

The Industrial Researcher programme is a unique opportunity to have a research project, tailored to specific needs and challenges, completed.

Your company gets a candidate who can complete a high-quality research project from which results can lead to commercial gain. Moreover, relations to existing and new contacts in academia will be strengthened.

The Industrial Researcher Programme invests in Industrial PhD and Postdoc projects. In both project types the candidate is employed in a private company and enrolled at, or collaborates with, the university. The candidate works on the same project at both places.

Innovation Fund Denmark finances part of the industrial researcher’s salary and project-related travel expenses as well as the university’s expenses for supervision, equipment and other project-related expenses.

How do we find a candidate?

- Reach out to relevant research groups at the Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics: http://mbg.au.dk/en/research/.
- The researchers can help spot talents, and make recommendations based on your project.
- Information meetings arranged by Innovation Fund Denmark where students and companies can meet.
- Advertise for a candidate as you would with any other position at your company.
- Publish the project in the LinkedIn group: Industrial Researcher – matchmaking.

Application process

**Industrial PhD:** The potential PhD student applies to the graduate school at Science and Technology, AU (GSST) and the company applies to Innovation Fund Denmark.

**Industrial postdoc:** The company applies to Innovation Fund Denmark

For application deadlines at Innovation Fund Denmark, see www.innovationsfonden.dk.

It is possible to apply for a project without a candidate. Read more at www.erhvervsforsker.dk.

A STRONG RESEARCH BASE AT AARHUS UNIVERSITY

The research at the Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics (MBG) at Aarhus University spans from basic to applied research within molecular biology and genetics. You can read more about the 12 research sections and find the individual researchers at http://mbg.au.dk/en/research/research-areas/.

The department has a long tradition for collaboration with small and medium sized companies in the biotech, medico, pharma, food and agricultural sector. http://mbg.au.dk/en/collaboration/industrial-collaboration/.

Lars Sørensen
Industrial PhD at Novo Nordisk:

“The industrial research programme is an excellent initiative. As a student it is great to be able to experience both the industrial and academic research environment.

It is a great challenge to implement and anchor the newest methodologies from academia within the company, but very gratifying when these methods can assist ongoing projects. Furthermore, I really enjoy when I have been able to introduce, or reintroduce, researchers from academia to those within the company thereby facilitating new collaborations.”