



Donation to support molecular biology and molecular medicine students

The department has received a donation of DKK 2.75 million from R. Rajagopal, who – at the request of Professor Poul Larsen – was employed at the then Department of Plant Physiology at Aarhus University (AU). Poul Larsen was a professor from 1967-76 at the Department of Plant Physiology, which in 1976 was merged with the Department of Molecular Biology under the name Department of Molecular Biology and Plant Physiology.

With this donation, R. Rajagopal wishes to honour Poul Larsen, who was also Rajagopal's supervisor at the University of Bergen, when he wrote a dissertation there.

The donation is intended to support molecular biology and molecular medicine students with an ethnic background other than Danish, as well as to support the exchange of Danish and foreign Bachelor, Master and PhD students.

Concrete support can be given to:

- 1) *Academically skilled students in molecular biology and molecular medicine at AU at Bachelor's or Master's level from families with an ethnic background other than Danish.*
A scholarship of DKK 20,000 can be applied for as support for the study in general. The application must come from the student him-/herself and contain a justification (family and possibly socio-economic background) as well as a description of academic interests, ambitions and career plans and a transcript of records must be attached.
Supervisor contact or support letter is not required.
- 2) *Students at Bachelor's or Master's level from a foreign university.*
The applicant can apply for support for research a stay of 1-3 months at the Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics (MBG) at Aarhus University, e.g. over the summer holidays or as an extension of an ERASMUS stay. The grant can be used for specific travel and subsistence expenses in connection with the stay. The student must not be enrolled at AU at the time of application. Each applicant can apply for up to DKK 20,000 in well-argued expenses. The applicant is the supervisor, who must be a group leader at MBG and enclose a letter of support.
- 3) *Organizers of scientific summer schools at the Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics.*
DKK 50,000 can be applied for to cover specific travel and subsistence expenses for foreign Bachelor, Master and PhD students from countries where it can be argued that participation would be difficult without financial support. The applicant is the organizer, who must be a group leader at MBG.

Application deadlines: 1 February, 1 May, 1 August and 1 November. Summer students must apply by 1 May. Decision within a month. Up to 15 grants are awarded per year.

To administer the grant, the department has set up a committee consisting of Ditlev Brodersen, Charlotte Rohde Knudsen, Claus Oxvig and Simona Radutoiu.

Applications must be submitted to Birgitte Larsen, MBG, blarsen@mbg.au.dk.

Application for admission of foreign students must contain the following information:

Name of student

Supervisor/group at MBG

Education + place + country

Degrees + expected degrees

Total stay in Denmark + project period (start/end)

1/2 page project description

Specified expenses

Letter of support from supervisor

Application for support for summer schools must contain the following information:

Name of applicant

Subject and scope of summer school

Expected number of participants

Budget for grants