

## Expression of interest - Ph.D. at the National Museum of Denmark?

**Deadline Sunday 3 May 2026, 11.59pm**

Expecting that the Independent Research Fund Denmark will again call for applications for *Non-university research education (PhD)* in the autumn 2026, we call for expressions of interest for hosting. The DFF call provides the possibility of applying for expenses to cover up to DKK 2.100.000 for a Ph.D. scholarship hosted at the National Museum. The museum can provide a hosting letter to a total of 3 applications. The three projects will be chosen through an internal process based on the incoming expressions of interest.

### Who can apply?

The formal requirement is that you have a master's degree by the time of submission of the expression of interest. Projects within all fields of research at the Museum are eligible.

### The expression of interest

The expression of interest must contain the following: **a)** project description (max. 900 words); **b)** letter of confirmation from co-supervisor from the National Museum; **c)** CV (1 page max.); **d)** list of publications (if relevant); **e)** transcripts of exam results (BA and MA) and graduation diploma; **f)** a letter of confirmation from the university researcher that you wish to be your main supervisor.

### Project description

The project description must describe the following:

1. What is the research question?
2. Why is it relevant?
3. How does the project relate to previous research and theory on the subject?
4. Which methods is used and why?

It is recommended that you involve your potential supervisors in the preparation of the project description

### Letter of confirmation from researcher from the National Museum and from main supervisor

As applicant you need to get support from a researcher from the National Museum, who must provide a letter of confirmation as co-supervisor. The letter of confirmation must also contain a description of how the project fits in the research environment of the department and with the overall strategies of the museum.

As the National Museum cannot provide the Ph.D. degree alone, you must enroll at a Ph.D. School, where the main supervisor is based. Therefore, you must provide a letter of confirmation from the university researcher, whom you wish to be your main supervisor.

### Reply and the following process

You can expect a reply sometime towards the end of May. If your project is chosen, you will be called to a start-up meeting with the head of research of the department and the research coordinator of the museum to plan the process towards the IRFD call deadline, which is expected to be in September 2026. (The call is not published until later this Spring)

*The expression should be forwarded as a single pdf file to research coordinator Thomas Grane [thomas.grane@natmus.dk](mailto:thomas.grane@natmus.dk). Due to GDPR regulations, please hide any CPR numbers on the documents. If you have any questions, please contact one of the heads of research listed below.*

### Research departments of the National Museum

*Prehistory, The Middle Age and Renaissance*

Head of research Michael Andersen [michael.andersen@natmus.dk](mailto:michael.andersen@natmus.dk)

*Modern History and World Cultures*

Head of research Christian Sune Pedersen [christian.sune.pedersen@natmus.dk](mailto:christian.sune.pedersen@natmus.dk)

*Environmental Archaeology and Materials Science*

Head of research Kristoffer Buck Pedersen [Kristoffer.buck.pedersen@natmus.dk](mailto:Kristoffer.buck.pedersen@natmus.dk)