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MEMO

Re: PhD students with cost-of-living grants from abroad

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With effect from 1 January 2023, the following principles will apply for enrolling PhD students with international cost-of-living grants on full programmes to earn a PhD degree:

1. PhD students with cost-of-living grants from abroad must pay a tuition fee
2. PhD students with cost-of-living grants from abroad must comply with a joint UCPH minimum model corresponding to two monthly SU grant portions (currently totalling DKK 12,794 per month).
3. Regardless of the funding source, UCPH does not offer hourly-paid employment in order to top up a cost-of-living grant that is lower than the minimum amount. Offering hourly-paid employment is only an option if the wage of such employment exceeds the minimum amount and is not taken from DR10 funds.

UCPH can still host guest PhD students on shorter stays. Guest students are not enrolled and will not earn their degree from UCPH.

UCPH must not cover tuition fees through DR10 funds or pay the fees via external funding. A cost-of-living grant that is lower than the minimum amount can be topped up via funds from, for example, private businesses, foundations or own savings that the students bring with them in order to obtain an income of the size of the minimum amount or higher. The existence of such funds must be documented for the first year in connection with enrolment.

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The new principles for PhD students with cost-of-living grants from abroad will contribute to greater clarity in relation to the financing of the individual PhD student's course of study and prevent UCPH from using (government) payroll funds to pay international PhD students' tuition fees. It is the responsibility of the PhD schools to ensure that the principles are upheld.

Commencement date

The principles come into force on 1 January 2023 and are applicable from the date on which the PhD school receives an application for enrolment and not from the actual date of enrolment. An enrolment application received by the PhD school on 15 December 2022 for enrolment as of 1 February 2023 will thus be subject to the existing UCPH model, which simply sets a minimum amount. Accordingly, an enrolment application received by the PhD school on 1 January 2023 will be subject to the new principles.

Interim arrangement

Until 31 December 2023, the head of the PhD school may grant dispensations based on individual case-by-case assessments. From 1 January 2024, dispensations will no longer be an option, and all new enrolments must comply with the principles.

Exception

To oblige the agreement between the University and the Ministry of Higher Education and Science concerning the Sino-Danish Centre, SDC, this agreement is excepted. Excepted are also students on flexible schemes (3+5 and 4+4), PhD students who pay themselves and double degree students who do not have UCPH as their home institution.