“The International Staff Office was a really helpful point of contact for us with a big international move. They were able to assist us with not only all the practical matters of moving, but also with important aspects of settling into a new culture and work environment for me and the whole family.”

Australian professor of economics, Aarhus BSS
WELCOME TO AU

The International Staff Office at Aarhus University offers international staff and their accompanying family members tools, resources and information to help make the experience of arriving, onboarding, and working at Aarhus University, as well as living in Denmark, a positive one.

We invite all staff and accompanying family members to participate in the activities and events we have organised for the upcoming semester. Our events provide participants with practical knowledge for living in Denmark and offer a comprehensive toolbox of information and resources for newcomers. The events also provide a good opportunity to engage with the local community through social interaction and networking.

Even if you’re not based in Aarhus, you can still participate in many of our online events.

As always, please feel free to contact us – we are here to help.

Have a great semester ahead!
NEW STAFF AT AU

All new international staff at Aarhus University can take advantage of special services that provide information and resources for a smooth transition to their new workplace.

GETTING STARTED IN DENMARK
During this event, new international staff and their accompanying family members are oriented and assisted during registration. Getting Started occurs twice a month.

DIGITAL WELCOME TO AARHUS UNIVERSITY
The Digital Welcome is the formal introduction to Aarhus University. You will learn about the university as an organisation and workplace, get a welcome by the rector, learn about the university history, and much, much more.

EMPLOYMENT AT AU INTRO WEBINAR
In this one-hour webinar you will get answers to some of the typical questions related to your employment. Topics covered in the webinar include: Pension, sickness, maternity/paternity leave, income taxation and more. The webinar is relevant for all newly employed international staff.

AU WORKPLACE IN FOCUS
Learn more about the AU workplace and get answers to typical questions about your professional life at the university. We will cover everything from everyday working practices, occupational health, and terms of employment to salary negotiations and workplace assessments – all during this two-hour session. Optional lunch and guided tour are included.

NEWCOMERS’ INFO EVENING
This event provides the necessary information and resources you need to get off to a good start with life in Aarhus. Whether you are planning to move or have recently arrived, this event is for you. Aarhus University, Aarhus Municipality and International Community host the event.

Further information and registration links at: www.staff.au.dk/newemployeeatau
“Everyone was extremely friendly and made the process very clear and straightforward. I really appreciate the effort put in to ensuring we have everything we need and the patience to guide us through the process.”

Participant at Getting Started 2022
EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES
CALENDAR

AUGUST

24  Newcomers’ Info Evening  17:00
26  Expat Reception 2023  15:00
30  Families in Aarhus  10:00

SEPTEMBER

01  Night Out  18:30
06  AU Campus Tour  15:30
14  School Options in Aarhus  17:00
27  Families in Aarhus  10:00
28  ISO Event at Concert Hall Aarhus – Lord of the Rings  18:30
30  Aarhus City Welcome  10:00

OCTOBER

05  Danish Living Crash Course  09:00
06  Night Out  18:30
10  AU Workplace in Focus  10:00
13  ISO Friday (the 13th) Night  18:00
25  Families in Aarhus  10:00

NOVEMBER

01  AU Campus Tour  15:30
02  Cross-cultural Workshop  09:00
10  Night Out  18:30
15  Tax Webinar for Researchers and PhDs in Denmark  17:00
23  Newcomers’ Info Evening  17:00
29  Families in Aarhus  10:00

DECEMBER

08  Night Out  18:30
09  ISO Christmas Party  14:00
29  ISO Event at Concert Hall Aarhus: The Nutcracker  18:30

Further information and registration links at:
https://internationalstaff.au.dk/events-and-activities/events
ADDITIONAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

NIGHT OUT
This monthly social gathering invites you to spend a fun and cozy night out with other internationals at one of the best Italian restaurants in Aarhus. Find the group on Facebook by searching: "ISO Night Out"

BOOK CLUB
This group is for book-lovers affiliated with AU. The books are in English and the meetings take place approximately every six weeks. Find the group on Facebook by searching: "ISO Book Club"

ISO EVENTS AT CONCERT HALL AARHUS (MUSIKHUSET)
Every year International Staff Office receives sponsor tickets from the Aarhus University Research Foundation. These free concert and event tickets are reserved for AU international staff at postdoc level and above and are first offered to newly arrived AU international staff and accompanying family members. After that, the invitation goes out to subscribers to our mailing list.

Sign up for the mailing list here:
www.internationalstaff.au.dk/email-registration

FAMILIES IN AARHUS
For families with children, we host a monthly event for both international and Danish families at DOKK1. Families in Aarhus is an opportunity for families to meet up, build local connections, and network while the children play. Children of all ages are welcome.

CULTURAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME

The International Staff Office offers a programme of workshops about Danish culture and potential ways of navigating living and working in Denmark.

The workshops are for all Aarhus University international staff, including PhDs, spouses/partners, Danish academic and administrative/technical staff.

The Danish Living Crash Course is for newly arrived Internationals. Here you gain valuable insights into Danish culture, both in daily and professional life to better understand and bridge cultural differences.

The Cross-cultural Communication Workshop is for Danish and International AU staff, both administrative and academic. We take an in-depth look at cultural diversity in the AU workplace and learn strategies for intelligently addressing cultural blind spots and misunderstandings.

The workshops are free of charge, but registration is required.

Please see workshop dates in the calendar.

Further information and registration links at:
www.internationalstaff.au.dk/cultural-awareness-programme
“The EPP advisors are extremely helpful and accessible with a variety of topics that an expat could be faced with. It is great to have such friendly support from the highly experienced advisors”

Accompanying partner of an assistant professor, Department of Civil and Architectural Engineering
AU EXPAT PARTNER PROGRAMME

AU’s Expat Partner Programme (EPP) offers individual support and hosts events for the accompanying partners of international postdocs, assistant professors, associate professors and professors at Aarhus University.

INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL PROFESSIONAL AND SOCIAL NETWORKING EVENTS

The Expat Partner Programme event calendar includes a range of internal and external, social and professional networking events. The event calendar is regularly updated.

IDCN NETWORKING EVENTS

Through the International Dual Career Network (IDCN), partners of AU international staff can participate in career events and workshops hosted by the network’s corporate members. IDCN is a network for and by international accompanying partners and offers an opportunity to get actively involved in a dynamic network by volunteering in the IDCN partner committee.

MONDAY MEETINGS (EXPAT PARTNER PROGRAMME)

Every Monday from 9:00 to 11:00, AU expat partners are invited to the EPP Monday Meeting for a cup of coffee or tea and a chat. The Monday Meeting is an informal social meeting without an agenda. Besides a chance to socialise with fellow expat partners, the Monday Meeting also provides expat partners an opportunity to ask questions and/or discuss a particular topic with one of the Expat Partner Advisors.

The Monday Meeting takes place at Orangeriet, which is located in the back courtyard of our office building at Trøjborgvej 82-84, 8000 Aarhus C.

Pre-registration is not required but recommended.

Further information and sign-up links at: www.internationalstaff.au.dk/expatpartnerprogramme/monday-meeting

Further information, EPP registration link and the full EPP event calendar: www.internationalstaff.au.dk/expatpartnerprogramme