**Declaration on PhD application with externally financed scholarship**

Aarhus University is obligated to protect the rights of PhD students and to ensure optimal conditions for the duration of their PhD.

Aarhus University believes it is vital that PhD students are free to conduct research free from the fear of economic sanctions or reprisals. This freedom is crucial for PhD students developing their academic independence and competencies, and for their ability to contribute new knowledge to their field of research as described in [the basic principles of PhD degree programmes at Aarhus University](https://phd.au.dk/strategy-and-collaboration/basic-principles-of-phd-education) (link).

In connection with my application for admission as a PhD student at Aarhus University, I hereby declare that I am aware of and understand the conditions below.

I confirm that:

* no contracts have been entered into with my scholarship source that would result in potential financial sanctions or retaliation against me or a third party, or which restrict my freedom of research in accordance with [Aarhus University's policy for freedom of research, integrity and the responsible conduct of research](https://medarbejdere.au.dk/administration/forskning-talent/ansvarligforskningspraksis/politik-for-forskningsintegritet-forskningsfrihed-og-ansvarlig-forskningspraksis) (link)
* I understand and accept that any changes to the financing conditions must be notified to Aarhus University and my graduate school immediately, and that these changes may affect my continued enrolment.
* I am responsible for investigating and disclosing any other terms and conditions related to my scholarship, including any obligations to my scholarship source.

I am aware that this information is essential for my enrolment at the graduate school and for collaboration between me as a PhD student and Aarhus University. Inaccurate information may result in rejection of my application or termination of my PhD degree programme.

I confirm that I have read and understood the declaration and the principles that exist to protect my freedom of research and to ensure a safe research environment for my PhD degree programme.

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