

Becoming a Fellow at the Copenhagen Health Complexity Center

The Copenhagen Health Complexity Center provides a platform for both national and international researchers to spend time at the Center to collaborate on investigating complex health problems. We publish an annual call for researchers (post-PhD) who wish to spend 2–5 months at the Center working on interdisciplinary research projects alongside the Center's researchers. This unique opportunity allows Fellows to both contribute to and benefit from the Center's ongoing research while engaging with new perspectives, data, and methods. Fellows are also expected to share their own expertise, approaches, and insights to foster a spirit of mutual learning and collaboration. The Fellowship programme provides some funding for travel and accommodation and, in some instances, a small amount of seed funding for events.

Who can apply?

Researchers from both the University of Copenhagen and other institutions are welcome to apply. Researchers may be at any career stage after obtaining their PhD and should be employed by an academic or clinical institution for the entire duration of the Fellowship. One or two researchers will be accepted each year for full-time Fellowships.

What we offer

Each Fellowship will have a duration of between 2–5 months. All research Fellows will have access to:

- A regular working space at the Copenhagen Health Complexity Center
- A vibrant interdisciplinary community with opportunities to develop new research ideas, explore novel methodologies, and build partnerships and networks
- Participation in Center meetings and events (both professional and social)
- Support to (co-)organise and publicise workshops, seminars, or other activities hosted at the Center

The Fellowship includes a maximum of 15,000 DKK per month coverage for international Fellows and one round-trip travel. The Copenhagen Health Complexity Center does not pay a salary/stipend. It is a prerequisite for awarding the Fellowship that the University of Copenhagen must receive an invoice from the Fellow's home institution by the end of the Fellowship, which must include documented expenses within the budget specifications.

What we expect

The Center hosts a curiosity-driven, interdisciplinary, and collaborative research environment. To maintain and enrich this culture, all Fellows are expected to:

- Be physically present at the Center at least four days per week during their Fellowship period

- Collaborate with one or several designated researchers at the Center
- Engage actively with the Center's research community and participate in ongoing scientific and social activities
- Work on a scientific output (e.g., scientific paper, commentary, or grant application) with one or several Center researchers
- Acknowledge the Center in any publications or outputs that arise from the Fellowship

Timeline & announcement

Call opens: September 2025

Application deadline: November 2025

Notification: December 2025

Possible periods for Fellowships: Spring 2026, Fall 2026, Spring 2027, Fall 2027

To apply, please submit:

- [Application form](#)
- Narrative CV, including 5 key publications (max. 3 pages)
- Letter of Support from the applicant's home institution that is signed by, e.g., Head of Department or line manager

The assessors will ignore all other submitted documents.

Selection criteria

The Center Leadership and the Fellowship Coordinator will assess the applications.

The selection criteria include:

- Relevance and excellence of the applicant's CV (considering career stage and relevant circumstances; e.g., parental leave)
- Originality and relevance of the proposed work
- Engagement with (and contributions to) health complexity science
- Clarity of the collaboration plan
- Contributions to the Center (e.g., data, methods, perspective, events)