

Meet the Future Theologians in a Project Placement

What is a Project Placement?

As part of their Master's degree in Theology at Aarhus University, students can complete a project placement in their third semester. For the sake of the overall programme, this usually takes place in the autumn semester and last approximately three months. A project placement is a learning process and a mutual collaboration, in which the student is part of your daily routine and contributes to solving the daily tasks in your company, organisation or church.

The student is not in a paid employment relationship. The workplace is allowed to give a token of appreciation in the form of a small amount of money (max. DKK 3,000 per month) and to cover documented expenses.

What does your workplace gain from collaborating with students from theology?

As a workplace, you can expect the student to contribute qualified theological knowledge and professional skills that can be applied to solve specific tasks, investigate a defined challenge or test a particular method. You can expect the student to take responsibility for their work, work purposefully and reflect curiously on the link between theory and practice.

The stay is a meeting place between theoretical theological reflections and theological issues and tasks as they unfold in practice. In a final project report including a self-selected syllabus, the student must describe and reflect on specific academic issues arising from practical experiences at the workplace.

The project stay is therefore expected to be completed by 15 December at the latest.



What is expected of you as a host organization?

The student must be given the opportunity to perform professionally relevant tasks, participate in everyday life at the workplace and be assigned a contact person who can provide ongoing support.

Before the student begins the placement, you must complete a project agreement together with the student. It is the student's responsibility to complete the agreement.

It is recommended that you meet before the start of the programme to discuss the specific tasks you expect the student to be involved in. It is also recommended to have regular status meetings to ensure that expectations are aligned throughout the project stay.

At the end of the project placement, the contact person must write a confirmation that the programme has taken place with a brief description of the tasks that have been performed. This is not a personal recommendation, but documentation that is included as an appendix to the student's exam assignment. The contact person will also receive an evaluation form from the university.

What requirements does the university impose on students completing a project placement?

In addition to being part of your company/organisation, the student must also participate in supervision and spend time preparing their final thesis. The project-oriented programme concludes with a written assignment in December, which the student also needs time to prepare during the programme.

As a project host, you should therefore expect that the student will need time to complete assignments set by the university.

Contact with the university during the placement

The primary contact and dialogue are between you and the student.

Your contact person at Aarhus University is the student's academic supervisor, whom you are welcome to contact if questions arise.

The contact information will be stated in the project agreement.

Kind regards,

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