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VIRTUAL STUDY ABROAD

The following serves as inspiration for external co-operation during the COVID 19 pandemic cf. the PhD Order section 7, no. 3: “Participate in active research environments, including stays at other, mainly foreign, research institutions, private research enterprises etc.”

During the COVID 19 pandemic PhD students have experienced difficulties in fulfilling the requirement on external co-operation via a visit to a foreign research institution due to the global lockdown. Therefore, the Doctoral School will be flexible in relation to the requirements for external co-operation. It is possible to meet the requirement through a stay at a Danish research institution or at a private company with a research environment in Denmark.

In addition to the above the Doctoral School is introducing the possibility of planning a virtual stay at a foreign research institution. Content of the stay including objectives and expected outcome must be defined in co-operation with the main supervisor and the host institution. Prior to the beginning of the stay a specific plan must be outlined as this will make the stay more binding for all involved parties. The following elements may be included in a virtual stay:

- Co-operation with external partners on scientific studies
- Participation in meetings in research groups or labs at the host institution
- A session of meetings with a potential supervisor/mentor/contact person at the host institution where you discuss specific problems/issues within the research project
- Presentation of research project and feedback

It would also be a possibility to combine a physical and a virtual stay if it is possible to travel for a shorter period.

The above is a temporary solution during the COVID 19 pandemic.