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DANISH FUNDING UPDATE 2024

STATE EDUCATIONAL GRANT AND LOAN SCHEME





General overview

When studying abroad Danish students have two possible grant options and two possible loan options depending on the type of stay abroad.

The options are:

SU (Student Grant) – paid monthly

SU-LÅN (State Loan, Living Expenses) – paid monthly

UDLANDSSTIPENDIUM (Tuition Grant) – typically paid per semester

UDLANDSSTUDIELÅN (State Loan, Tuition Fee) – typically paid per semester

See below what grant and loan options are available depending on the type of stay abroad.

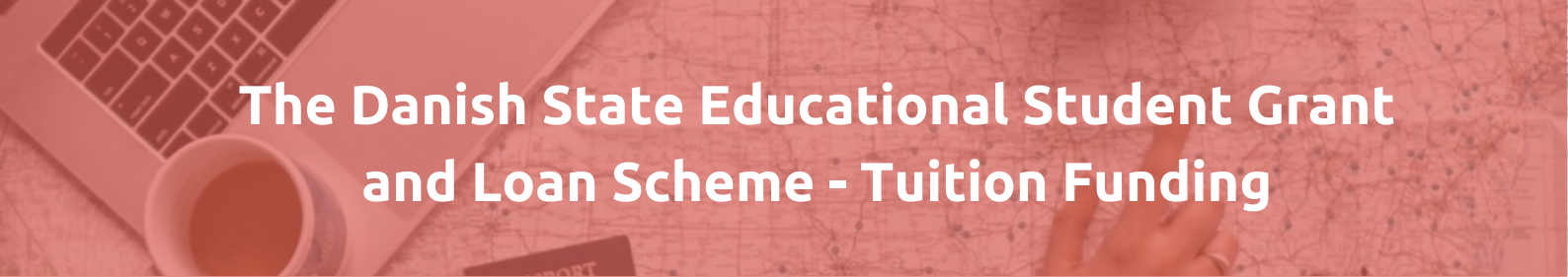
	Full programme - Undergraduate level	Full programme - Postgraduate/ graduate level	Study Abroad* (non-degree / visiting students)
SU (Student Grant, Living Expenses)	X	X	X
SU-lån (State Loan, Living Expenses)	X	X	X
Udlandsstipendium (Tuition Grant)		X	X
Udlandsstudielån (State Loan, Tuition Fee)		X	X



Funding for Living Expenses

During their tertiary studies, Danish students - whether studying in Denmark or abroad - are eligible for the monthly Danish Student Grant (SU) and State Loan (SU-lån), both of which are to cover living expenses.

Students will receive the Student Grant (SU) and the State Loan (SU-lån) during their studies abroad, if their studies abroad are approved by their institution (Study Abroad students) or by the Danish Agency for Higher Education and Science.



The Danish State Educational Student Grant and Loan Scheme - Tuition Funding

The first Danish law granting tuition funding to Danish students doing studies abroad passed Parliament in June 2007 and took effect on July 1, 2008.

The basic details of the scheme are as follows:

- Danish students can apply for a Tuition Grant (udlandsstipendium) to pay part or all of their tuition fees at universities outside of Denmark
- Danish students can apply for a loan (udlandsstudielån) to pay for tuition fees if the grant does not cover the tuition fee abroad.

Students can use the tuition grant and loan for a total of up to two years for:

- Short-term programmes (Study Abroad) as part of a Danish degree at tertiary level (at any university)
- Full postgraduate/graduate degrees (1-2 years, for approved programmes)
- Or a combination of the two (i.e. 1 year of Study Abroad + a 1-year postgraduate degree programme)

The maximum size of the grant is the equivalent to the funding given to a Danish tertiary institution per student in a similar programme (see more below).

Student Eligibility

Applicants have to fulfil all basic requirements for obtaining the Danish Student Grant (SU). Eligibility for the Tuition Grant is not based on academic achievement or financial means.

It is a requirement for the State Loan that the student is eligible for Tuition Grant. Certain limitations apply to when and how the funding can be obtained. Please see more below.



Eligible Programmes and Universities Abroad

1. Study Abroad

Which students?

The tuition grant and loan for Study Abroad is offered to students who wish to study part of their degree abroad, if they are enrolled in a full degree programme (undergraduate or graduate) at a Danish institution and are eligible for the Danish Student Grant and State Loan Scheme (Living expenses).

Terms and Restrictions

- The tuition grant and loan can be obtained for credits/ECTS-equivalents that have been pre-approved by the Danish home institution.
- The tuition grant can be obtained for a maximum period of two years (120 ECTS credits). These two years can consist of studies at either undergraduate or graduate level or a combination of both.
- Students can apply for an additional tuition loan to cover the difference between the tuition grant and the tuition, but for each student, the total tuition loan cannot exceed DKK 118.569 (2024 update).
- Students studying at Danish Institutions governed by the Ministry of Culture are not eligible.

For which universities can funding be obtained?

The tuition grant and loan can be obtained for studies at tertiary institutions and any area of study in the world for credits/ECTS-equivalents that have been pre-approved by the Danish home institution

2. Full Graduate Programmes

Which students?

Tuition funding for full graduate programmes is offered to students applying to undertake a full 1-2 year graduate programme abroad. The student must have finished an undergraduate degree and be eligible for the Danish State Educational Grant and Loan Scheme to obtain the tuition grant and loan.

Terms and Restrictions

- The tuition grant can be obtained for a maximum period of two years (120 ECTS credits).
- Students who have already completed a postgraduate/graduate programme in Denmark are not eligible for funding.
- The postgraduate/graduate programme must be approved by the Danish Agency for Higher Education and Science.
- Students can apply for an additional tuition loan to cover the difference between the tuition grant and the tuition, but for each student, the total tuition loan cannot exceed DKK 118.569 (2023 update).

For which universities can funding be obtained?

Tuition grants and loans for full graduate programmes can be obtained for degrees and programs that are approved for the Danish Educational Grant and Loan Scheme (SU). The approval is given by the Danish Agency for Higher Education and Science according to rules and standards determined by the Ministry of Higher Education and Science. Approved degrees and programs are listed online on the Fast Track list. If a degree or programme is not on the list, students can apply online to have it included on the Fast Track list.

To be approved, these conditions must be met:

- The institution/programme must be accredited in the country of origin.
- The programme must be full-time and not distance learning.
- Programmes should meet Danish standards for accreditation.
- Upon completion, the student should have qualifications that could lead to employment in Denmark.
- The programme must have a total length of at least one year or the equivalent of 60 ECTS.
- There can be no salaries for students.

All of EDU's partners qualify to be on the list of approved universities, and we do not foresee any problem with approval for students going to study at any of our partners. In addition to this, special rules apply for some Cultural and Fine Arts programmes, where grants and loans can only be obtained for programmes approved by the Ministry of Culture ('[Kulturministeriets liste](#)').

The list covers a limited number of universities with close links to Danish institutions within the fields of Acting, Architecture, Design, Film, Fine Arts, Music, and Theatre.

For How Much Funding Can a Danish Student Qualify?

The amount of the tuition grant will be based on the study programme abroad and will be equal to the government funding for an equivalent programme at a Danish institution. The span of the grant varies between types of institutions.

Grant amount by type of institution (2024 figures):

	Lowest amount in DKK per semester	Highest amount in DKK per semester	Lowest amount in EUR per seme- ster (approx.)	Highest amount in EUR per seme- ster (approx.)
Universities	24.050	50.000	3.226	6.706
University Colleges	30.650	74.000	4.111	9.926
Business Academies	30.650	59.000	4.111	7.914

The size of the grant also varies significantly based on the area of study within the institutions.

Grant amount by area of study for Danish university students (2024 figures):

	Amount in DKK per semester	Amount in EUR per semester (approx.)
Arts, Humanities, Business & Law	24.050	3.226
Film, Music & IT	34.223	4.591
Engineering, Science & Medicine	50.000	6.707

Total Funding for Danish Students - Examples

Below are two examples of the total funding available per semester for a Danish university student wishing to study abroad. The examples include grants as well as loan possibilities.

Example 1 - Study Abroad (one semester - 5 months) in the field of Business (Low tuition funding level):

	Amount in DKK for one semester	Amount in EUR for one semester (approx.)
Student Grant (SU) (Living expenses) *	34.100	4570
Tuition Grant **	24.050	3.226
Total Grant	58.150	7.796
+ State Loan (Living expenses)	17.445	2.340
+ State Loan (Tuition fee)	118.569	15.904
Total funding possible	194.164	26.040

Example 2 - 1-year graduate programme (10 months) in the fields of Natural Science/Engineering (High tuition funding level):

	Amount in DKK for two semesters (10 months)	Amount in EUR for one semester (app.)
Student Grant (SU) (Living expenses) *	68.200	9.148
Tuition Grant **	100.000	13.413
<i>Total Grant</i>	168.200	22.561
+ State Loan (Living expenses)	34.890	4680
+ State Loan (Tuition fee)	118.569	15.904
<i>Total funding possible</i>	321.659	43.145

Note:

*The Student Grant (SU) is subject to Danish taxation.

**The Tuition Grant is not subject to Danish taxation.

Who Is in Charge of The Grant and Loan System?

All grant and loan systems are administered by the Danish Agency for Institutions and Educational Grants – an agency under the Ministry of Higher Education and Science.

The Danish institutions of higher education are, however, handling applications from students applying for grants and loans for study abroad, whereas the support for full programmes is administered by The Danish Agency for Institutions and Educational Grants.



Questions?

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions related to the above information. We would be happy to assist.

Comments are welcome and appreciated to:

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