

Application and admission.

AHO generally admits students to its PhD Program every two (or three) years. Admission of a new class of students is not scheduled until fall 2012. More exact information about number of vacancies, specific research topics/fields, areas of commitment, application process etc. will be announced at our web page as soon as these matters are decided by the school, about December/January 2012.

An application (in either Norwegian or English) normally consists of:

- Project description of about 4-8 A4 pages
- CV including formal education and work experience
- Two or three relevant references
- Portfolio consisting of architectural/design works and/or written works (articles, book chapters etc.)

A supervisor will be appointed by AHO after the candidate is accepted to the program but you are of course allowed to contact our academic staff for advises regarding the application and project description at any time.

The applications will be read by a committee appointed by the school and a selection of the most suited candidates will be called in for an interview. After the interviews are ended the committee will discuss who they will recommend the AHO board to admit to the program.

In general, the main way of admission is through paid employment as a PhD research fellow at the school. These fellowships are announced as vacant positions on our web site, and imply a fully financed scholarship from the school over a period of three years. How many fellowships the school offers varies a lot from year to year and is decided in December. In addition to formal educational qualifications, admission is primarily based on the quality of the applicant's PhD proposal. Applicants are therefore well advised to put a fair amount of work into presenting a thorough, reflected and academically relevant project description. The school generally only admits full time students to the program.

AHO also admits a limited amount of externally financed candidates to the school's PhD Program. The admission deadline will be announced on AHO's web site. Some of these candidates are employed as PhD research fellows at other institutions without an own PhD program, some are employed on externally financed projects, and a few are self-financed or financed by a firm. In addition to the quality of the project description, the main criterion for admission is a documented source of financing. It will not be sufficient to propose following the PhD Program while working a full time job somewhere else; the applicant must show that he or she has funding which allows him or her to be a full time PhD student.

As previously mentioned, admission to the PhD Program is announced every two or three years. However, on occasion externally financed research projects might announce PhD fellowships between the general deadlines. I would advise you to check our website on a regular basis where important information about the PhD program and new PhD positions will be announced.

** The research school is the full time one year compulsory training component of the doctoral degree education/PhD program and consists of 45 ETCS/credits. The research school takes place at AHO the first year of the PhD program, and only starts when a new class is admitted. Those who are admitted to the PhD program are obliged to follow the research school organized by the school. All courses have compulsory attendance.*