

The Danish National Research Foundation invests 200 million DKK in seven new Niels Bohr Professorships

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The Danish National Research Foundation has just now decided on seven grantees for the *Niels Bohr Professorship* program. The Niels Bohr program has the distinct purpose of enriching Danish research communities with top-class researchers from abroad. This includes excellent international researchers, but the program is also an opportunity to "call" some of the outstanding Danish researchers who have chosen an academic career abroad home to Denmark.

Over the next five years the seven Niels Bohr professors will spend between 50 and 100 percent of their time at Danish research environments. The foundation have decided to initiate contract negotiations for Niels Bohr Professorships with:

Professor **Rita Felski**, University of Southern Denmark, 28 millioner DKK.

Group leader **Thomas Pohl**, Aarhus University, 30 millioner DKK.

Professor **Alexei Verkhratsky**, University of Copenhagen, 30 millioner DKK.

Professor **Matthew Collins**, University of Copenhagen, 31 millioner DKK.

Professor **John McGrath**, Aarhus Universitet, 30 millioner DKK.

Professor **Morten Bennedsen**, University of Copenhagen, 30 millioner DKK.

Professor **Enrico Ramirez-Ruiz**, University of Copenhagen, 30 millioner DKK.

"Today, Danish researchers can cooperate with people and research environments from all over the world, and it is our experience that the effect of international collaboration is increased significantly when a physical environment is established. This carries further science and contributes to delivering the basis for future discoveries and technologies. This is the potential we are strengthening with the Niels Bohr program", says DNRF Chair, professor Liselotte Højgaard.

DNRF Director, professor Søren-Peter Olesen is very pleased that the foundation can now initiate the new Niels Bohr Professorships. He says:

"The standard is enormously high. Denmark has attracted world-class researchers who will act as catalysts in the existing research environments and ensure that the next generation will grow to new heights".

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"International outlook and cooperation is vital in order to attract the best people and to ensure a continuous flow of new ideas and perspectives"

Further information

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- Niels Bohr Professor: **Rita Felski**, University of Virginia, rf6d@virginia.edu
Uses of Literature: The Social Dimensions of Literature.
Host professor: Anne Marie Mai, University of Southern Denmark, ammai@sdu.dk
The foundation is prepared to grant up to 28 millioner DKK.
- Niels Bohr Professor: **Thomas Pohl**, Max Planck Institute for the Physics of Complex Systems, tpohl@pks.mpg.de
Many-body Quantum Optics in correlated Matter (maQma)
Host professor: Michael Drewsen, Aarhus University, drewsen@phys.au.dk
The foundation is prepared to grant up to 30 millioner DKK.
- Niels Bohr Professor: **Alexei Verkhratsky**, University of Manchester, Alexej.Verkhratsky@manchester.ac.uk
Niels Bohr Professor of Glial Cell Biology (AstroAging)
Host professor: Maiken Nedergaard, University of Copenhagen, nedergaard@ku.sund.dk
The foundation is prepared to grant up to 30 millioner DKK.
- Niels Bohr Professor: **Matthew Collins**, University of York, matthew.collins@york.ac.uk
Understanding and exploiting the survival of ancient proteins (PROTEIOS)
Host professor: Thomas Gilbert, University of Copenhagen, tgilbert@snm.ku.dk
The foundation is prepared to grant up to 31 millioner DKK.
- Niels Bohr Professor: **John McGrath**, University of Queensland, j.mcgrath@uq.edu.au
An Integrated Program of Psychiatric Epidemiology (IPPE)
Host professor: Preben Bo Mortensen, Aarhus University, pbm@econ.au.dk
The foundation is prepared to grant up to 30 millioner DKK.
- Niels Bohr Professor: **Morten Bennedsen**, INSEAD Business School, bennedsenmorten@gmail.com
The Impact of Family Assets on Corporate Structures and Outcomes (FAMBUSS)
Host professor: Peter Norman Sørensen, University of Copenhagen, peter.norman.sorensen@econ.ku.dk
The foundation is prepared to grant up to 30 millioner DKK.
- Niels Bohr Professor **Enrico Ramirez-Ruiz**, University of California, enrico@uoclick.org
NBI Center for Transient Astrophysics (NCTA)
Host professor: Jens Hjorth, University of Copenhagen, jens@dark-cosmology.dk
The foundation is prepared to grant up to 30 millioner DKK.