



DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY  
AND BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCES  
AARHUS UNIVERSITY

## **PhD position in a project on “The experience and consequences of boredom”**

The Department of Psychology and Behavioural Sciences at Aarhus BSS, Aarhus University invites applications for a 3-year PhD candidate position (100% salary, as common in Denmark) as part of a larger research project on “The experience and consequences of boredom” funded by the Velux Foundation. The starting date is February 1, 2022, or subject to mutual agreement.

### **The research project**

We aim at making a significant contribution to our understanding of what characterizes boredom and how the individual handles the experience of the emotion. We will investigate how boredom impacts psychological wellbeing in everyday life, examining who is most severely affected and why. Thus, this project will nuance our understanding of the personal challenges that arise with boredom and additionally serve to illuminate individual coping strategies. Finally, we will examine the destructive potential of boredom by exploring aggressive and antisocial behavior that may occur in the wake of it. Hereby, the project uncovers both the negative consequences of boredom and the potential solutions to the associated challenges faced by both the individual and society at large.

The PhD candidate will work in this exciting project under the supervision and mentoring of Associate Professor Stefan Pfattheicher. The PhD candidate will be embedded in a strong international research lab where cooperation, creativity, and kindness are valued. The PhD candidate will further be enrolled in the Aarhus BSS graduate school:  
<https://bss.au.dk/en/research/phd/>

### **Qualification requirements**

- Master in Psychology or in a related discipline
- Genuine interest in the analysis of boredom and related constructs
- Knowledge of quantitative research methods and statistics, as well as statistical software (e.g., R, SPSS, Stata).
- Interest in practices of transparency and open science
- Interpersonal and communication skills to effectively collaborate and communicate in academia and to the public at large
- Fluency in written and spoken English. The ability to speak Danish is helpful but not necessary.

Candidates who only partially meet this profile are nonetheless encouraged to apply. Please feel also encouraged to contact Stefan Pfattheicher ([sp@psy.au.dk](mailto:sp@psy.au.dk)) with any question you have regarding the position.

We request applicants to send (i) a motivation letter explaining their interest and qualifications regarding the position, and their prior research/work experience, and (ii) a CV. The deadline for application is September 30, 2021. Please email all materials to Stefan Pfattheicher ([sp@psy.au.dk](mailto:sp@psy.au.dk)).