



DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY
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Postdoctoral position in a research 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 postdoctoral position (100% salary) 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 position is strongly research oriented but contains some teaching responsibilities.

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 postdoc will work on this exciting project in collaboration with and mentored by Associate Professor Stefan Pfattheicher. The successful applicant will be embedded in a strong international research lab where cooperation, creativity, and kindness are valued.

Qualification requirements

- A PhD in psychology or a related field (e.g., social sciences, behavioral economics)
- Genuine interest in the analysis of boredom and related constructs
- First-authored publications in leading international journals
- Advanced knowledge in research design and methods (running extensive experimental studies; experience sampling studies)
- Advanced knowledge in statistics, programming of studies
- Familiarity with practices of transparency and open science
- Experience and interest in training and supervising junior scientists
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills to effectively collaborate and communicate in academia and to the public at large

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

Application process

The deadline for application is September 30, 2021. Please find more details about the department, the university, support for international applicants and the application process here:

<https://bss.au.dk/en/about-aarhus-bss/vacant-positions/job/postdoctoral-position-in-a-research-project-on-the-experience-and-consequences-of-boredom>