

Niels Bohr professor is awarded the Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences

Professor Dale T. Mortensen, who shares the 2010 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences with two colleagues, has, since 2006, been a Niels Bohr visiting professor at Aarhus University on a five-year grant from the Danish National Research Foundation.

“With the Niels Bohr Visiting Professorships the Danish National Research Foundation has sought to contribute to increasing the internationalization and strengthening of Danish research communities – a feat which has certainly been accomplished in this case” says Klaus Bock, chairman of the Danish National Research Foundation’s board. He continues:

“We are very proud to have taken part in enabling Danish scientific communities, which have been appealing to top international researchers, to develop and grow in cooperation with one of the world’s best within his field.”

International cooperation lifts Danish research

The School of Economics and Management at Aarhus University constitutes the Danish host setting for Dale T. Mortensen, and the funding from the foundation has made it possible to advance and consolidate a close cooperation between Danish scientists and students at Aarhus University and one of the world’s leading economists. This funding also means that Dale T. Mortensen has called the School of Economics and Management his second home for the past four to five years, and indeed, that is where he was when the news about this year’s Nobel Prize came in.

“The visiting professorship and the accompanying research support have helped me continue my research program quite frankly in a manner that I could not have done at my home university in the U.S. I hope I have had a positive impact on the research community in economics at Aarhus. If so, then the rewards have been fully mutual,” says Mortensen.

Dean Svend Hylleberg wrote the application that resulted in Mortensen’s visiting professorship and, even back then, guessed that Mortensen would one day receive the Nobel Prize, a prediction that has now come true.

“For the past 30 years, Dale Mortensen has been a major factor behind the establishment of internationally recognized labor market research in Denmark. As a Niels Bohr Visiting Professor, Dale Mortensen has expanded the research environment further, thereby laying the groundwork for labor market research in Denmark that is second to none,” says Hylleberg.

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International outlook necessary

At the Danish National Research Foundation, increasing the internationalization of Danish research communities is emphasized through both the establishment of distinctive international initiatives and the foundation's other funding instruments.

"International cooperation and outlook are completely necessary if you want to be rated among the best, and that must be the goal if Denmark is to continue being considered a great nation of knowledge, despite our small size when measured in km²," says Thomas Sinkjær, the director of the Danish National Research Foundation.