What can you do with your education and research in development achieved in Denmark?

The DFC perspective.

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Danida Fellowship Centre

- Danida Fellowship Centre (DFC) is a self-governing institution under the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), working for sustaining development through research and learning.

- DFC implements more than 1,000 fellowships annually to give persons, who are affiliated with Danish development assistance, enhanced qualifications to work in their home country, within a framework defined by MFA.

- DFC administers research activities for app. DKK 230 million per year – both as part of the Danish development assistance programme.

- DFC administers and implements for the fellowship programme, and for the research assistance performs secretariat functions only.
DFC areas:

The more than **1,000 fellowships annually** covers:

- **Short courses.**

- **Master Scholarship Programme**: Pilot phase which runs from July 2013 to July 2015.

- **Study stays** in connection to **PhD-educations** within 150 research projects.
Master Scholarship Programme:

- 20 million DKK have been allocated for the pilot phase which runs from July 2013 to July 2015.
- In the two-year pilot phase approximately 30 students will be enrolled.
- The final goal is a scholarship programme with 50 students annually.

It is initiated by the Minister for Development who has stated, that he expects that the scholarships will also be beneficial for Denmark, as Danish students and companies can get a network in the developing countries, and that contacts to companies can be developed and that contributes to new innovation and access to new markets. *(Danish daily Jyllands-Posten, September 3rd, 2012 by Christian Friis Bach).*
Research and private business development

From the new Strategy:

• Danish research institutions, the private sector, and society at large will continue to benefit from knowledge and experience gained through the cooperation. The strategy has defined the ambition of enhancing the involvement of these stakeholders both in the design of research activities and in the use of results.

• Danish stakeholders are also important. Deepening the understanding among actors in the Danish private sector and in civil society about development challenges and possible solutions is important for the role of Denmark in a globalised world. It is also important for commercial cooperation, political cooperation, and cross-cultural understanding between Danes and citizens of other countries.

• Local researchers tend to be better informed than foreigners about the many conflicting agendas in their own country and about the needs of the various stakeholders. They are also better placed to link up with the private sector, civil society and government representatives when designing their research.
Use of the researchers educated within the Danida supported projects:

- The PhD’s and postdoc’s will continue their employment at their institutions after their education is finalized, and thereby consolidate the research capacity built through the Danida research projects.

- Contact from private business to the researchers educated will be through the research institutions in Denmark and in their home countries.

- Is there need for further “matchmaking”? Will the best companies and best researchers find each other through the existing channels? (Personal contacts, dissemination of knowledge through publication, and presentations at international conferences etc.)

Danida Research Portal – the Portal to research projects supported by Danida

This new online portal provides access to information on research projects funded by Danida. The portal includes projects supported through The Consultative Committee for Development Research (CCDR), including pilot research projects, as well as support to centres, networks, platforms, and support to international research.

The portal contains a database of basic information about current and recently funded research projects, with links to projects websites and publications (where available). You can search site content or browse by country, institution, keyword, project type or topic. You can also subscribe to updates by category.

The portal was prepared for Danida by DORN, with assistance from CABI and the Nordic Institute of Asian Studies (NIAS).

The portal will be maintained by Danida Fellowship Centre and if you have any comments, questions, or information to add, please send an email to drp@dfcentre.dk

Research by Country

- sustaining development through research and learning
Further possibilities for linking researchers educated by Danida, with companies:

- **Annual research meetings** in the Danida priority countries attended by representatives of the government, private sector and civil society, as suggested in the new Strategy.

- **Enhanced communication** of the results of the projects (knowledge and capacity) as promised in the new Strategy under 4.3 Objective 3: research results used.

- LinkedIn groups?

- Other forms of networking?
Examples of other Danida support:


- [http://um.dk/da/danida-en/activities/business/partnerships/?sc_lang=en](http://um.dk/da/danida-en/activities/business/partnerships/?sc_lang=en) **Danida Business Partnerships** focuses on transfer of knowhow and technology from Danish companies to local partners such as companies, civil society organizations or local authorities. (Local research institutions are mentioned as partners).

**How can the contact be facilitated between private companies and the MSc’s and PhD’s educated and the research institutions supported by Danida?**