

Center for Applied Ecological Thinking (CApE) UCPH Humanities Fellow Call for applications for 2025 and 2026

Deadline: May 17th, 2024

CApE is open for applications from UCPH Humanities permanent faculty to become the center's Humanities Fellow and be based in the center in the fall of 2025, all or one semester of 2026. The CApE Humanities Fellowship offers full buy-out for up to one year (two semesters) from non-research obligations to develop new research ideas in applied ecological thinking and to co-organize the center's seminars and outreach. Researchers can either apply individually or as two-person shared fellowships if collaboration strengthens the ideas, activities, and projects proposed. It is also possible to apply individually to be a fellow for one semester only if other duties only allow for this. The semesters open for application are Fall 2025, Spring 2026, and Fall 2026.

CApE draws on research expertise across the humanities to respond to imminent environmental crises and reconceptualize current ecological thinking to engage with other actors in the green transition in the pursuit of new, applied pathways towards global sustainability. In CApE, researchers collaborate with a broad spectrum of practitioners and stakeholders to investigate human relationships with nature, the environment, and resources to develop sustainable solutions. CApE is a forum for activities to promote research into and engagement with transformations happening in societies through debates, lectures, teaching, labs, and external collaborations.

CApE is comprised of several researchers and a small administrative staff. It is located in Læderstræde 20 (<https://laederstraede20.dk/om-laederstraede-20>), co-housed by think tanks, NGOs, and other green organizations. This provides opportunities for the Humanities Fellow to create new collaborations and networks across these actors. The center has funds for the fellow to invite leading international research colleagues to join seminars and conferences. Physically, the fellow will work from Læderstræde 20 with the rest of the center staff. The center provides both possibilities for testing ideas with colleagues in open spaces and for focused work in a quiet office space.

Please see cape.ku.dk for updates and details about the center's initiatives and activities.

There are two dimensions to the work of Humanities Fellows in the center. The fellow will develop research ideas and research events that provide new perspectives on applied ecological thinking. Further, the fellow will collaborate with the center's permanent staff and international fellows and visitors to develop events for the public and selected stakeholders that make the expertise of Humanities Fellows directly accessible for the green transition in Denmark.

The center selects the Humanities Fellow for each year via application, and candidates are asked to supply the following to the center:

- The candidate's motivation to participate in the center. This includes a reflection on how the candidate's research expertise can support applied ecological thinking in one or more of the center's clusters (Ethics, Time, Culture, Aesthetics, Communication) and what research projects the candidate's work can lead to in the longer term (max 1 page).
- Plan for the year (or semester) with draft descriptions of a) seminars and activities/output that can support the center's ambitions and b) new research project development (max 3 pages).
- CV (max 3 pages).

- Approval of the relevant buy-out period from the candidate's head of department.

Please send your application (in either Danish or English) as one/aggregated pdf file to
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Applications will be assessed by the center manager and the center's steering committee and
the decision will be announced after a short round of interviews.

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