

Appendix 1: Full Timeline for the Application Process

After the final selection of applicants, there will be a participant promotion event with the Executive Management, the steering committee, and the participants.

Deadline	Content
Start of July	<p>Publication of Call</p> <p>The call will be published through the website: https://www.en.aau.dk/research/aau-excellence and sent to faculty e-mail addresses and vice deans for research who are encouraged to forward the call.</p>
<p>No later than the 26th of August at 12 pm.</p> <p>Send your application to aau-excellence@aau.dk</p>	<p>Application Deadline – Phase 1</p> <p>Submission deadline for phase 1 applications.</p> <p>All submitted applications will be forwarded to the selection committee who will be shortlisting 16 applicants – four from each faculty – to phase 2.</p>
The 11 th of September	<p>Start of Phase 2 Applications</p> <p>All phase 1 applicants will be notified on whether they have been shortlisted for phase 2. Phase 2 applicants are asked to submit a full application. The remaining applicants will receive a short written feedback.</p>
<p>No later than the 8th of October at 12 pm.</p> <p>Send your application to aau-excellence@aau.dk</p>	<p>Application Deadline – Phase 2</p> <p>Submission deadline for phase 2 applications.</p> <p>All submitted applications will be forwarded to external scientific evaluators.</p>
The 12 th and 13 th of November	<p>Interviews – Phase 3</p> <p>All applicants from Phase 2 will be invited to an individual interview with the scientific steering committee for AAU Excellence.</p> <p>Upon the final selection all phase 2 applicants are notified directly on whether they are selected for enrolment.</p>
The 15 th of November	<p>Announcement of the Participants</p> <p>Participants will be announced on official channels.</p>
December	<p>Celebratory Event</p> <p>Participants will have a meet-up with the Executive Management and the director and the scientific board of AAU Excellence.</p>
The 1 st of January 2025	<p>Official Launch Date</p> <p>Participants are officially enrolled in the AAU Excellence programme and receive first part of their grant.</p>
February 2025	<p>Initial Activities in the Programme</p> <p>The initial activities will start in February; hence the participants have time in January to plan and phase out other activities when necessary.</p>