Solidum petit in profundis
We seek solid ground in the depths
A STRONG COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE

Aarhus University stands for quality and the continued pursuit of excellence in research and research-based education. Knowledge exchange, talent development and collaboration with society are high priorities.

Established in 1928 on the initiative of local citizens, the university is a relatively young institution. Today Aarhus University is a globally oriented, academically diverse and research-intensive university with four faculties: Arts, Aarhus BSS, Health and Science and Technology.

All figures in this publication are for 2017 unless otherwise stated. The number of employees is stated in FTEs (Full-Time Equivalents).
External grants account for around 31 per cent of total income.

* Including sector-related research and forensic medicine but excluding special agreements with the Ministry of the Environment and Food.
39,000
BACHELOR'S, MASTER'S, PHD AND PART-TIME STUDENTS

8,000
EMPLOYEES

EUR 884 MILLION
INCOME
ORGANISATION

FACULTY OF ARTS

SCHOOL OF CULTURE AND SOCIETY
DANISH SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION AND CULTURE

AARHUS BSS

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS ECONOMICS
DEPARTMENT OF LAW
DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY AND BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCES

Arts
9,750 students
292 PhD students
1,261 employees
EUR 124 million in revenues

Aarhus BSS
12,206 students
231 PhD students
1,315 employees
EUR 126 million in revenues
Health
- 4,374 students
- 626 PhD students
- 1,496 employees
- EUR 160 million in revenues

Science and Technology
- 6,766 students
- 649 PhD students
- 2,958 employees
- EUR 327 million in revenues
Aarhus University ranks among the top 100 universities in the world on several of the most important international ranking lists, out of over 17,000 universities worldwide.

**NOBEL PRIZES**
Nobel Prize in Chemistry (1997) to Emeritus Professor, MD, DMSc Jens Christian Skou (now deceased) for his work on the sodium-potassium pump.

Nobel Prize in Economics (2010) to Professor Dale T. Mortensen, Northwestern University and Aarhus University (now deceased), in recognition of his work on the labour market.

**IN THE TOP 100**
Aarhus University is number 65 on Shanghai Ranking’s Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU), which ranks the best 500 universities in the world. Aarhus University is in the top 100 on several leading international rankings.
THREE INTERNATIONAL ACCREDITATIONS AWARDED TO AARHUS BSS

Aarhus BSS holds the distinguished international AACSB, AMBA and EQUIS accreditations.
STATE-OF-THE-ART RESEARCH FACILITIES

Aarhus University continually develops its physical research infrastructure to provide the right conditions for scientific breakthroughs. Aarhus University’s research facilities are much in demand and are used by the university’s own researchers as well as partners in Denmark and abroad.

Hyperpolarised MRI scanner
An advanced magnetic resonance scanner enhanced by hyperpolarisation which is used in medical imaging to diagnose and treat disease. This form of MRI is expected to lead to an increased understanding of – and better therapies for – some of the most common diseases in the Western world, such as cancer, diabetes, obesity and cardiovascular disease.

Department of Clinical Epidemiology (KEA)
KEA offers researchers access to clinical databases and registries which contain data on all Danish patients, a resource which helps put AU’s epidemiology research in the international elite.
The SONG telescope on Tenerife
The prototype of an ultra-modern robotic telescope for studying stars and planetary systems. The telescope is the first in the Danish-led telescope design and construction project SONG.

Biogas and HTL plants
An advanced biogas plant and an HTL plant in the town of Foulum make it possible to perform groundbreaking research of decisive importance in relation to CO₂ reduction and energy supply.

AURORA
Ultramodern flexible research vessel that serves as a floating laboratory for biologists, geologists, geophysicists and ocean researchers from other fields.

Biobanks and Genome Sequencing
Using advanced sequencing technologies, a supercomputer can integrate and analyse large data sets from the unique Danish registry systems and biobanks combined with cell and animal models.

Research stations in Greenland
Aarhus University has two research stations in Greenland: Zackenberg Research Station in the north-east and Villum Research Station in the far north. Both are unique starting points for research into climate change in the High Arctic.

Danish Center for Ultrahigh Field NMR Spectroscopy
The largest of the centre’s NMR spectrometers generates a magnetic field 500,000 times stronger than Earth’s and is used to analyse substances at the molecular level.
ROOM TO DEVELOP TALENTS

PHD DEGREE PROGRAMMES AT AARHUS UNIVERSITY
- The programmes are internationally recognised
- Graduates have excellent career options
- PhD students publish in prestigious international journals*

TALENT DEVELOPMENT
All of the faculties have models for encouraging talent development. For example, the Faculty of Science and Technology is in the process of developing and implementing an honours programme. The faculty’s degree programmes offer elite courses, and students are awarded a diploma ‘with distinction’ on graduation.

SUPPORTING THE BRIGHTEST TALENTS
AIAS – Aarhus Institute of Advanced Studies – aims to promote research of the highest quality with a focus on independent basic research and talent development within all core disciplines. AIAS selects its fellows purely on the basis of their qualifications in an open competition and recruits talents of the highest international standard – from abroad and from Aarhus University.

33 junior fellows
4 senior fellows
20 different nationalities

* Source: an international evaluation of PhD programmes at all four faculties in 2015.
1,800
PHD STUDENTS

500
NEW PHD STUDENTS

25%
OF PHD STUDENTS AT AARHUS UNIVERSITY ARE INTERNATIONAL
Each year, more than 7,000 new students start a degree programme at Aarhus University. Here, they encounter courses and activities that develop and challenge their mastery of every aspect of their chosen fields across disciplinary and national boundaries. The university offers over 200 degree programmes and 4,400 courses that meet the highest international standard. Over half of the university’s Master’s degree programmes are offered in English.
A large proportion of students are enrolled in Master’s or PhD programmes.
AN INTERNATIONAL STUDY ENVIRONMENT

1,000 stud.

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1,000
EXCHANGE STUDENTS AT AARHUS UNIVERSITY

- More than 60 degree programmes in English
- 3,000 international full-time students (approx. 1,100 at Bachelor’s level and 1,900 at Master’s degree level)
- Over 120 nationalities represented among full-time students
- Approx. 80 nationalities represented among academic staff
COLLABORATION PUTS KNOWLEDGE TO WORK

Through close relationships with industry and business, government, organisations and civil society, Aarhus University contributes to society’s ability to innovate and adapt.

Aarhus University is involved in a great number of partnerships with public and private businesses as well as organisations. In addition, researchers from a variety of fields advise government agencies and institutions, particularly in relation to the environment, energy, food and agriculture, as well as health and education. Each time the public sector invests one million kroner* in consultancy, researchers at Aarhus University are able to generate an additional one and a half million* from external sources.

*approx. EUR 134,500 and EUR 202,000
32% of new PhD students complete their PhD project with the help of funding from private sources.

EUR 65 million, amount invested by government agencies in research-based consultancy from Aarhus University in 2017.

520 new research partnerships with private businesses in 2015.
LOCATIONS

### RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

- **Aarhus**: The main campus for Aarhus University and the four faculties (Arts, Aarhus BSS, Health, and Science and Technology)
- **Emdrup (Copenhagen)**: Danish School of Education (DPU)
- **Herning**: Department of Business Development and Technology and the engineering programmes under Science and Technology.

### RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

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- **Kalø/Rønde**: Department of Bioscience
- **Roskilde**: Institutes of Bioscience, Environmental Science, Geoscience and DCE – The Danish Centre for Environment and Energy.
- **Silkeborg**: Department of Bioscience
- **Viborg/Foulum**: Institutes of Food Science, Agroecology, Animal Science, Engineering as well as Molecular Biology and Genetics. Moreover DCA - The Danish Centre for Food and Agriculture.
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### OTHER LOCATIONS

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LOCATIONS

AARHUS

EMDRUP (COPENHAGEN)

GREENLAND

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DENMARK

ZACKENBERG

VILLUM RESEARCH STATION

ROSKILDE

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ASKOV

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MISSION
Aarhus University is an academically diverse and strongly research-oriented institution which creates and shares knowledge.

VISION
Aarhus University strives to be a leading globally-oriented university with a strong engagement in the development of society.

VALUES
The university defends the research freedom of individuals and desires to maintain and develop a culture which promotes collaboration, critical dialogue, curiosity and the independent search for new knowledge and insight.
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