

Summary of actions— Research

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<p>1.1.</p> <p><i>AAU will increase the impact of its research in the national and international arenas. This will be accomplished by increasing the volume of our contributions to recognised and well-reputed publications and by acquiring a larger number of prestigious grants.</i></p>	<p>Main activity 1: Establishing research groups as organisational units which are embedded in the departments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Subtask 1: Organising research groups - Subtask 2: Preparing profile/strategy for the individual research groups, including scheduled action plans for publication and application initiatives (see main activity 2, subtask 2, and main activity 3, subtask 2) - Subtask 3: Ensuring required research leadership skills 	<p>Heads of departments Heads of research groups Researchers</p>
	<p>Main activity 2: Focused publishing initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Subtask 1: Identifying the best recognised and most well-reputed international publication channels within the research environment of each individual research group. - Subtask 2: Preparing scheduled action plans for the publishing initiative. 	<p>Heads of research groups Researchers The VBN Editorial Office</p>
	<p>Main activity 3: Increase in the acquisition of prestigious grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Subtask 1: Identifying the most prestigious grants within each research environment - Subtask 2: Preparing scheduled action plans for the publishing initiative. 	<p>Heads of research groups Researchers Research Support Unit</p>

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<p>1.2.</p> <p><i>In order to support our research and our efforts to acquire an increasing number of prestigious grants, a targeted research funding initiative will be launched. This initiative will involve a sharper focus on the potentials, development and capacity of research environments; and it will ensure that researchers receive support from administrative staff throughout the application process and project period.</i></p> <p><i>The research support initiative will be supplemented by interest promotion in the fora in which framework conditions and calls are formulated.</i></p>	<p>Main activity 1: Strengthening the application process for external funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Subtask 1: Establishing an overall definition of prestigious grants - Subtask 2: Preparing action plans for application initiatives (<i>see action 1.1, phase 3, component 2</i>) - Subtask 3: Analysis of researchers' need and wish for administrative support in connection with the application process and the dissemination of information concerning prestigious grants. - Subtask 3: Implementing a pilot project regarding peer review of applications for prestigious grants - Subtask 4: Concluding general agreements with consultancies - Subtask 5: Establishing a management system for submitted applications 	<p>Research Support Unit Heads of research groups, researchers Heads of departments Deans/Managing Director of the Danish Building Research Institute</p>
	<p>Main activity 2: Protecting managerial discretion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Subtask 1: Protecting the working environment, time and means of the researchers to apply for external funding and to complete acquired projects - Subtask 2: Releasing department and faculty funding to alleviate the burden of co-financing. 	<p>Heads of departments Heads of research groups</p>
	<p>Main activity 3: Establishing a governance structure in order to professionalise AAU's strategic decisions as regards research and innovation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Subtask 1: Establishing a strategic research and innovation council at AAU - Subtask 2: Establishing cross-disciplinary research and innovation fora at AAU 	<p>Responsible executive manager. The Research Support Unit (coordinator) Pro-deans for research Selected heads of departments, selected researchers AAU members of Danish research councils, reference groups and advisory groups</p>
	<p>Main activity 4: Ensuring relevant alliances with industry and universities to promote the acquisition of an increasing number of prestigious grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Subtask 1: Qualitative assessment of existing alliances at the departments - Subtask 2: Establishing additional alliances between the industry and the universities 	<p>Deans/Managing Director of the Danish Building Research Institute Heads of departments Heads of research groups</p>

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<p>1.3.</p> <p><i>AAU will strengthen its endeavours to identify and develop emerging research talents through a general talent development initiative. The talent development initiative will be integrated in an on-going effort to identify emerging research environments.</i></p>	<p>Main activity 1: Talent Development program for assistant professors and young associate professors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Subtask 1: Allocation of resources to the talent development program - Subtask 2: Identify members of an assessment committee and identify selection criteria - Subtask 3: Identification and selection of candidates for the program - Subtask 4: Final selection of participants to join the program - Subtask 5: Possibly repeat the procedure in 2017 and 2018 	<p>Executive Management Deans/Managing Director of the Danish Building Research Institute Heads of departments Heads of research groups Researchers (such as researchers, supervisors and lecturers) Assessment committee comprised of selected professors from all faculties</p>
	<p>Main activity 2: Identification and continuous development of emerging research environments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Subtask 1: Identifying emerging research environments - Subtask 2: Promoting growth conditions for emerging research environments - Subtask 3: Promoting growth conditions by creating forums for talents 	<p>Deans/Managing Director of the Danish Building Research Institute Heads of departments Heads of research groups Researchers Responsible executive manager Selected talents</p>

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<p>2.1.</p> <p><i>AAU will enhance its holistic research and develop new positions of strength within areas with an untapped potential of collaboration among our mono-disciplinary research environments. This is done by launching three to five interdisciplinary research projects with participants from research environments from across the main areas of the University.</i></p>	<p>Main activity 1: Establishing interdisciplinary projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Subtask 1: Allocation of resources to the interdisciplinary projects - Subtask 2: Identify members of an assessment committee and identify selection criteria - Subtask 3: Identification and selection of project ideas incl. forming consortia with the participation of researchers from across the AAU - Subtask 4: Final selection of interdisciplinary projects - Subtask 5: Initiating and implementing interdisciplinary projects - Subtask 6: Evaluation and possibly prolonging the project period - 	<p>Rector Executive Management Deans/Managing Director of the Danish Building Research Institute Assessment committee comprised of selected professors from all faculties, Researchers/research groups Project managers (researchers) Project participants (researchers)</p>