Roskilde University

– a short introduction



Roskilde university

– Knowledge, problem-solvers and innovation for society

Roskilde University is an international university with strong roots in the Zealand region outside the capital of Copenhagen.

Our research, education and partnerships help support a more sustainable society – locally, nationally and globally.

- Interdisciplinary research at the highest international level, addressing real-world challenges.
- Knowledge and innovation that support decision-makers, organisations and businesses.
- Essential study programmes with highly qualified graduates and project managers who turn knowledge into practical solutions in the workplace.
- Flexible continuing and professional education, with lifelong learning and tailored programmes for both public and private organisations.

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The world is constantly changing. Roskilde University stands as an indispensable partner and provider of research, knowledge, and highly qualified graduates – improving the society we have today and the one we need to develop for the future."

Rasmus Antoft
Rector

Mission

Roskilde University moves society forward with groundbreaking interdisciplinary research and education.

Vision

Roskilde University will be a European front-runner within interdisciplinary knowledge creation with local embedding and global outlook and will be recognised for its contribution to research-based sustainable change.

Facts and figures

945 employees (full-time equivalents)
7,942 students
965 million DKK in annual revenue

Research

New knowledge for the sustainable society of the future

Roskilde University leads the way with groundbreaking, critical and interdisciplinary research at the highest international level.

We work to generate new knowledge that addresses challenges in areas such as sustainable development, digitalisation, communication, health, and democracy.

Our research is closely connected to society. Through education, collaboration, innovation and entrepreneurship, our research is put into practice – and delivers concrete impact for the benefit of companies, public organisations, NGOs and networks.

With strong local roots and a global outlook, Roskilde University's research contributes to the sustainable development of society as a whole.

Research at Roskilde University is based on the fundamental principles of freedom of research, research integrity and open science.

Research at Roskilde University is organised in four main areas:

- Department of Communication and Humanities
- Department of People and Technology
- Department of Science and Environment
- Department of Social Sciences and Business



A new test can reveal the risk of recurrence for patients with colon cancer:

We have developed a test that measures how cancer patients respond to surgery. It can indicate the risk of recurrence and serve as a valuable tool for doctors when determining the appropriate post-treatment for patients."

Stine Bull Jessen, postdoc
Department of Science and Environment at Roskilde University

498
researchers
(full-time equivalents)

1.700
annual publications

364
externally funded
research projects

213 million DKK
in external research
funding

965 million DKK
in annual revenue

23
research centers

40
research groups

Read more about research at Roskilde University

Education

Interdisciplinary problem solvers for a globalised and changing world

All programmes at Roskilde University are built around the university's research-based education model, Problem-oriented Project Learning (PPL). In practice, this means that students try their hand at real-life problems in collaboration with other students across disciplines, by collaborating with companies and organisations outside Roskilde University and by interacting with the university's researchers.

This way of learning prepares students for an ever-changing and globalised world, where complex challenges require innovative solutions across sectors and disciplines. Roskilde University's programmes are:

- **Research-based**
  Students are taught and guided by researchers who bring new knowledge and quality into the programmes.
- **Interdisciplinary**
  Students collaborate and solve problems across academic boundaries and disciplines.
- **Problem-oriented**
  The programmes teach students to independently identify and define relevant, current issues in society.
- **Project-based**
  Students learn to work in groups to manage tasks, time and resources in projects and report their results.
- **International**
  The programmes provide students with an international outlook and teach them to incorporate and reflect on global perspectives and solutions.



You learn so much from working interdisciplinary with scientific theories and methods in practice, perhaps also in collaboration with a company. The researchers guide you, and they are mega-dedicated, while at the same time challenging you to work at a high professional level."

Carla Kjeldgaard
Student at Roskilde University

7
bachelor programmes
- 4 in Danish
- 3 in English

35
bachelor's programmes

34
master's programmes

8
master's programmes for working professionals

7.942
students, 26 % of which are international

Read more about education at Roskilde University

Innovation and collaboration

Together we move society forward

Collaborations between students, researchers and businesses

Our students learn to solve real-life problems. Collaborating with students, companies can thus apply the latest research knowledge to the challenges of their everyday business. Both students and researchers collaborate with companies, public institutions and NGO's, knowing that most solutions arise from interaction and dialogue.

Strategic partnerships

Our students learn to solve real-life problems. As a company, you therefore have the opportunity to put the latest knowledge into practice in relation to the challenges that characterise your everyday business. Collaboration with students can take place in a wide range of interdisciplinary areas, such as environment and health.

Entrepreneurship

Roskilde University supports our researchers in becoming entrepreneurs or patenting their research. We also train and support students' startup ideas. By doing so, the university contributes to creating the jobs of the future.

An international profile

RUC is an international university, and internationalisation is a driving force in developing our teaching and research. We have numerous partnerships with other universities, businesses and organisations in Europe and beyond, and we welcome around 1000 international students from over 80 countries each year.

If you want to know more, please contact us:

External Collaborations
samarbejde@ruc.dk

Read more about Roskilde University's external collaborations

Student collaboration with private company:

The students gave us concrete suggestions on how we could improve project management in practice. That's input we wouldn't have gotten otherwise."

Martin Lundberg-Jensen
Managing director in the IT company Ampleo



Collaboration with Region Zealand

Roskilde University continues to develop its role as Region Zealand's university

The municipalities in Region Zealand have great potential, and the ambitions of the region's leading organisations are clear: 'We want to be greener, healthier and more skilled'.

Roskilde University shares Region Zealand's vision, and contributes with highly educated students, strong research and close collaboration with a wide range of the region's driving forces to realise common ambitions. As a regional university of international standing, we bridge the gap between research and the local business community for the benefit of society as a whole. Among other things, we contribute through:

- **Training partnerships**
  – between all 34 master's programmes and regional stakeholders (e.g. municipalities)
- **Participation in the Zeland business lighthouses**
  – Biosolutions Zealand and Femern Lighthouse
- **Management of the Multi-disease Innovation Network**
  – in collaboration with Danish Life Science Cluster and stakeholders in and outside the region

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Roskilde University participates in the Zealand Fehmarn Belt project as part of the Zealand business lighthouses to promote innovation and knowledge.

Read more about Roskilde University's collaboration with Region Zealand

Continuing education

Flexible training programmes for a changing world

Based on strong and relevant research, Roskilde University offers full master's programmes for working professionals or shorter courses to meet a growing demand in the labour market – both in Region Zealand and the rest of the country.

We collaborate with companies and organisations and develop tailor-made programmes for individual teams or across the entire company.

All programmes are based on the participants' real-world work environment and draw on Roskilde University's strengths in problem-oriented project learning and real-world problem solving.

The university offers courses and programmes in areas such as:

- Public management and procurement
- Engagement that works
- Strategic foresight
- Project and change management
- Organisational psychology
- Professional communication



RUC educates 240 hospital managers from Nordsjællands Hospital for the digital future:

What we teach them is to think strategically, to understand technology better, to think creatively about the application of new technology and to realise a change with digital technology into reality."

Jan Pries-Heje
Professor of Computer Science
at Roskilde University

8
master's programmes for working professionals

10+
shorter courses

- With and without ECTS
- Customised for the company
- Customised for the employee

Read more about Roskilde University's continuing education

Course
Master's
Guest st

Vibrant and green campus

RUC wants to be a pioneering university for sustainable campus operations – both socially, economically and environmentally

Our campus is the heart of the university, bringing together students, staff and employees and guests. Here, we prioritise community, green transition and an inclusive environment for everyone.

- We invest in green projects to reduce our environmental impact, such as solar panels on roofs, electric car charging points, low-energy lab building, a canteen with climate-friendly food, and environmentally certified cleaning throughout the university.
- We rebuild, renovate and transform old buildings into energy-efficient and innovative learning environments with room for interdisciplinary collaboration and innovative teaching methods.



- We emphasise social sustainability and support an active student environment with student houses, sports facilities, nature areas, innovation workshops and other academic and social meeting places where students can make campus their own space.
- We interact with the world around us, and diversity is at the heart of both our academic and social mission. No matter where you come from, we will work to make you feel at home in the campus community.



"You can join football, yoga, choir, fitness, gaming, food nights and a lot more. The social environment is awesome."

Julie Egbo
Student at Roskilde University

The university campus extends over 35 hectares and is located in Trekroner just outside Roskilde.

Since 2006, Roskilde University has reduced its energy consumption by:

Electricity **43 %**
Water **67 %**
Heating **59 %**

On campus there are more than 6,000 m² of solar panels on the roofs.

Read more about sustainability at Roskilde University

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