



Welcome to the Graduate School

Faculty of Health Sciences
University of Southern Denmark, SDU

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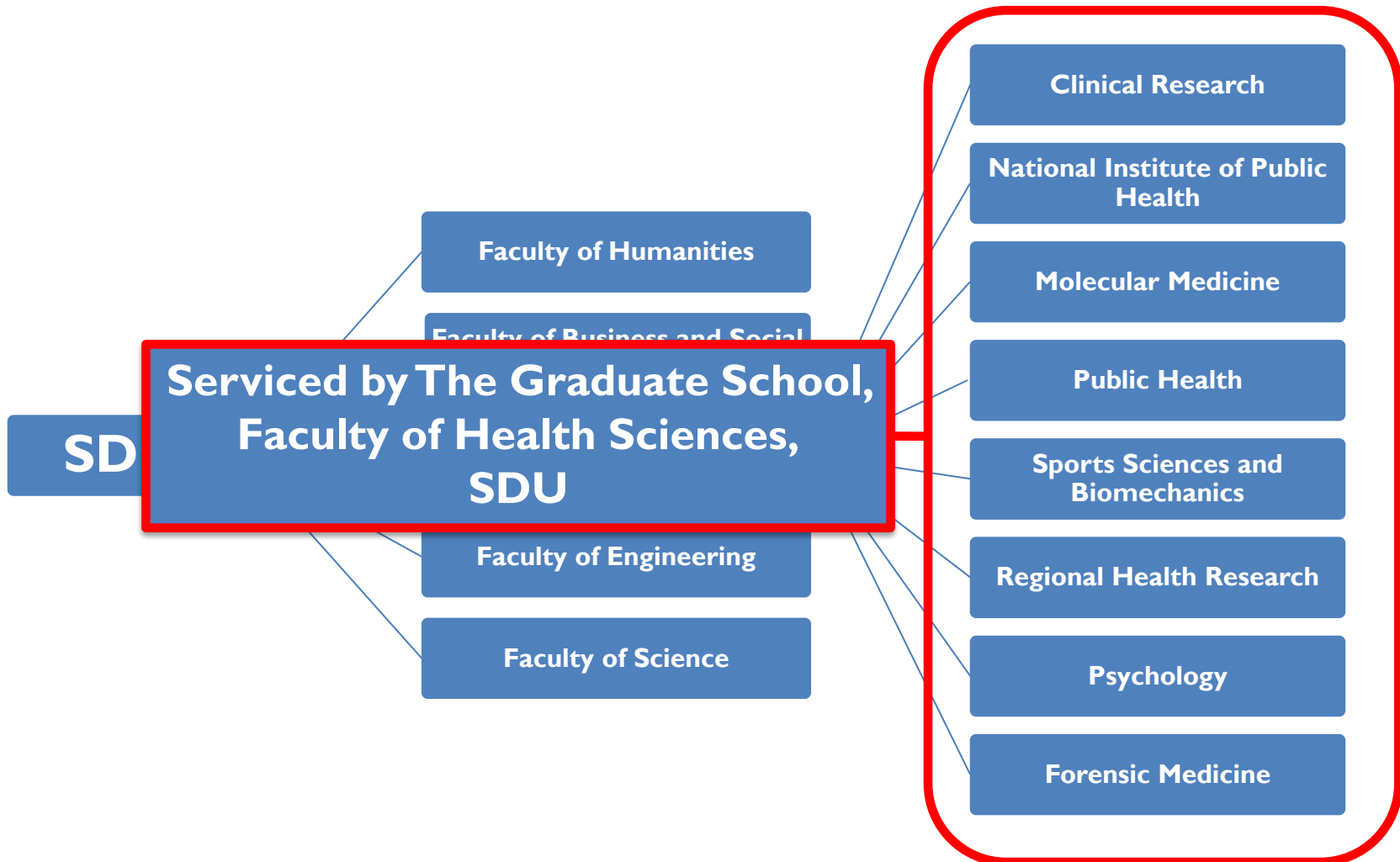
Why join this mandatory course?

- Hear about the organization to which you now belong
- Learn about basic legal aspects for your research education (PhD order)
- Practical guidance for your collaboration with the Graduate School
- Learn how to register your scientific performance (PURE)
- Insight to health research in a broader perspective and opportunity to present yourself and your project for peers

Programme of the day

Time	Subject	Lecturer
9.00 – 10.45	Welcome and introduction to the Graduate School	Head of Graduate School, Christian Godballe & Representative from Graduate School, Helle Normann Petersen
10.45 - 11.00	Break	
11.00 – 14.00	Health Research in a broader perspective – incl. free lunch in the course room.	Professor Kaare Christensen
14.00 – 14.15	Short break	
14.15 – 15.15	Support for PhD students:	
14.15 – 14.45	PURE & SDUB	Karen Lindvig
14.45 – 15.15	PAUSD	Lasse Østengaard

SDU → Faculties → Departments



The Graduate School staff

- The Graduate School consists of 5 administrators & the Head of the Graduate School Professor Christian Godballe
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The Graduate School



The PhD Committee

The committee has 10 members (5 supervisors and 5 PhD students)

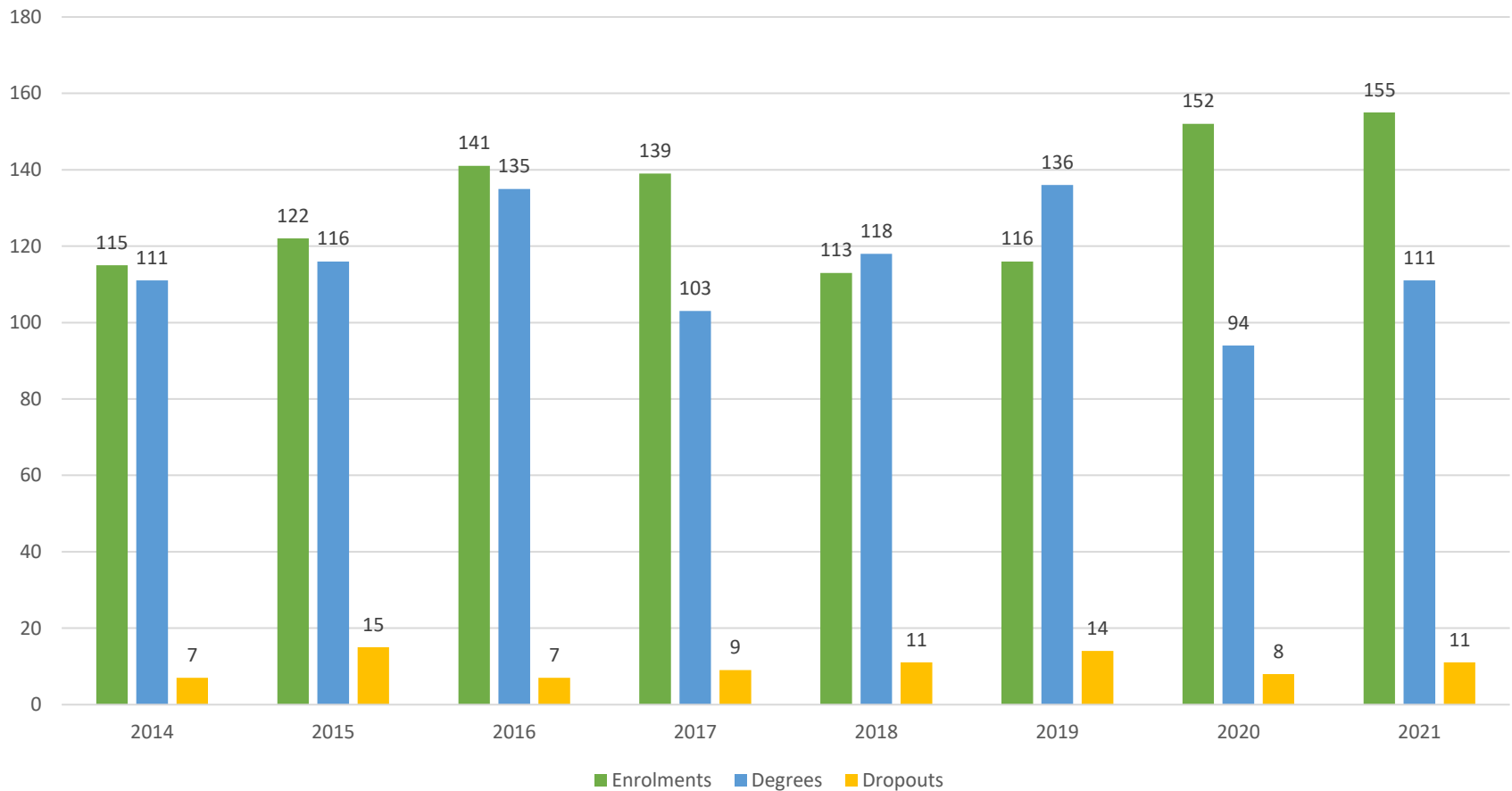
The chairman is the Head of the Graduate School, the vice-chairman is a student

- Planning and evaluation of Graduate School activities
- Proposal for internal guidelines
- Has one sub-committees:
 - The Committee concerning Academic Theses (UvAA)

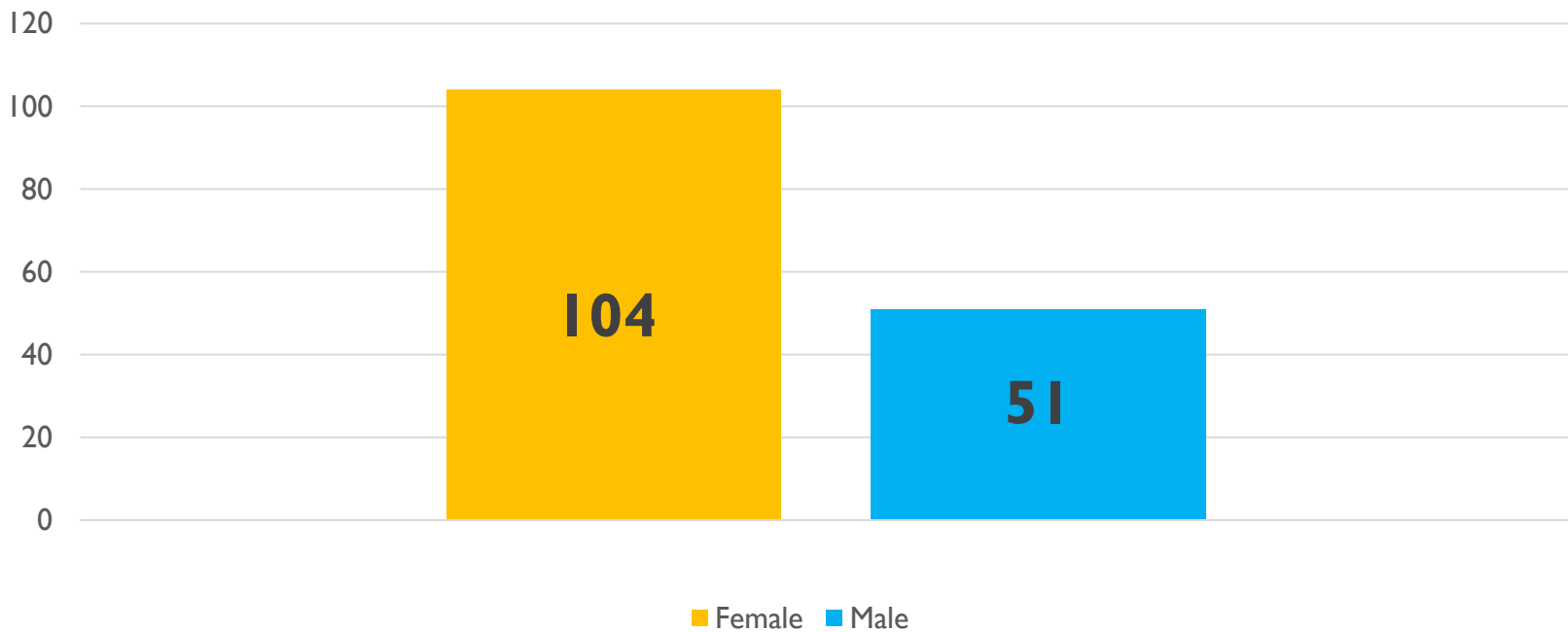
The Committee concerning Academic Theses (UvAA)

- A sub-committee to the PhD Committee defined by the Faculty of Health Sciences
 - Appoints assessment committees
 - Gives counselling to assessment committees
 - Performs quality checks of PhD assessment reports
 - An assessment is not approved by the faculty until UvAA has accepted
- *8 senior professors including the head of the Graduate School*

PhDs 2014 - 2021



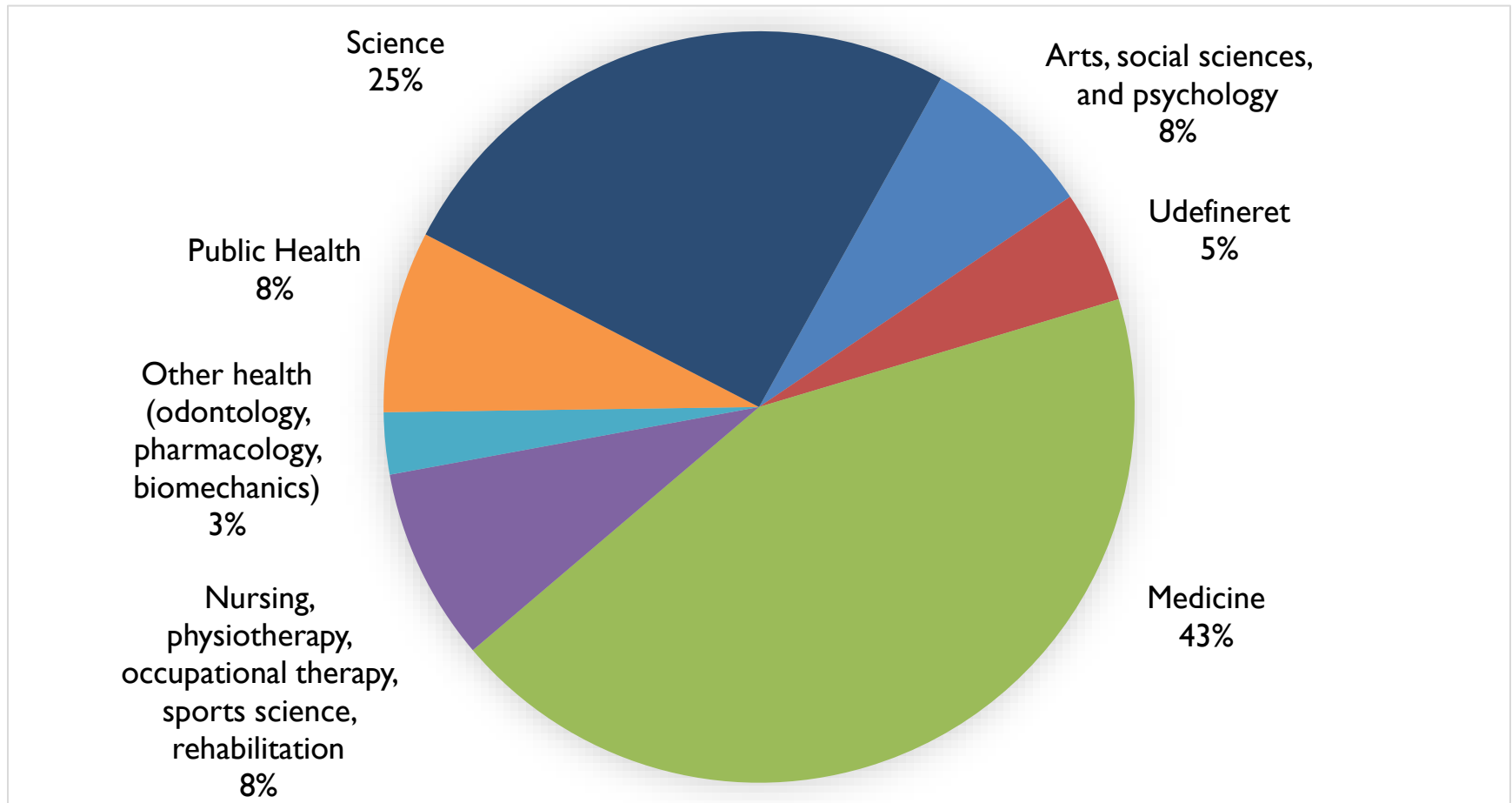
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Departments and PhDs 2021

Departments	Number of students
Clinical Research (KI)	267
Regional Health Research (IRS)	125
Public Health (IST)	68
Sports Sciences and Biomechanics (IOB)	45
Molecular Medicine (IMM)	38
National Institut of Public Health (SIF)	31
Psychology (IP)	23
Forensic medicine (RI)	2
Total	599

Educational background of PhD students 2021



What is a PhD?

- Defined by the PhD Order
 - The backbone of legislation of the Graduate School

Ministerial Order on the PhD Programme at the Universities and Certain Higher Artistic Educational Institutions (PhD Order)

Pursuant to section 8(1) and section 34(1) of the Danish Act on Universities (the University Act) (*Universitetsloven*), see Consolidation Act no. 367 of 25 March 2013, and section 10(1), section 12 and section 15(2) of the Danish Act on Higher Artistic Educational Institutions (*Lov om videregående kunstneriske uddannelsesinstitutioner*), see Consolidation Act no. 465 of 8 May 2013, the following is stipulated:

<https://www.retsinformation.dk/Forms/R0710.aspx?id=152430>

<https://ufm.dk/en/legislation/prevailing-laws-and-regulations/education/files/engelsk-ph-d-bekendtgorelse.pdf>

The components in a PhD

- A research project carried out under supervision
- A course programme corresponding to half a year's full-time study (30 ECTS credits)
- Affiliation to one or more (international) research environments
- Teaching and dissemination of knowledge
- Authoring of scientific publication(s)
- Preparation, writing and defense of a PhD thesis

The PhD order: <https://ufm.dk/en/legislation/prevaling-laws-and-regulations/education/files/engelsk-ph-d-bekendtgorelse.pdf>

Problems, disagreements and conflicts may occur ☹️

- What do I do.....?
 - Get support and solutions from PhD-fellows, preferable establish networks
 - Consult your principal supervisor – better sooner than later..... conflicts escalate by time
- If no solution in own research group is possible:
 - The door at the Graduate School is open
 - Mail: phd@health.sdu.dk & Phone: +45 65 50 49 49
 - Head of PhD School may be involved
 - Head of Department (institutleder) may also be consulted

Psychological help needed

- Seldom – but may occur.....
 - If employment at SDU “Psykologtjenesten” (Pernille Reumart) may be used for free
 - If not employed at SDU use psychology facilities from own organization or Birgitte Zethsen (payment necessary)

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**Birgitte
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• [HR-udvikling](#)
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Being a PhD student

- to prepare for the unpredictable

The only thing
you can be sure of
is that your Phd study
will not go exactly as planned

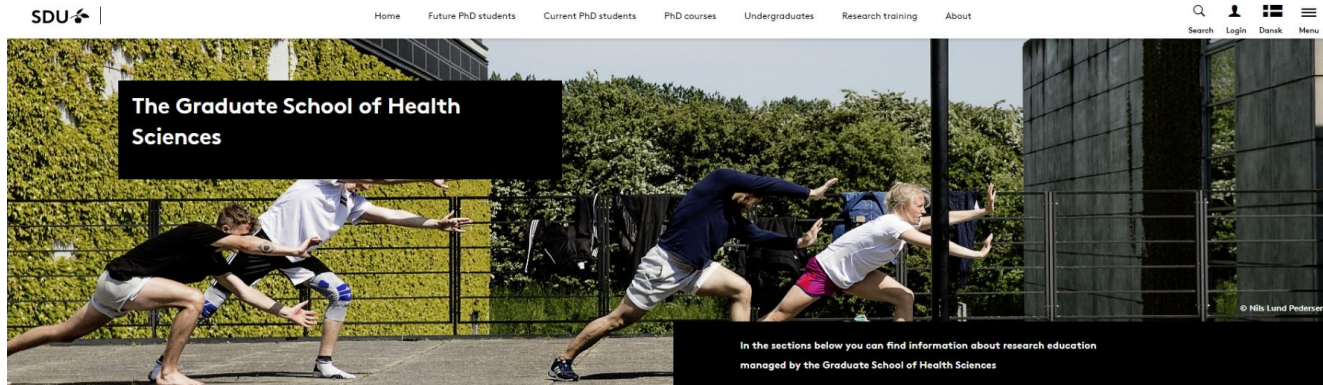
In short: a fascinating journey

- **The starting point:**
 - An expedition into unknown land
 - Blood, sweat and tears, but also many successful moments (milestones reached, publications accepted.....)
- **Murphy's law:**
 - If anything can go wrong, it will, and usually at the most inopportune moment
- **How can you be prepared?**
 - Education
 - Robust planning
 - Good timing



**Welcome and
good luck**

The website: www.sdu.dk/healthphd



- **For future PhD students**
Information about how to become a PhD student
- **For current PhD students**
Information for enrolled PhD students and supervisors
- **For undergraduates**
How to do a year of undergraduate research
- **Research training (Forskningstræning)**
The information on this page is only available in Danish
- **Our PhD courses**
Upcoming courses and practical information
- **Contact**
Contact information for the PhD secretariat



Upcoming PhD defences
Find the next PhD defences in the area of Health Sciences

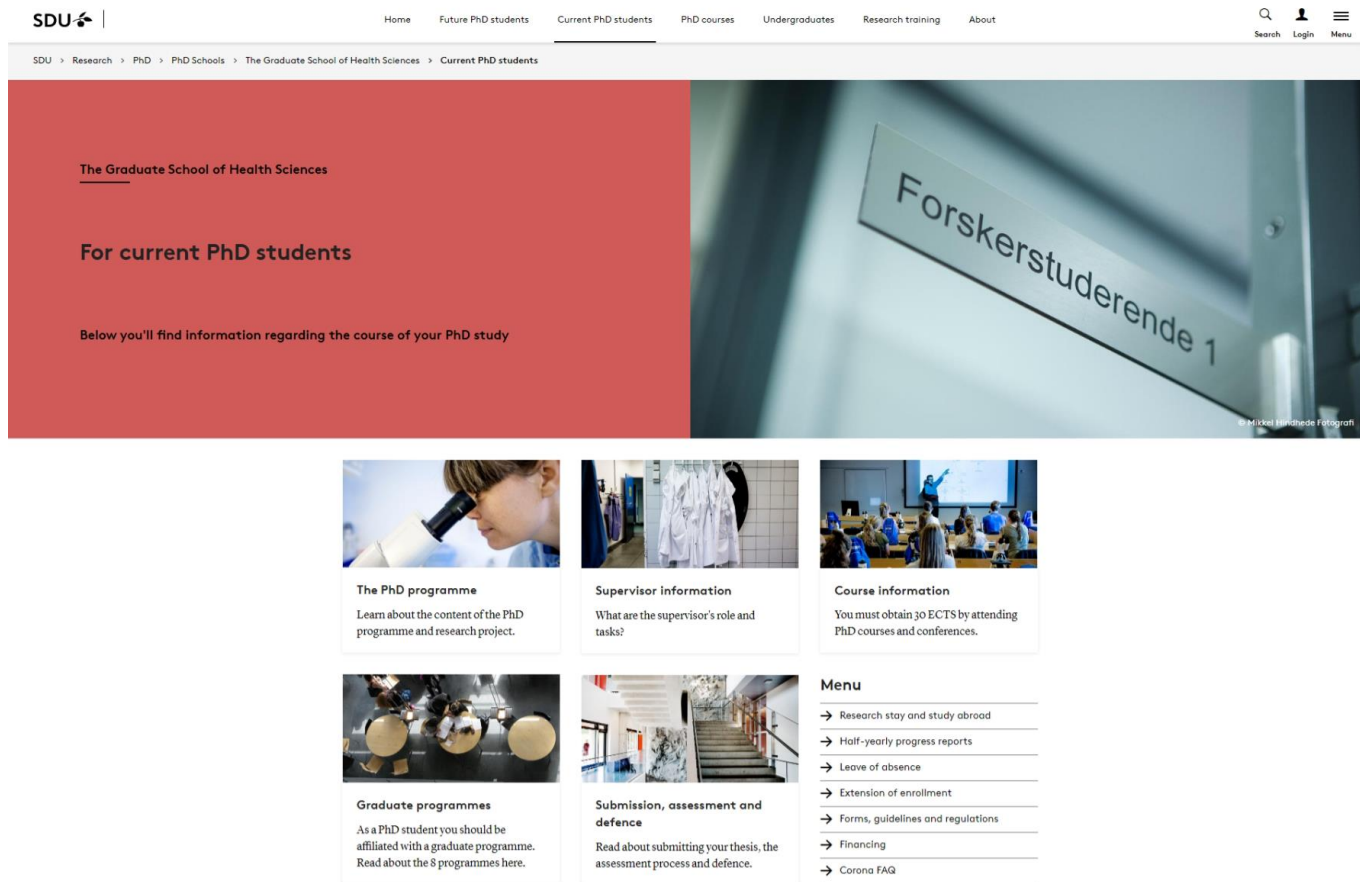


Corona FAQ
How does the Corona situation affect your PhD study?

Shortcuts

- About the Graduate School
- Information for supervisors
- Information for assessment committee
- How to apply for enrollment
- Financing a PhD study
- Forms, guidelines and regulations
- Guidelines for writing your PhD thesis
- Submission, assessment & defence

The website: www.sdu.dk/healthphd



The screenshot shows the website's navigation menu at the top: Home, Future PhD students, Current PhD students (selected), PhD courses, Undergraduates, Research training, and About. On the right, there are icons for Search, Login, and Menu. The breadcrumb trail reads: SDU > Research > PhD > PhD Schools > The Graduate School of Health Sciences > Current PhD students.

The main content area features a red sidebar on the left with the following text:

- The Graduate School of Health Sciences**
- For current PhD students**
- Below you'll find information regarding the course of your PhD study

To the right of the sidebar is a large image of a door handle with a sign that reads "Forskerstuderende 1".

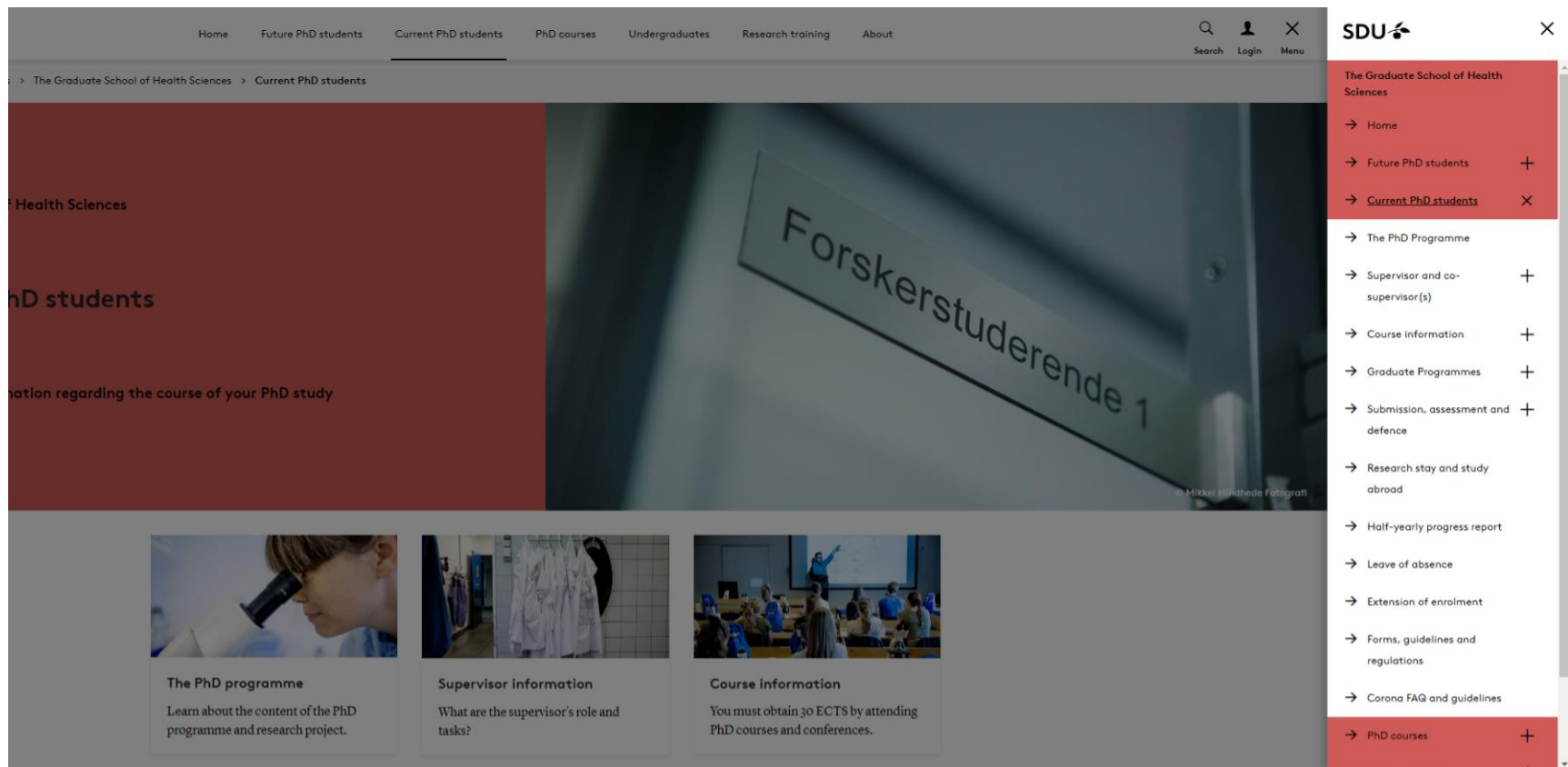
Below the main content are six informational cards:

- The PhD programme**: Learn about the content of the PhD programme and research project.
- Supervisor information**: What are the supervisor's role and tasks?
- Course information**: You must obtain 30 ECTS by attending PhD courses and conferences.
- Graduate programmes**: As a PhD student you should be affiliated with a graduate programme. Read about the 8 programmes here.
- Submission, assessment and defence**: Read about submitting your thesis, the assessment process and defence.
- Menu**:
 - Research stay and study abroad
 - Half-yearly progress reports
 - Leave of absence
 - Extension of enrollment
 - Forms, guidelines and regulations
 - Financing
 - Corona FAQ

Health PhD Club

Being a PhD student is challenging in many ways and it can be difficult to get a social network. We often attend courses to learn new methods of research but we also receive important information when talking to fellow PhD students.

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During the PhD course of study

- Half year assessment reports (May 1st and November 1st).
The report should state whether the PhD plan is followed
- Teaching and knowledge dissemination
- Contact with other research environments – preferably abroad
- Maternity/paternity leave, sickness leave
- Part time studies
- Change of supervisors

Application forms on the website:

https://www.sdu.dk/en/forskning/phd/phd_skoler/phdskolensundhedsvidenskab/phd_students/forms_guidelines_and_regulations

Teaching obligations

- All PhD students must gain experience with knowledge dissemination, including teaching and participation in conferences/seminars.
- Diversity is key
- Depending on your employment contract, you may be required to perform departmental tasks for up to max. 840 hrs. (280 hrs. pr. year)
- Consider this an opportunity to gain some of the required experience with knowledge dissemination

Course program

- 30 ECTS points
- Obligatory PhD courses: "Introduction to health research" (1 day/0.7 ECTS) and "Responsible conduct of research - Elements of scholarship" (4 modules/2 ECTS)
- Presentation (oral, poster) at conferences (up to 6 ECTS credits)
- List of courses can be found on website:
[https://www.sdu.dk/en/forskning/phd/phd_skoler/phdskolensu
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- National database: <https://phdcourses.dk/>

Course funding

- Open market courses are free as long as you are enrolled at a Danish University
- Subsidy can be applied for to cover transportation and if needed accommodation
- [https://www.sdu.dk/en/forskning/phd/phd_skoler/phdskolensu
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- External courses (non Open Market): Up to Dkk 10.000 (once!)
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Graduate programmes

- Clinical Research
- Diabetes & Metabolism
- Haematology & Oncology
- Heart, Kidney & Circulation
- Immunology, Allergology, Microbiology & Disease
- Neuroscience
- Physical Activity/Musculoskeletal Health
- Public Health

Individual websites:

https://www.sdu.dk/en/forskning/phd/phd_skoler/phdskolensundhedsvidenskab/phd_students/graduate_programmes

If you plan on going abroad (you should!)

- Research stays abroad: Travel expenses + up to Dkk 7.500/month to cover accommodation
https://www.sdu.dk/en/forskning/phd/phd_skoler/phdskolensundhedsvidenskab/phd_students/research_stay_and_study_abroad
- The Graduate School does not offer subsidy for conferences or seminars. Please contact your department for any other options.
- For insurance purposes, contact the International Staff Office before leaving the country

Closing in on the deadline

- ‘Presubmission’ (2 months before deadline)
 - Proposal for 2 external examiners (one international and one national) and 1 chairman
- Link will be forwarded from the Graduate School 3 months before deadline
- Suggested reviewers must have accepted the task
- Your suggested reviewers must be approved by the Committee concerning Academic Theses before they become official

For more info:

https://www.sdu.dk/en/forskning/phd/phd_skoler/phdskolensundhedsvidenskab/phd_students/submission_assessment_and_defence/before_submission

Submission of the PhD thesis

- Submission via PURE:
 - Thesis
 - Co-authorship declarations
 - Main supervisor's statement
 - Short account of all other elements – course work, knowledge dissemination and contact with other research environments

For more info:

https://www.sdu.dk/en/forskning/phd/phd_skoler/phdskolensundhedsvidenskab/phd_students/submission_assessment_and_defence

Originality check

- The University Library will conduct the originality check before forwarding the thesis to the Graduate School.

The check will generate one of three conclusions:

- Green: all is in order, please submit your thesis.
- Yellow: Concerns related to previously published text, or other issues.
- Red: Suspected plagiarism.

For more info:

https://www.sdu.dk/en/forskning/phd/phd_skoler/phdskolensundhedsvidenskab/phd_students/submission_assessment_and_defence/submitting

Assessment of PhD thesis

- **Assessment** is carried out within the guidelines of the PhD School:
 - Preliminary recommendation to the Faculty after 6 weeks
 - The assessment must be approved by the Committee concerning Academic Theses
 - In case of a negative assessment – the student and supervisor will be allowed to comment on the assessment before the final decision is made
 - A revision may not take longer than 3 months

For more info:

https://www.sdu.dk/en/forskning/phd/phd_skoler/phdskolensundhedsvidenskab/phd_students/submission_assessment_and_defence/assessment

Defense of PhD thesis

Ca. 3 months after submission of a thesis a PhD defence is held.

- The author gives a lecture of 30-45 minutes
- The 2 external examiners examine the author (about one hour in total)
- The 3 members of the committee sign a document upon a successfully completed defence
- The Faculty Academic Council awards the PhD degree
- The PhD School issues a PhD diploma signed by the Dean (Danish/English)

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Questions?

