

Professor in Child and Adolescent Health Research at the National Institute of Public Health, University of Southern Denmark

At [the National Institute of Public Health](#) (NIPH), University of Southern Denmark (SDU) in Copenhagen, we wish to establish a full-time professorship in Child and Adolescent Health Research.

NIPH holds a strong research environment within child and adolescent health and wellbeing consisting of 25 researchers at senior- and junior levels. The scope of our research includes intervention, mental health, healthy weight, chronic illness, social inequality, as well as survey and register research, among others. By leveraging a diverse range of research methods and disciplines, NIPH aims to become a prominent national and international research environment for child and adolescent health. As such, the new professorship will play a crucial role in strategically developing research in this field and enhancing collaboration between NIPH and established research environments nationally and abroad. A specific task concerns the development of a national health profile of children and adolescents with a special responsibility for children aged 0-5 years.

NIPH has nine research groups who collaborate closely. Some of the institute's researchers deal with surveys of health and health behavior in the Danish population, some with register-based research and others with context-based and methodological research. At NIPH, we are determined to research topics that apply to major public health challenges – and to be among the best in utilizing and combining methods for practice-based research.

We offer an interesting position in an inspiring research environment with opportunities for collaboration with colleagues from different scientific disciplines, including public health, medicine, anthropology, sociology, and philosophy.

The applicant must have a strong academic background and must be able to demonstrate significant contributions to research in child and adolescent Health. Further development of own research in child and adolescent health - through publication and fundraising activities - will be expected.

The professor will be expected to:

- Develop and sustain a research group incl. strategic career mentoring.
- Participate in knowledge exchange with society.
- Learn written and spoken Danish within a period of max. 2 years.
- Take responsibility for research funding.
- Take responsibility for pre- and postgraduate education including educational supervision of post-docs and PhD students.
- Participate in assessment of students at BSc, MSc, and PhD levels.

Qualifications and skills:

- International publications and experience with research- and community-oriented dissemination, both at a national and international level.
- Solid experience with research management, strategic planning, and personnel management.
- Solid experience in Child and Adolescent Health Research – especially knowledge in childhood as a life phase, including what characterizes pre-school children and school children's health and everyday life.
- Research insight into weight development and/or mental health.
- Strong epidemiological skills.
- Solid experience with social determinants of child and adolescent health and social inequality in health as well as and intervention research.

- Experience with research communication and outreach.
- Well-developed national and international network within Child and Adolescent Health Research and an international network in research.
- Experience with traditional university-related tasks such as PhD supervision, education, and course development.
- Experience with funding and executing of different types of studies and research.

For further information, please contact Research Director Anna Paldam Folker: anpf@sdu.dk or Director of Institute Morten Hulvej Rod: rod@sdu.dk.

Additional information is available at the links below.

The successful applicant will be employed in accordance with the agreement between the Ministry of Finance and AC (the Danish Confederation of Professional Associations).

Applications will be assessed by an expert committee. Applicants will be informed of their assessment by the university.

Applications – including the required attachments – must be sent via the below-mentioned link “Apply online”. Only online applications will be accepted. Attached files must be Adobe PDF or Word format. Each field in the application form can contain up to max. 10 Mb.

The application must contain (as pdf. - or docx.-files):

- An application
- A detailed CV
- Degree certificates (inclusive of Ph.D.-diploma)
- A complete and numbered list of publications
- 10 scientific peer-reviewed publications which the candidate considers as most important for the position. Please notice that one pdf or docx. -file must be attached for each publication.
- A research plan which details the candidate’s ideas and plans for his/her future research work.

Incomplete applications with regards to the above-mentioned requirements will not be assessed.

The University wishes our staff to reflect the diversity of society and thus welcomes applications from all qualified candidates regardless of personal background.

Further details

[Read the guideline for applicants](#)

Deadline for submission of application: 1st of July, 2023.

Read more about NIPH <https://www.sdu.dk/da/sif>