

# Workshop on models for flexible Master's degree for working professionals

**Contribute to future models for the new types of flexible Master's programmes for working professionals and professionally-oriented Master's programmes with company collaboration to be developed as part of the reform of the Master's degree programmes**

**Campus Aalborg on 13/11 2023 ● Campus Esbjerg on 17/11 2023 ● Campus Copenhagen on 21/11 2023**

## **AAU invites you to workshops**

Under the auspices of the national committee tasked with drawing up an overall plan for the restructuring of the country's Master's degree programmes, AAU's rector is participating in the development of models for the new Master's programmes for working professionals and professionally-oriented Master's programmes with company collaboration. To thoroughly prepare for the discussions in the national committee, the rectorate invites AAU staff to workshops where they can provide input on future models, as well as on how PBL can be ensured in these new programmes at AAU.



For instance, input could be

- How to organize teaching flexibly and with appropriate workloads to suit both the students' day-to-day lives and the needs of companies.
- What is most important in relation to the PBL and how is PBL ensured in the programmes at AAU?
- What level of freedom is necessary to make the flexible Master's programmes for working professionals attractive to both students and employers?
- What is important for the business community/employers when considering employing Danish and international students as part of flexible Master's programmes for working professionals?
- What are the barriers and how could they be overcome?

## **Main features of the reform of the Master's degree programmes**

In June 2023, a broad political agreement was reached on the framework for Reform of University Education in Denmark. The purpose of the reform is to provide students with several different pathways to a Master's degree, new continuing education opportunities and to meet the needs of more international students.

The national committee was set up with the task of designing the new overall plan for the future landscape of Master's programmes. The national committee consists of the rectors of the eight Danish universities as well as representatives from the Danish Students Council and the Ministry of Higher Education and Science.

### **Flexible Master's degree programmes for working professionals and professionally-oriented Master's programmes with company collaboration**

New flexible Master's degree programmes for working professionals (75 and 120 ECTS credits):

- Part-time education undertaken alongside employment, and which can be organised flexibly
- The programmes are research-based and implemented with salary from the company instead of SU

Professionally-oriented Master's programmes with company collaboration:

- Are an alternative to – or a flexible variant of – the new flexible Master's programme for working professionals
- The national committee must suggest design proposals that adhere to the financial framework of the agreement on the candidate reform

The political ambition is that half of the places in the new flexible Master's programmes for working professionals will be filled by international students.

### **The new Master's programmes pathways:**

- Master's programmes of 1¼ academic years – 75 ECTS credits
- Flexible Master's programmes for working professionals of 120 and 75 ECTS credits
- Professionally-oriented Master's programmes with company collaboration

Gradual introduction of the new pathways to a Master's degree:

- By 2028, 10 percent will be admitted to Master's programmes of 1¼ academic years and 10 per cent to flexible Master's programmes for working professionals
- By 2030, an additional 5 percent will be admitted to flexible Master's programmes for working professionals
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