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Roskilde University's primary objective is experimental, innovative forms of learning, research and problem-solving that moves society into the future.

We think ahead...

RUC was originally established in order to challenge academic traditions and to experiment with new ways to create and acquire knowledge. At RUC we cultivate a project and problem oriented approach to knowledge creation, because we believe that the most relevant results are obtained by solving real problems in collaboration with others. We employ an interdisciplinary approach because no major problems are ever resolved on the basis of any single academic discipline alone. We also cultivate transparency, because we believe that participation and knowledge-sharing are prerequisites for freedom of thought, democracy, tolerance and development.

...and shape the future

The world is changing rapidly. Social and technological developments are constantly providing human societies with new opportunities and challenges. As a university, RUC must not simply follow in the wake of these developments or merely try to understand them - we must also actively shape them. We must create the opportunities that no one can yet imagine. We must also help to develop sustainable solutions to the major challenges we will face in the future, both nationally and globally, in areas such as the environment, inequality, democracy, health and cultural coexistence.

What we do?

The education of the future is project and problem-oriented

We educate competent, interdisciplinary graduates for the society of the future.

Future graduates from RUC will contribute to a society in which the creation of value and knowledge will be increasingly achieved through collaboration across businesses, organizations, government agencies, teams and individuals worldwide. This will require very specialised competencies. It is not sufficient that students acquire the highest level of expertise within their subject areas. They must also develop the ability to bring their academic knowledge effectively into play with others.

RUC's pedagogical approach, using project and problem-based learning, is therefore the education model of the future. It prepares students for the future by encouraging them to tackle real issues in collaboration with students from other disciplines, in dialogue with companies and organizations outside RUC and in close interaction with our researchers.

But the education model of the future must be constantly developed. We continually focus on development and quality in our education programmes and on always providing our students with a high level of academic training and expertise to match the requirements of the labour market.

Research in the future will be open and participatory

We create scientific results of the highest quality, through openness, engagement and knowledge sharing.

In a society where everyone is connected, the possibilities for sharing knowledge and ideas are constantly increasing. This is a major potential for university research. We believe that the most vital questions and the most relevant solutions occur in the interaction between universities, individuals, businesses and organizations. The experience possessed by others can be used to identify relevant problems and to qualify solutions in interaction with the university.

We therefore involve the outside world in our research, in our identification and understanding of the nature of problems and in the dialogue regarding possible solutions for the benefit of both the local community and the rest of the world. We are also constantly engaged in developing new ways to interact with the world around us, in order to ensure that the university's reach extends as far as possible into the outside world and that the world reaches even further into the university. Everyone should be able to draw on the knowledge that we create at RUC, and we should be able to draw on knowledge from everyone.

Live campus

RUC's campus is the setting for a lively social and professional community.

RUC is a meeting place where you become part of a strong community. It is a campus where ideas and free thinking are brought into play in the dialogue between people with different perspectives and nationalities. An interdisciplinary approach and project work immerses the students in social and professional contexts that form lasting ties.

The culture at RUC is therefore characterised by a high degree of openness and room for many different positions. The core of RUC's culture is freedom of thought, democracy and tolerance.

We offer the outside world

For prospective students

- You will be prepared for the society and labour market of the future by learning to identify and solve real problems in collaboration with students from other disciplines, in dialogue with companies and organizations outside RUC and in close interaction with our researchers.
- Your academic training will employ modern and motivating learning methods from day one.
- You will acquire the most up to date academic knowledge in one or more subject areas.

- You will be a co-creator of value for society during the course of your studies.
- You will be the driving force in your own education.
- You will be part of a special community, where freedom of thought, democracy, tolerance and commitment are core values.

For businesses

- We educate bachelors and masters with a strong, interdisciplinary profile and who are ready to prepare your business for the future.
- We use participatory and empowering learning methods to ensure that the students are mature enough to enter directly into the workplace, including in relation to project management, specific collegial cooperation and a readiness to participate across disciplines.
- RUC continually creates new research-based knowledge and practice that we offer to share and develop in collaboration with your company.

For potential employees

- RUC offers a unique pedagogical approach to education.
- We are continually working to develop new forms of learning and we particularly encourage forms that interact with the outside world.
- The basis for all education and the development of education is a strong focus on quality.
- Research at RUC is based on openness, both internally and externally in interaction with our surroundings. We are constantly endeavouring to find new ways to interact with the outside world.
- You work directly and engagingly with students who have a high level of professional commitment, within both teaching and research.
- The culture at RUC as a workplace is based on cooperation, participation, freedom of thought and collegiality.

For society

- We move the university community and society forward with new and experimental forms of learning, research and development.
- We share our knowledge with the world around us. Everyone should be able to draw on the knowledge that we create at RUC, and we should be able to draw on knowledge from everyone.
- Our researchers are involved in and contribute to significant social debates.

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