

The *educational ambassador* network

Purpose

The *educational ambassador* network is an important element in CESU's faculty development model and is based on the principle of distributed competency development and knowledge mobilisation. This means that the ambassadors will – with assistance from the Centre for Health Sciences Education (CESU) – have the opportunity to acquire pedagogical and didactic insight with a view to being able to apply this in their specific field of study, while CESU gains greater knowledge about specific teaching-related challenges, initiatives, wishes and needs in the academic environments.

Tasks and content

The role of ambassador entails pedagogical/didactic competency development which is undertaken by CESU through e.g. the holding of customised courses or other activities. The acquired competences can, for example, be brought into play in relation to the tasks listed below. The specific tasks are agreed with the Department's deputy department head for education.

<i>Tasks</i>	<i>Examples of actions</i>
Bring your pedagogical/didactic knowledge into play	Find specific literature, evidence or practice with relevance for own subject area and distribute this knowledge in own academic environment. Enter into dialogue with colleagues about specific development ideas or challenges in relation to teaching.
Support cross-departmental information exchange	Make degree programme directors aware of development initiatives in the educational field and contribute to discussions about this. Take the initiative to informal coffee meetings with colleagues at which teaching can be discussed.
Act as a liaison between the academic environments and CESU	Draw attention to what CESU has to offer and refer colleagues to CESU's resources. Arrange an after-work meeting for teaching staff to which CESU is invited to give a presentation or workshop.
Participate in relevant development activities in relation to teaching and education at the department	Participate in follow-up activities arising from the annual reviews of the study programmes. Communicate own experience of pedagogical development activities in connection with the

	section's or department's events, where teaching and education are on the agenda.
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Organisational position

The ambassadors are anchored with the Department's deputy department head for education. This ensures that the ambassadors have a well-established and systematic connection to the relevant established forums at the department which deal with education-related topics, while also ensuring a contact with the programme management at the department.

The organisational positioning makes possible:

- Agreements and balancing of mutual expectations for the ambassador's specific tasks.
- Discussion of teaching-related focus areas at the department.
- Mutual information exchange in support of an exchange of experiences and high-quality educational culture in the field of education.

How and when: Benefits, selection, scope and period

What are the benefits of being an ambassador?

- A grant of DKK 20,000 from the Dean's Office for a brief period abroad at another university to find inspiration for further development of teaching.
- The ambassador is awarded a diploma covering the competences obtained which can be included in the teaching portfolio and the general pedagogical competency development with a view to qualification in his or her future career.
- The network of ambassadors provides the opportunity to discuss and develop an interest in teaching and pedagogics together with like-minded people.
- The ambassador contributes to the continuous quality development of teaching at the department.

How do I become an ambassador and what does it involve?

- You must submit a personal statement which will be assessed by a representative from CESU and the deputy department head for education.
- Being an active teacher/lecturer with a keen interest in teaching will weigh favourably in the selection.
- The appointment as an educational ambassador is for a two-year period, during which it is expected that the study abroad scholarship from the dean is used for a shorter stay at a university abroad.
- On average the workload corresponds to 2-5 days per month.

CESU's role

CESU has overall responsibility for the development and operation of the *educational ambassador* network. This responsibility entails the following tasks:

- The planning and holding of competence development events relevant to the network.
- Acting as a sparring partner for the ambassadors.

- Inviting the ambassadors to relevant follow-up activities arising from the annual reviews at the study programmes.
- Preparation of selection criteria, advertising and selection of ambassadors together with the deputy department head for education.