Department of Public Health (IFSV)

The mission of the Department of Public Health (IFSV) is to provide the scientific foundation for improving public health, both nationally and globally. This includes increased understanding of the links between health, the individual and society as well as the ethical, equity and political implications of poor health and health interventions.

The Department strives to ensure its position as a world-leading department within public health through cross-cutting research, high quality education and engagement with stakeholders and the public at large. By covering and promoting wide-arching multidisciplinary research that has a high scientific and societal impact, IFSV contributes to set the global health research agenda and addresses both the grand challenges and the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Strategic Goals 2018-2023

- Recruit and nurture the best possible talent to fulfil research, educational and societal impact agendas
- Provide a strong framework for research- and evidence-based educational programs with societal relevance
- Increase, develop and document societal impact of the Department’s research

Action Plans 2019

Research
- Recruit junior research talent through an internationally oriented recruitment and career system, including tenure track
- Develop frameworks for career development and guidelines for expectations and criteria for career pathways

Education
- Facilitate closer interactions between students and academic staff
- Initiate focused evaluations and research in the area of e-learning
- Develop problem and case based educational resources in close partnership with external stakeholders

Collaboration, societal commitment and outreach
- Promote research engaging stakeholders in co-creative processes by establishing at least one co-created research project
- Produce innovative case studies to explore and define societal impact of the Department

Employees, administration and framework
- Ensure high quality in management at all levels
- Balance allocation of work tasks
- Support new cross-cutting research projects

Research
- Digitalization and high data complexity in health and across sectors
- Life course analysis, public health interventions and innovation
- Sustainability in global and environmental health
- Science and technology studies

Educational Programmes
- Public Health
- Global Health
- Medicine

Key Figures (2018)

Publication (2017): 673

Staff (FTE):
- Professors: 27
- Associate Professors: 51
- Assistant Professors: 12
- Additional VIP: 81
- TAP: 40

Finances
- Turnover (mio. DKR): 173,000

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