





# Denmark: Moving beyond the gender fatigue

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The Danish Society for Women in Science (DANWISE) is a non-profit organization committed to BRIDGING THE GENDER GAP in the

STEMM, humanities and social sciences fields in Denmark,

by increasing gender inequality awareness,

by reducing gender biases

and improving hiring and promotion of women.

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## **DANWISE ADVISORY BOARD**



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Professor at UCPH, Board of Carlsberg

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Agnete Larsen

#### DANWISE circles



Communication

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**Fundraising** 

Athena Swan consultant: Ida Vogel



https://ufm.dk/publikationer/2020/filer/talentbarometer-2019.pdf

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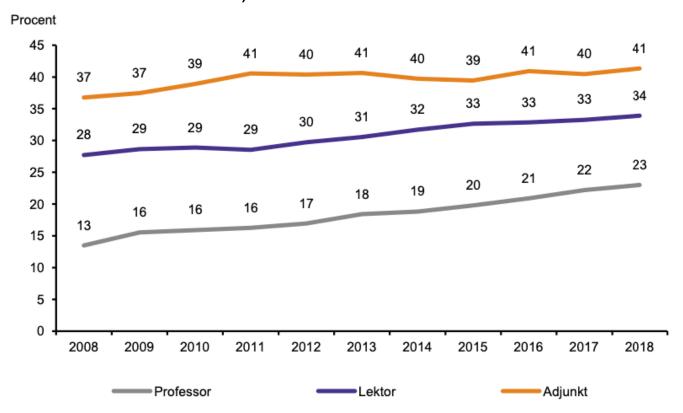
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Number of women at Adjunkt, Professor and Associate Professor level, all Danish universities 2008--2018



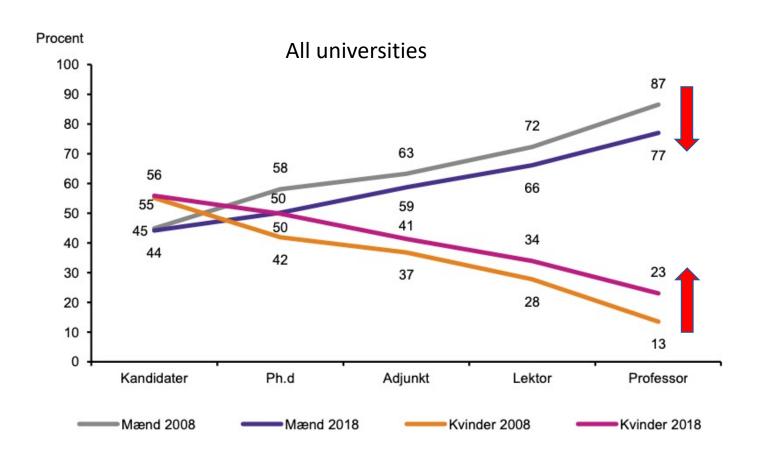


Mænd og kvinder på de danske universiteter
Domoriks talentborometer 2019

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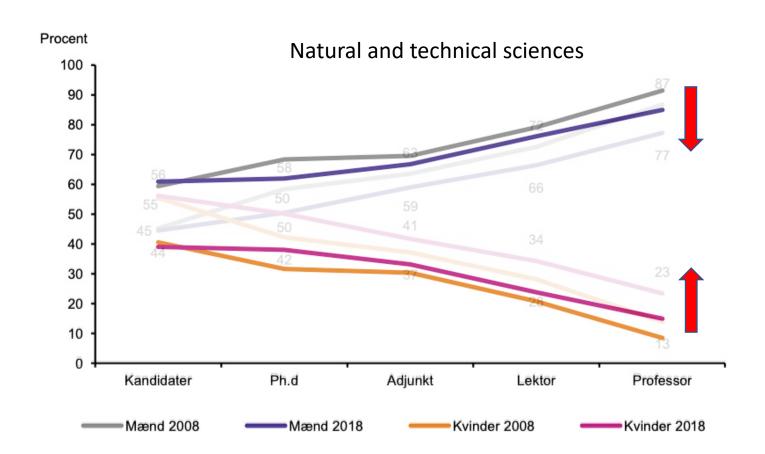
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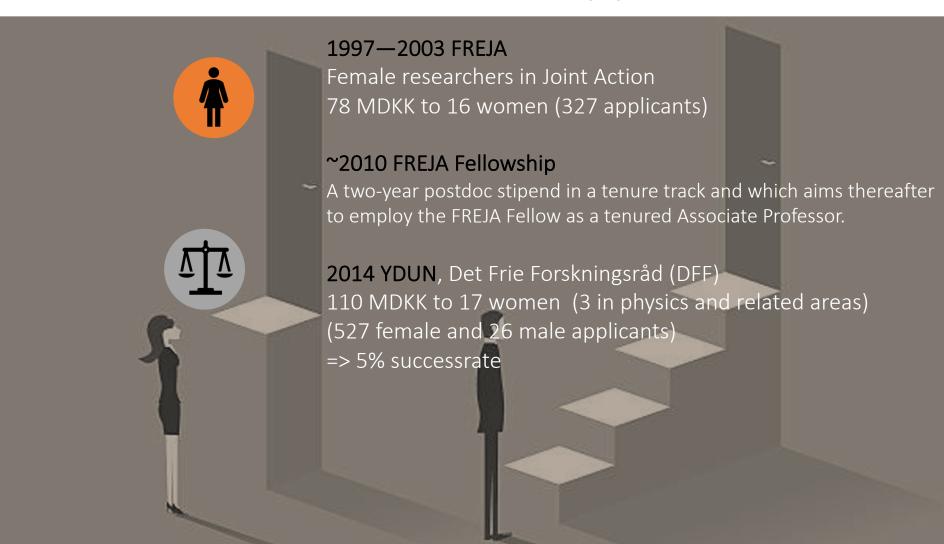
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# Successes & Failures Good Intentions and Opportunities









## **KIF Library**

### and Male Medical Faculty

•Wennerås et al, 1997, title: Nepotism and sexism in peer-review

#### **Recommended books**

- Naja Lind Rasmussen, Rikke Kristine
   Østergaard, 2022 Den Utålmodige Feminist
- •Birgitte Possing, 2021 Argumenter imod kvinder
- Einersen et al, 2021 Sexism in Danish Higher Education and Research
- •Caroline Criado Perez, 2020 Invisible Women
- •Eileen Drew, Siobhán Canavan, 2020 <u>The</u> <u>Gender-Sensitive University</u>
- Judy Robertson, 2018 <u>EqualBITE Gender</u> Euality in Higher Education
- •Melissa M. Terras, 2018 <u>Picture-Book</u> Professors

## •Angela Saini, 2018 Inferior



Don't want change

See no problems

Active actions are seen as discrimination agains men

# Gender Fatigue!

Action in the grey:
Denmarks unique landscape of Foundations
is moving beyond debating

Need change

See a lot of problems

Pro gender equity/equality

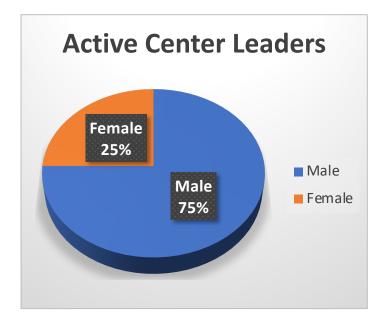
Active programs

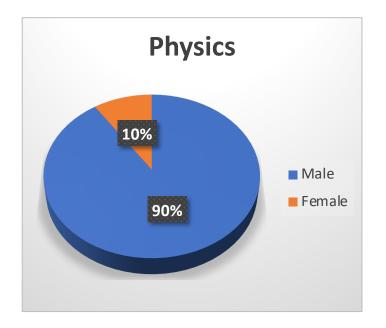
# Danish Research Centers



Danish National Research Foundation (DFF) Centers of Excellence

2019





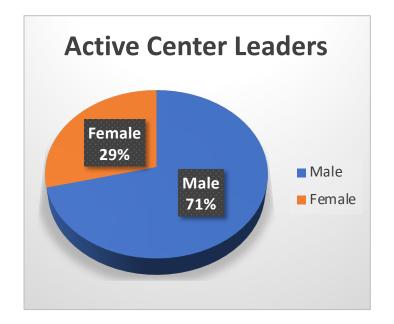
20% and 22% women in 2016, 2017

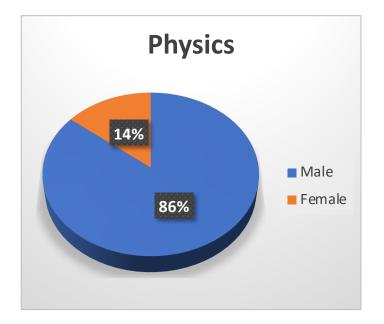
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2022





20% -> 22% -> 29% women in 2016, 2017, 2022

# **Fondens virkemidler 2021**

Dyk ned i succesrater, antal ansøgninger og kønsbalancer her på siden eller se mere på side 26 og frem.

	Antal ansøg- ninger	Antal bevillinger	Succesrate antal	Succesrate antal ♂/♀%	Ansøgt beløb, mio. kr.	Bevilget beløb, mio. kr.	Succesrate beløb	Succesrate beløb ♂/♀%
DFF-Forskningsprojekt1	1.276	149	12%	11 / 14	3.408,6	399,0	12%	11/14
DFF-Forskningsprojekt2	643	52	8%	8/7	3.780,7	298,0	8%	8/7
Sapere Aude: DFF-Forskningsleder	404	43	11%	11/ 10	2.424,8	260,0	11%	11/10
DFF-International Postdoc	215	34	16%	14/19	298,4	46,9	16%	14/19
Eksplorativt netværk   Kultur og Kommunikation	12	6	50%	50/ 50	7,7	3,7	48%	47 / 49
Tidsskrifter   Kultur og Kommunikation	18	7	39%	45 / 29	2,0	0,8	39%	46/30
Forskningsophold i udlandet   Samfund og Erhverv	18	6	33%	27 / 43	4,8	1,2	24%	16/38
Delestillinger   Sundhed og Sygdom	24	9	38%	23 / 55	19,8	6,0	30%	16/44
Skolarstipendier   Sundhed og Sygdom	51	17	33%	34/32	6,4	2,1	33%	35/30
Inge Lehmann-programmet	143	39	27%	11/28	390,5	108,3	28%	12/29
Forskeruddannelse uden for universiteterne (ph.d)	56	9	16%	12 / 18	143,1	23,0	16%	12 / 18
DFF-Dansk ERC-støtteprogram	3	3	100%	100 / 100	1,0	0,9	98%	100/98
Tematisk forskning – Grøn omstilling	479	61	13%	12/15	2.417,5	307,0	13%	13 / 13
lalt	3.342	435	13%	12 / 16	12.905,2	1.456,8	11%	11/13

# Danish Research Grants



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<b>DFF</b>   Kultur og Kommunikation	Samlet	ď	Q
Antal ansøgninger	465	243	222
Antal bevillinger	60	25	35
Succesrate målt i antal	13%	10%	16%
Ansøgt beløb, mio. kr.	1.870	983	887
Bevilget beløb, mio. kr.	189	76	114
Succesrate målt i beløb	10%	8%	13%

DFF   Samfund og Erhverv	Samlet	♂	Q
Antal ansøgninger	348	191	157
Antal bevillinger	42	19	23
Succesrate målt i antal	12%	10%	15%
Ansøgt beløb, mio. kr.	1.264	714	550
Bevilget beløb, mio. kr.	133	65	69
Successate målt i heldh	11%	9%	12%

DFF   Tematiske midler – Grøn omstilling	Samlet	♂	Q
Antal ansøgninger	479	373	106
Antal bevillinger	61	45	16
Succesrate målt i antal	13%	12%	15%
Ansøgt beløb, mio. kr.	2.417	1.887	530
Bevilget beløb, mio. kr.*	307	241	66
Succesrate målt i beløb	13%	13%	13%

DFF   Natur og Univers	Samlet	ď	Q
Antal ansøgninger	626	486	140
Antal bevillinger	78	53	25
Succesrate målt i antal	12%	11%	18%
Ansøgt beløb, mio. kr.	2.430	1.919	511
Bevilget beløb, mio. kr.	277	196	81
Succesrate målt i beløb	11%	10%	16%

DFF   Sundhed og Sygdom	Samlet	ď	Q
Antal ansøgninger	673	390	283
Antal bevillinger	111	60	51
Succesrate målt i antal	16%	15%	18%
Ansøgt beløb, mio. kr.	1.899	1.144	755
Bevilget beløb, mio. kr.	248	152	96
Succesrate målt i beløb	13%	13%	13%

<b>DFF</b>   Teknologi og Produktion	Samlet	ď	Q
Antal ansøgninger	668	509	159
Antal bevillinger	76	53	23
Succesrate målt i antal	11%	10%	14%
Ansøgt beløb, mio. kr.	2.700	2.092	608
Bevilget beløb, mio. kr.	283	213	71
Succesrate målt i beløb	10%	10%	12%

DFF   Det Tværrådslige Udvalg*	Samlet	ď	Q
Antal ansøgninger	83	50	33
Antal bevillinger	7	3	4
Succesrate målt i antal	8%	6%	12%
Ansøgt beløb, mio. kr.	325	206	119
Bevilget beløb, mio. kr.	19	9	10
Succesrate målt i beløb	6%	4%	9%

<sup>\*</sup> Ansøgninger til det Tværrådslige Udvalg er behandlet af to råd i fællesskab og fremgår derfor alene af det Tværrådslige Udvalgs opgørelse og ikke af de enkelte råds opgørelser.

https://dff.dk/aktuelt/dff\_aarsrapport\_2021.pdf

# Danish Research Grants





# Earmarked research funding for women

25.06.2019

A new VILLUM FONDEN programme aims to support the advancement of talented postdoc women in international research careers.

"Danish women earn master's degrees and PhDs, but they don't move any further up the academic career ladder.

That's a problem. In the first place, these talented women don't get the chance to contribute.

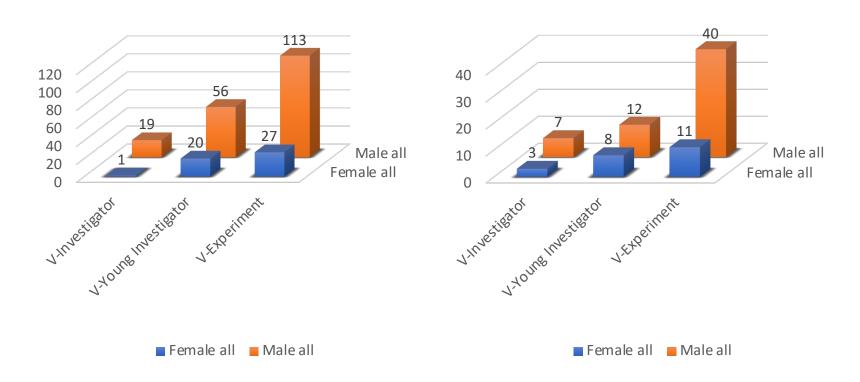
Secondly, it means less diverse workplaces and research environments," says Thomas Bjørnholm, Executive Chief Scientific Officer for VILLUM FONDEN.

# Initiatives by Foundations

## THE VELUX FOUNDATIONS

## Grant periode 2015-2019

## Grant periode 2021







There is ample scientific evidence to suggest that diversity within research leads to more creativity and innovation. At VILLUM FONDEN, we seek to support an increasingly diverse and inclusive scientific community within the technical and natural sciences at Danish universities, and we have chosen to focus mainly on addressing female representation.

Hence, we are committed to:

- · Promote gender balance within Danish Science
- · Support the advancement of talented women in university research careers
- · Motivate female researchers to apply for funding
- · Act on reducing career barriers for female researchers
- Support initiatives that promote a more inclusive research environment.

VILLUM FONDEN recognises persons with all gender perceptions and gender identities.



- The gender distribution among applicants and grantees within our programmes should match the gender distribution in the pool of overall potential applicants
- Our committees should include at least 30-40% women.

#### Our initiatives

Below you find examples of how we actively address our support to a more gender balanced scientific community.

#### **Funding instruments**

- Villum International Postdoc Programme is earmarked for women (5 years): we give women with academic career ambitions an international experience.
- Family packages support family related needs of researchers.

Today in Denmark, there is an equal number of men and women in PhD research positions, whereas less than a third of associate professors are women and only a fifth of professorships are held by women.

The Carlsberg Foundation specifically wants to remove this barrier.

CARLSBERG FOUNDATION



The Carlsberg Foundation removes gender barrier by covering maternity costs

Carlsberg Foundation and Research

26/08/2019

As the first Danish foundation, the Carlsberg Foundation has decided to reimburse additional costs to the universities when a research fellow supported by the foundation takes maternity leave.

## CARLSBERG FOUNDATION



Carlsberg Foundation and Research

## Carlsberg Foundation awards record grants for Danish basic research

07/12/2021

292 of Denmark's most imaginative and visionary researchers are today receiving a research grant from the Carlsberg Foundation. A total of DKK

https://www.carlsbergfondet.d k/en/News/News-from-the-Foundation/News

#### Focus on female researchers

In the Call for Applications 2021, the Carlsberg Foundation indicated that it is working to promote gender diversity in Danish research and therefore generally invites all qualified researchers, but especially women, to apply for the Foundation's research funding.

In connection with this year's awards, the Foundation received 183 applications from female researchers. This corresponds to 31 percent, compared to 36 percent last year.

In total, 88 female research applicants have been awarded a grant this year. This gives a success rate for applications with a female main applicant of 48 percent.

Of the total sum awarded, male applicants received DKK 291 million and female applicants DKK 165 million. This means that female applicants received 36 percent of the total sum awarded.

As the Carlsberg Foundation has a long-term ambition to achieve a more qualified equal gender distribution among grant recipients, the Foundation's Board of Directors will evaluate this year's awards with a focus on gender distribution and identify any potential initiatives for increasing the number of applications from qualified female researchers.

### CARLSBERG FOUNDATION

# PROMOTING DIVERSITY IN DANISH RESEARCH

Mission Statement

Since the Carlsberg Foundation was founded in 1876 by brewer J.C. Jacobsen, the Foundation has supported excellent basic research within natural sciences, social sciences, and the humanities, and one of our main purposes is to "brew knowledge for a brighter future". Excellent research requires academic freedom, unique infrastructure, academic leadership, and promoting the very best talents at Danish universities. Consequently, the entire talent pool ought to be considered – regardless of gender.

One of the four strategic principles of the Carlsberg Foundation's Strategy 2019-2023 is to promote gender diversity in Danish research, as female researchers continue to be underrepresented, particularly in senior positions, and face several gender related career barriers.

## Action plan

The Carlsberg Foundation grants research funding to the best and most visionary researchers and has a special focus on talent development and succession planning in Danish research. The quality of the research, and not the gender of the researcher, will always be decisive for who receives a grant from the Carlsberg Foundation.

Never diverging from this principle, the Foundation seeks to help promote gender diversity in Danish research and ensure gender balance in all its grant making through implementation of the following measures:

## Calls for applications

- The Foundation will actively encourage female researchers to apply for research grants before the annual call for applications through targeted communication.
- Applicants of larger grants must describe in their recruitment plan how they plan to ensure diversity and gender balance in their research team.

https://www.carlsbergfondet.dk/en/Om%20fondet/God%20fondsledelse/Mission%20statement\_diversity



# **Diversity Policy for the Novo Nordisk Foundation**

The Foundation's diversity policy is based on a comprehensive analysis regarding the gender distribution among committees, applicants and grantees.

The share of applicants awarded a grant is equal for men and women.

The Foundation continuously monitors the diversity in our activities and strives to improve the way we work.

#### Principle 1.

Broaden the access to global talent: We will actively work to encourage a diverse base of talent to pursue careers within research, education and innovation as well as within our commercial activities.

#### Principle 2.

Secure diversity of thinking: Boards, scientific expert committees, advisory bodies and the employees of the Novo Nordisk Foundation should have targets and action plans for diversity.

#### Principle 3.

Ensure fair processes: Irrespective of gender, nationality, cultural background, religion, age, sexual orientation etc., all applicants, employees and grant holders must always be treated and evaluated on a fair and equal basis in all processes.

#### Principle 4.

Promote an inclusive culture: We will formulate specific expectations not only to ourselves but also to all key stakeholders, including research institutions, to explain how they and their organization promote diversity and inclusion. The individual applicant will not need to explain this in the application process.

Forskerforum

# Novo Nordisk Fonden vil trække lod om bevillinger

I et forsøg over tre år vil Novo Nordisk Fonden bruge lodtrækning til at udvælge en del af de forskningsprojekter, der får støtte. *"I see a certain tendency towards* 

17. marts 2022

"I see a certain tendency towards conservatism when distributing funds", says Lene Oddershede

# novo nordisk **foundation**



Over the next three years, as an experiment, the foundation will distribute a total of DKK 270 million to research projects, some of which will be selected by lottery – a process also called partial randomization. The purpose is to optimize the scientific yield of the funds.

"This is the consequence of us constantly critically assessing committee processes and trying to become better at supporting research", says Lene Oddershede

"It targets the applications that are of sufficient quality, but where the committee does not agree on the prioritization and where there are not funds for all. This is where the fight usually arises to select those who are to receive a grant. But in this heap we will now run two parallel processes. The committee selects some of them as it usually does. Next to that, we also choose the same number by lottery", explains Lene Oddershede

# GENDER DIVERSITY IN DANISH RESEARCH

RESULTS FROM A 2020 SURVEY BY THE CARLSBERG FOUNDATION

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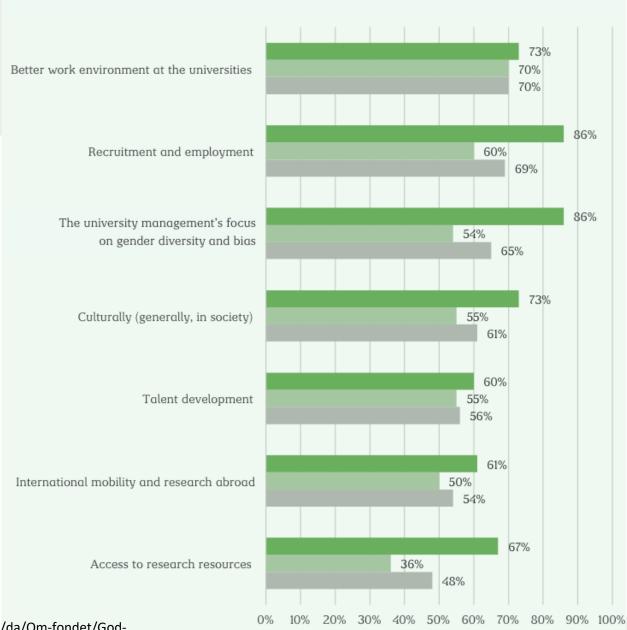
#### **FOREWORD**

#### By Professor Flemming Besenbacher

CHAIRMAN OF THE CARLSBERG FOUNDATION

For far too many years the Danish academic society has been discussing how to improve the gender diversity at Danish universities, where female researchers continue to be underrepresented, particularly in senior positions. In 2018, the share of women at assistant professor level was 41% – the same as in 2011 – while the share of women in associate professor positions had increased by 1% since 2015 to 33%. Furthermore, the number of female professors is only 23%, up from 13% in 2008 (Ministry of Higher Education and Science 2020). Relative to countries we normally compare ourselves with, we are sadly trailing behind.

# SIGNIFICANT OR VERY SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN DIFFERENT AREAS, TOTAL AND BY GENDER



 $https://www.carlsberg fondet.dk/da/Om-fondet/God-fondsledelse/Mission-statement\_diversity$ 

■Female ■Male ■Total

# Good Intentions

Uniavisen Københavns Universitet

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11. marts, 2021 — 08:0

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Lederen af Københavns Universitets berømteste institut vil fordoble antallet af kvindelige forskere



Interview: "If we don't do anything then in ten years, there won't be any women at NBI" .. Says Jan Thomsen, Head of the Niels Bohr Institute

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Darkmatterwomen?

 $N_{Women}^{now} + N_{Women}^{new} + \Omega_{DMWomen}$ 





Some progress over the past view years although numbers are only slowly changing



Foundations are acting



Universities slowly catching up



So, patience, patience patience



Every small success is a step into the right direction!

# THANK YOU!

For taking an active part in changing into a more diverse, inclusive and transparent future!