## Diversity initiatives at the Niels

 Bohr Institute
## NBI Gender Diversity Strategy (2021)

- To help faculty members reach their full potential and to attract and recruit the absolute best candidates internationally.
- To increase the proportion of female researchers in permanent positions at the associate professor and professor levels.
- To ensure gender balance in promotions from associate professor to professor.
- To create a modern and diverse working environment that makes it equally attractive for both genders to work at NBI.



## Actions in the NBI gender diversity strategy

- Strengthen and emphasize the role of the search committee
- Clear instructions to the hiring committee
- Transparent and inclusive job calls
- Mobilize funding agencies
- Make sure department support letters to employees are not biased
- "Educate" the management.
- Improve work environment


## Background numbers

Enrolment, B.Sc., UCPH 2022

| Fysik |  |
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| Adgangskvotient | $\mathbf{6 , 3}$ |
| Standby-kvotient | Alle optaget, ledige pladser |
| Optagne | $\mathbf{1 3 9}$ |
| Fordeling i kvote 1 <br> og kvote 2 | $\mathbf{9 0 \%} / \mathbf{1 0 \%}$ |
| Ansøgninger <br> (heraf i kvote 2) | $\mathbf{2 9 7}$ (95) |
| Aldersgennemsnit | $\mathbf{2 1 , 7}$ |
| Kønsfordeling (m/k) | $\mathbf{7 5 \%}$ / 25\% |

https://studier.ku.dk/bachelor/ansoegning-og-optagelse/statistik-og-tal/

| NBI Faculty |
| :--- |
| Women Overall: 17\% |
| Women Professors: <br> 17\% |
| Women Associate <br> Professors 17\% |
| NBI Hires last |
| four years |
| Women: 28\% |

Comparison to other universities

| Harvard | 10 out of 61 -> 16\% |
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| Columbia | 7 out of 48 -> 15\% |
| Caltech | 7 out of 47 -> 15\% |
| U. of Chicago | 12 out of 62 -> 19\% |
| U. of Amsterd | m 9 out of 72 ->13\% |
| U. of Oxford | 17 out of $130->13 \%$ |
| Unofficial, quick count based on homepages, Research Committee NBI. |  |

## Analysis NBI: Work environment in a gender perspective ( $\mathrm{n}=20$ )

- A majority of female Faculty VIP at NBI experience being treated differently and having less opportunities to make a career at NBI on the basis of their gender.
- A majority of female Faculty VIP at NBI experience being overlooked, overheard and overburdened with extra formal and informal tasks on the basis of their gender.


## "Educate" the management

The NBI management team (2021-2022) and section heads went through several sessions with support from external experts to (in the short term) improve work environment and (in the longer term) improve diversity.


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Systematiser





Tilfoj evt. til intro-samtalen mellem instututeded og sextionsleder: Hvad er den nye
sextions



Strukuturel sexisme



Preliminary conclusions

Direct

- Preparations and searches before hires require active involvement of department management
- Clear communication with and activation of whole department faculty

Indirect

- Focus on creating an NBI-spirit.
- Improve work-life balance - clear policy, management should communicate that the expectation is 37 hours per week. Supervisors should be told not to expect more.
- Hirings should be based on "quality over quantity" - limit applicant comparison in numbers. Update hiring procedures
- Clear career planning with junior researchers (PDR/MUS) - there is a life outside academia
- Fair, clear, and transparent distribution of tasks and benefits

