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Terms of Reference for the Open Science Forum at AU

1. Objective

AU wants to support the Open Science agenda, which ensures that major societal investments and interest in research are utilised in the best possible way to benefit people, society, innovation and development. Openness in relation to the surrounding processes provides new opportunities for ensuring transparency, credibility, responsibility and reproducibility in all phases of the research process. The EU actively supports the Open Science agenda, including that all work should observe the FAIR Principles (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable). The same applies in Denmark, where a *National strategy for research data management based on the FAIR principles* was adopted in 2021.

2. Tasks

The Open Science Forum is established as a cross-disciplinary steering committee at AU with responsibility for strategic decisions regarding Open Science. The forum is particularly responsible for ensuring implementation of the *National strategy for research data management based on the FAIR principles* at AU and for realising the strategic goals for data management at AU decided by the senior management team. The Open Science Forum will monitor the implementation of the ministerial order on reporting of research data issued by the Danish National Archives.

The forum identifies and prioritises important tasks within Open Science. Tasks are to be carried out by *ad hoc* working groups set up by the Open Science Forum.

The Open Science Forum is to report to the senior management team.

3. Composition

The Open Science Forum (OSF) is to have the following members:
- 1 dean (Anne Mette Hvas, Health) (chairperson)
- Vice-deans for Research (all faculties)
- Deputy director, AU Research (John Westensee)
- Deputy director, Royal Danish Library (AUL) (Line Renate Hanssen)
- Open Science coordinator (Birte Christensen-Dalsgaard)

Others may be invited to participate if deemed appropriate. This could be within topics such as information security, GDPR competence or IT.

4. Operating procedures

Frequency of meetings is to be agreed.

5. Administrative support

Secretarial services for the Open Science Forum are to be provided by the central Open Science Support function (AU Research).

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