



## eLIFE – news on life at LIFE

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## Life at LIFE

### **Having difficulty finding a parking space at LIFE or finding the connecting thread at Frederiksberg Campus?**

- Then come to a dialogue meeting and contribute to the LIFE campus plan that will outline the physical surroundings for the daily lives of staff and students at LIFE in coming years.

The meeting will take place on Thursday 28 May, 12 noon–1 pm in lecture hall 3-11. Everyone is welcome.

Faculty Director Søren Hartz will briefly introduce the campus plan before the participants divide into groups to discuss the various sub-themes and ideas for the future Frederiksberg Campus. The main points from the dialogue meeting will be taken into account in the management's further work with the campus plan.

The dialogue meeting will conclude with a light lunch for all participants.

Read more about the [visions in LIFE's campus plan](#) (in Danish).

*Lykke Hindsgaul, Management Secretariat*

## **And the winners of Green Deed were...**

LIFE won two luxury culinary experiences at Meyers Madhus for first place in the two categories, and a green trophy went to SUND as the winner of the faculty competition. The awards ceremony took place on Tuesday 21 April in the Rector's office at Nørregade, where Pro-rector Lykke Friis praised the great commitment that many people showed all over the University during the Green Deed campaign.

The Pro-rector emphasised that even though the winners of the competition have now been found, the campaign is not over. The Green Campus secretariat will be gathering together all the good ideas that have been submitted to make sure that they are shared throughout the faculties. The University is also in the process of 'climate screening' every University building.

Technical consultant Henrik R.R. Boch, Buildings & Maintenance, is anchorman for that process at LIFE.

### **Two first places for LIFE**

Soil and Environmental Chemistry at the Department of Basic Sciences and Environment won the offices competition.

Green Ambassador and PhD Student Rikke Gleerup Ovesen says:

"In order keep staff motivated, we here at the department hope that the campaign will be quickly followed up by more comprehensive savings initiatives as promised. We have been asking for new windows for years, because they so draughty. It would really improve our heating and electricity bills because people have to use fan heaters in their offices to maintain an indoor temperature of 20 degrees. It would also benefit the working environment and improve our absence statistics. So now that the University is focusing on the climate, there are great savings to gain here."

Peter Lund Thomsen, Green Ambassador for Genetics and Microbiology at the Department of Agriculture and Ecology, the winner of the laboratory competition, admits, when asked about the three weeks of the campaign: "I am a bit choleric and meddlesome by nature, which (might) have helped during the green weeks. I pestered my colleagues every day to close windows, turn down the heat, shut fume cupboards... and also higher up for technical initiatives like automatic heat reduction at night and timers on the lights in the hallways. I have also distributed green-week savings material all over the place with a liberal hand."

[The Department of Basic Sciences and Environment's Green Deed proposals](#) (in Danish)

[Grøn Campus](#) (Green Campus)   [Grøn Gerning](#) (Green Deed)

### **Laboratories competition:**

First prize, a gastronomic treat at Meyers Madhus: Department of Agriculture and Ecology, Genetics and Microbiology Section, LIFE, Green Ambassador: Peter Lund Thomsen

Second prize, smart bags from Crumpler: Cell and Metabolic Research Section, Faculty of Health Sciences (SUND), Green Ambassador: Karen Dixen

Third prize, shake lights: Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Toxicology and Environmental Chemistry, FARMA, Green Ambassador: Susanne Hermansen

### **Offices competition:**

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Second prize, smart bags from Crumpler: Study Administration, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences (FARMA), Green Ambassador: Gitte Ulriksen

Third prize, shake lights: ISIM, Faculty of Health Sciences (SUND), Green Ambassador: Esben Schmidt

All the winners were selected through an impartial and 100 per cent random draw based on the points scored by answering the questionnaire.

### **Faculty of Health Sciences (SUND) was the greenest**

The results of the campaign show that SUND achieved the greatest savings during the campaign weeks. Impressive savings of 11% on heating and 3% on electricity correspond to annual savings of DKK 1.3 million and 390 tonnes of CO<sup>2</sup>.

**Due to server problems LIFE did not participate in the faculty competition.**

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### **New Academic Council at LIFE**

The spring elections have been held for scientific/academic staff representatives and technical/administrative staff observers to the University of Copenhagen's faculty academic councils. At LIFE, it was an uncontested election, so there was no vote.

A total of 12 scientific/academic staff representatives were elected from three representation areas, which each elected four representatives:

Basic Animal and Veterinary Sciences: Annemarie T. Kristensen, Hans Houe, Merete Fredholm, Stig Milan Thamsborg

Agriculture and Ecology: Jørgen Eilenberg, Birger Lindberg Møller, Kjell Nilsson, Jan K. Schjørring

Food, Nutrition and Basic Sciences: Hans Christian Bruun Hansen, Lene Jespersen, Christian Mølgaard, Niels Kærgaard

There was also an uncontested election for two technical/administrative staff observers to the Academic Council: Maja Puk Nielsen and Hanne Drøidal.

The newly elected representatives take up their seats on the LIFE Academic Council on 1 May 2009.

The students at LIFE also elected six new student representatives to the Academic Council: Ida Nordang Kieler, Mathias Vogdrup-Schmidt, Aleksander Riise Hansen, Gitte Thomsen Nygaard, Emil Maj Christensen and Marie Fritzen Uth.

See, here, the list of [members of the Academic Council](#) (in Danish)

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### **Golden pathos and Sweetheart philodendron in Vandrehallen**

Nine trellises with lovely climbers can now be found decorating the first part of Vandrehallen. The trellises have been set up as room dividers between the study areas located in Vandrehallen. The plants are still quite small – but in the course of the summer they should grow to cover the trellises completely! The project is the result of efforts by a group of LIFE students who will also be responsible for caring for the plants. The project was realised thanks to financial support from the University's school environment pool and from LIFE's management.

The nine trellises are planted with the climbers Golden pathos and Sweetheart philodendron and feature signs indicating the scientific name and family of the plants. We would like to thank Gartneriet Kronborg for kindly sponsoring the plants.

Over the next few weeks, the expansive space of the Marble Hall will also be beautified with large green plants.

We hope that everyone will welcome the plants and that they will help contribute to a better and greener workplace and study environment at LIFE. Enjoy the plants – and help us look after them!

*Bjarne Larsen, horticultural science student*

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### **The Gardens' greenhouse complex in recent times**

The Gardens' new greenhouse complex between Rolighedsvej and Åboulevarden started out in the early 1950s. Like the old complex at Grønnegårdsvej, it developed as a series of additions, with a few buildings being torn down and others added over time. The entire complex was completed in the mid-1980s.

The new complex comprised six large greenhouses with a connecting passage and with a little greenhouse lecture hall containing exotic plants. Two of the greenhouses were used for various experiments by the scientific staff and two were used for plant propagation, with sections for tropical, sub-tropical and temperate plants. The collections consisted of nearly 750 different greenhouse plants which were all used for educational purposes. Of course, the greenhouses were equipped with a climate computer that automatically controlled the heat, air, fertiliser, shades and most of the watering.

For the past many years, the greenhouses have used biological/integrated pest control, and chemical pest control is only used in the experimental section – where absolutely no pests must be found – or in hopeless cases in the other sections.

Around 1996, a new large section was added to the greenhouses when the Department of Agricultural Sciences, Aarhus University, was given a number of experimental cells for, among other things, experiments with plant viruses and genetic modification. Everyone is required to wear a lab coat when in the section, and there are extra locks on all the doors.

The greenhouses are primarily for faculty staff and students, so they are not normally open to the public, but groups can book tours for a fee. In recent years, the Greenhouses have held open house events in the last weekend in March, where visitors can look over the shoulders of the gardeners and where the scientific staff presented their latest research. The open house events feature many other interesting initiatives as well as the sale of surplus plants, and the popular events usually attract between 2,000 and 3,000 visitors.

And this might have been the end of the story, with the Greenhouses living happily ever after. But that was not to be. In the middle of the night on 2 May 2008, a vandal broke into the greenhouses and lit fires in five different locations. Unfortunately, one of the fires caught, and the experimental greenhouse, with its plastic sides, plastic tables and flammable shades burned to the ground along with the computer system that controlled all the greenhouses. It was a huge and unforgivable disaster, causing serious damage to at least one experiment that had been running for 30 years and completely destroying several other experiments. All the plants were covered with broken glass, soot and melted plastic, everyone was terribly upset.

Around a quarter of the entire greenhouse complex was in ruins, and kick-starting the rebuilding process was hard work, as it was quickly determined that there was no funding for rebuilding the greenhouse that had burnt down. Half of the building has now been replaced by a plastic tunnel, which is the complete opposite of a beautiful Victorian greenhouse. The other half of the building is now just a gravel area with benches, and the little greenhouse lecture hall has been replaced by a permanent experiment with *Cryptocoryne* from south-east Asia. At the same time, the number of plants in the collections has been reduced to make room for other uses. However, it is not all tears and lighter sparks; it has still been possible to implement a number of improvements in the remaining greenhouses. They all have cement floors now, they are divided into more smaller cells, allowing a variety of temperature and lighting conditions, and a brand new fertilisation system etc. has also been installed. Furthermore, wire fencing has been installed around vital parts of the greenhouse complex. The next initiative will probably be the installation of landmines in no man's land and guard towers armed with machine guns. Just joking, of course. Although I guess we have to accept the fact that we no longer live in the peaceful days of yore.

*Kim Greiner, Senior Gardener*

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## Announcements

### **Your local universITy – knowledge and inspiration**

We would like to take this opportunity to draw your attention to Det lokale universITet (your local universITy). This is a website providing knowledge and ideas for local development work in rural districts. The website will be updated whenever personal resources are available, and we would be pleased to receive any advice and input. If you know someone who you feel should also know of the existence of this website, please feel free to forward this message.

[www.detlokaleuniversitet.dk](http://www.detlokaleuniversitet.dk)

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### Information meeting for new employees, Monday 8 June

A new information meeting for new employees will be held on 8 June 2009 at 9.30-10.30 am in the main lecture hall 1-01, Bülowsvej 17. After the meeting, there will be a tour of the Faculty which will end around 12 noon.

Coffee and tea will be served before the meeting.

Register with Susanne Magnusson by 29 May 2009 at [sma@life.ku.dk](mailto:sma@life.ku.dk)

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### Climate Lecture with Lene Espersen on 19 May

The next Climate Lecture at the University of Copenhagen will be given by Lene Espersen, Danish Minister for Economic and Business Affairs, who will be presenting the Danish government's brand new business and climate change strategy.

Danish businesses are way ahead when it comes to competencies and the development of new solutions for the prevention of and adaptation to climate change. But how do we ensure that we can maintain this global leadership and continue our climate-friendly development? The purpose of the strategy is to develop and strengthen the growth conditions of Danish businesses within the climate area – in Denmark as well as abroad. The strategy will be broadly based and will include growth potential within a wide selection of sectors, not just within sustainable energy and energy efficiency.

With the UN climate conference just around the corner, this is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate how Denmark, in particular, can benefit from the position of strength of Danish businesses within the climate area. During the work with the business and climate change strategy, the government will consult a business and climate change panel consisting of companies and organisations as well as knowledge institutions, including the University of Copenhagen.

The lecture will be held on 19 May at 2.45-3.30 pm at the Ceremonial Hall. Registration is required and can be made via the website [www.klima.ku.dk](http://www.klima.ku.dk).

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### ICA-CEDIA-KULEuven conference 10-13 June

Please register for the conference by 1 May 2009.

The conference theme is 'Models for successful collaboration and partnerships of purpose between universities, businesses and NGOs'.

For more details, please see [conference flyer](#) and [registration form](#).

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## Funds available for new entrepreneurship educators

The Øresund Entrepreneurship Academy is calling for applications for 'Øresund Entrepreneurship Educators'.

One of the greatest challenges involved in providing entrepreneurship teaching to the 150,000 students in the Øresund region is to attract more new and qualified educators. Therefore, the Øresund Entrepreneurship Academy is offering a number of 'educator packages' including funds which can be used to employ educators.

Deadline for applications: 21 September 2009 at 12 noon.

[Read more here](#)

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## The race party: We will be participating in the DHL Relay Race on 31 August

The DHL Relay Race is a fun event in which running, good food and excellent company combine perfectly in the lovely surroundings of the park, and the number of participants grows every year. This time, KU-LIFE has therefore registered 65 teams (5 x 5 km). A relay team consists of 5 people who each run 5 km. A team may comprise both men and women.

Again this year, the KVL staff association and the administration at the University of Copenhagen have the pleasure of inviting all employees to participate.

[Please use this form for signing up](#) and send an email as soon as possible to Gabino Casas Casanova, [gc@life.ku.dk](mailto:gc@life.ku.dk), stating your department (name of team or group), contact person (group leader/team captain), number of teams, names of runners and information about membership of the staff association, if relevant. Registration is binding, so the groups pay for the teams they have registered.

Registration fee – price for participation in the 2009 DHL Relay Race:

- DKK 60 for staff association members
- DKK 120 for non-staff association members

Like last year, payment must be made for groups (i.e. per team or department) to Gabino Casas Casanova, [gc@life.ku.dk](mailto:gc@life.ku.dk), Department of Human Nutrition, Rolighedsvej 30, 1<sup>st</sup> floor – Secretariat.

Please submit the form, including relevant information, as soon as possible to [gc@life.ku.dk](mailto:gc@life.ku.dk) – and by 31 July 2009 at the latest.

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## International Symposium on Wild Fauna

This year the WAVES (Wild Animals Vigilance Euro-Mediterranean Society) International Symposium will be held in Paris (21-24 May).

The programme is very interesting because the objectives of WAVES aim to involve collaboration with all wildlife stakeholders. The organising committee wants to increase the number of participants, and there will be a possibility of registering for one day only. All symposium sessions are included in the three-day congress:

The first day of the VI International Symposium on Wild Fauna is intended for reception and registration of participants etc. for the biannual meeting of the International Directory Council and the Assembly of the Associated.

The second day is dedicated to three important sessions: 1) Opening session, which could be of interest to all scientists involved in European environment policy-making; 2) Session 1, which will attract researchers involved in basic wild animals research (anatomy, physiology, reproduction, ethology); 3) Session 2, which will develop the topics relevant to the study of wild fauna production (sustainable and conventional/non-conventional production systems).

The third day will focus on session 3, 'Management and use of biodiversity' and session 4, 'Animal interaction'. These sessions aim to show the opportunities for biodiversity preservation, but also discuss the problems arising from the interactions among human activities, livestock and wildlife.

[Please see the final programme here.](#)

The deadline for submitting papers is 30 April. The full paper (two pages) must be sent to the VI International Symposium on Wild Fauna Secretariat prior to the Congress to be published.

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### **Seminar on how to teach in an intercultural classroom**

How can we interact successfully with people from different cultural backgrounds? Join in this interactive seminar and develop strategies for cross-cultural understanding in your work as a teacher in an intercultural setting. Through discussions and activities, you will develop skills and knowledge for improving your day-to-day work with diverse students.

Time: Thursday 7 May, 9-12 am.

Location: room 1-15, Bulowsvej 17.

Sign up by sending an email to Cecilie Bech Lindgren ( [cbli@life.ku.dk](mailto:cbli@life.ku.dk)) by 5 May  
(Limited space, so sign up soon – it's first come, first served)

The seminar also took place in October 2008.

Instructor:

Dr. Darla K. Deardorff, Executive Director of the Association of International Education Administrators.

In addition to this position, she is an ESL instructor and teacher trainer with over twelve years of experience and has lived, taught and worked in Germany, Japan and Switzerland. Dr. Deardorff teaches cross-cultural courses at Duke University as well as at other universities, for companies and non-profit organisations. In addition to presenting at national and international conferences for the past decade, Dr. Deardorff has also served as a consultant on assessment and intercultural competence development to universities and non-profit organisations.

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### **Defined framework is important to succeed in long-distance management**

How do you manage geographically remote employees?

Read what the [Danish Centre for Leadership](#) believes to be the best way.

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### **Courses currently offered by PUMA**

There are still places available on the following courses:

7 May [Stress handling – turn pressure into pleasure](#)

11 May [Fønix introduction](#)

20 May [Copenhagen Master of Excellence and other degrees taught in English](#)

25 May [Visuel Mind Mapping – create an overview in stressful situations](#)

27-28 May [Welcome to the University of Copenhagen](#)

29 May [Basic course for works councils members](#)

See also [www.kursuskatalog.ku.dk](http://www.kursuskatalog.ku.dk) or the [course calendar](#) for other offers from HR & Organisation / PUMA.

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## Education

### **Junior Researcher Forum on 7 May**

Marina Berger Jensen, recipient of the [LIFE Innovation Prize 2009](#), will be visiting the Junior Researcher Forum on 7 May at 5.15 pm in the library.

She will tell us about the purification system she has developed, which turns muddy wastewater from the gutter into crystal-clear water.

A sustainable invention which will contribute in future to creating attractive urban environments with clean lakes and canals as well as providing opportunities to improve the drinking water in other countries.

Everyone is welcome.

Refreshments in the form of pizza and beer will be served.

Read more: [www.juniorforskercafe.life.ku.dk](http://www.juniorforskercafe.life.ku.dk)

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### **International event at Frue Plads**

A record number of students had signed up for the University of Copenhagen's career fair 'Go Global – Careers without Frontiers', which took place on Tuesday 21 April.

The theme for the career fair was international careers, and according to Pro-rector Lykke Friis, there was a huge international touch to the Ceremonial Hall, where more than 500 people had gathered to hear around ten companies and organisations talk about career possibilities without frontiers.

- Every year, the University of Copenhagen sends almost 1,000 students abroad and receives even more foreign students. However, in a globalised world, many more students should go abroad – and that is why we are organising an international career fair to inspire the students to do so. Not just during their studies, but also when they have graduated. At the same time, I hope that the event will create improved opportunities for the many talented foreign students to get a foot in the door to the Danish work market, says Pro-rector Lykke Friis.

### **Major companies**

The career fair is arranged by the University of Copenhagen's alumni association Kubulus, which wants to use this event to unveil a glimpse of life after studying by inviting students on a date with the business community. Novo Nordisk, Vestas, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and MS Danish Association for International Co-operation are among the 17 companies and organisations which came to meet the students. The alumni association has held career fairs three times previously, but this is the first international event. In previous years, approx. 350 students participated in these events – this year, approx. 500 Danish and foreign students had signed up.

Read more at the [website of the alumni association Kubulus](#).

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## **Staff news**

## **Preben Fogd Jørgensen, Head of Department, is resigning**

On the occasion of the resignation of Preben Fogd Jørgensen as Head of the Department of Basic Animal and Veterinary Science at the end of June 2009, a reception will be held in the library, Anatomy Building, Grønnegårdsvej 7, 1<sup>st</sup> floor (facing the Abildgaard statue) on Tuesday 5 May at 3 pm.

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## **Research**

### **Four-legged family members can now be rehabilitated at LIFE**

Rehabilitation in the form of physiotherapy is now no longer only available to the two-legged members of the family. Thanks to a sponsorship from Merial Norden, Danish dogs and cats can also be offered tailored physiotherapy rehabilitation programmes.

For this purpose, in early May the Small Animal Hospital at KU-LIFE is opening a brand new and modern rehab centre for dogs and cats.

The official opening ceremony will take place on Monday 18 May at 3.30 pm where interested staff members and partners can see demonstrations of the new rehab facilities.

Just as physiotherapy and rehab are a matter of course for newly operated people or people with muscle, joint and nerve diseases, these treatment forms have come to play an increasingly important role in the treatment options offered to Danish family pets with similar needs. Physiotherapy and rehab consist of a specialised examination, the planning of a programme for treatment and instructions for supplementary training exercises at home. A treatment programme for a dog might involve swimming or running in a modern training tank with a treadmill and clean, warm water. The individual animal's course of treatment is monitored by Veterinary Surgeon Anne Vitger, who is the first Danish veterinary surgeon to be certified as a physiotherapist for small animals in collaboration with a team of experienced veterinary nurses.

*Peter Talarek-Andersen*

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### **PhD-fellowships within SHARE at KU-LIFE**

Synergy in Human and Animal Research is a strategic research initiative at LIFE. SHARE has its primary focus on animal models and the synergy between research in human and animal diseases to develop an innovative and integrated approach to improved medical care in animals and humans. SHARE's aim is to support interdisciplinary research collaboration.

In order to fulfill these overall aims, SHARE is announcing four PhD fellowships in collaboration with relevant partners.

- One of three inter-faculty (LIFE, HEALTH and FARMA) PhD fellowships
- PhD fellowship in Murine models of haemarthrosis and haemophilic synovitis
- SHARE PhD fellowship in cancer research
- SHARE PhD fellowship in tendon strength in the athletic horse

For the full announcements, please visit [http://www.ku.dk/english/vacant\\_positions/](http://www.ku.dk/english/vacant_positions/)

The application deadline for all the PhD fellowships is 11 May 2009 at 12 noon. For further details on contact persons and the application procedures, please see the individual announcements.

To learn more about SHARE, please visit [www.share.life.ku.dk](http://www.share.life.ku.dk)

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### **Festival of Research 23–25 April 2009**

The University of Copenhagen and the City of Copenhagen hereby invite everyone to new experiences with the climate in the heart of the city. See, hear, touch and taste in the University's tent at Rådhuspladsen in Copenhagen 23–24 April – read more at <http://forskningensdoegn.ku.dk/>.

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### **Do upper secondary school students have the same attitude towards research funding as the Danish government?**

As an introduction to the Festival of Research, Danish Minister for Science, Technology and Innovation Helge Sander will meet with 24 students from Christianshavns Upper Secondary School. Read [Michael de Laines article](#) (in Danish).

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## **Grants**

### **SHARE Postdoc grants 2009 – Application deadline: 1 May**

SHARE is offering two partially financed two-year postdoc grants. SHARE hereby calls for projects which must include aspects of animal modelling of human diseases and be within at least one of SHARE's core areas, i.e.

- The molecular basis of disease
- Inflammation and haemostasis
- Cancer
- Ethical and welfare aspects

All senior researchers (professors, associate professors and assistant professors) working at LIFE may apply for postdoc grants for a specific project. The senior researchers must have an agreement with the LIFE department at which they expect the project to be based, and formally the grant will be paid out to the department.

The SHARE grant will cover 50 per cent of the salary expenses for the successful project, while the remaining 50 per cent and the project costs must be financed from other sources.

All applications will be evaluated on the basis of the following general criteria:

- Scientific quality of project
- A SHARE-relevant research activity in compliance with SHARE's core areas
- Documented co-financing matching the requirements described above
- The application has the potential to create research collaboration and synergy across research groups within LIFE or across disciplines to external research groups

Applications must be completed using the SHARE application form and must be emailed to Peter Talarek-Andersen, [pban@life.ku.dk](mailto:pban@life.ku.dk) no later than 1 May 2009 at 12 noon.

For any questions regarding the postdoc grants, please contact Peter Talarek-Andersen or Head of SHARE Annemarie T. Kristensen.

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### **L'Oréal Danmark Scholarships “For Women in the Natural Sciences” – application deadline: 30 June 2009**

The L'Oréal Danmark scholarships “For Women in the Natural Sciences” 2009 will be available for distribution on 28 January 2010 and applications are hereby called for.

The deadline for the submission of proposals is 30 June 2009.

Proposals must be submitted to the Royal Danish Academy of Sciences and Letters at the address stated below and must use [this application form](#) (form is in Danish).

Please limit supplementary material to only the minimum necessary for assessing the application.

[See the terms for consideration here](#) (in Danish).

The three lucky winners will be announced at the end of the year, and the recipients will be contacted directly.

The scholarships will be awarded at a festive gathering of the Royal Danish Academy of Sciences and Letters on 28 January 2010, where there will also be a press conference.

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