

Call for PhD candidates
8th PhD Summer School
of Baltic Sea Region Network in Personalized Health Care

June 5-7, 2024

University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark

Theme: Engaging stakeholders in research

- ◆ The purpose of the BSRN Summer school for PhD candidates is to learn new aspects of health sciences and present and obtain feedback on their assignments in a supportive peer atmosphere.
- ◆ The 2024-topic focus on the engagement of stakeholders in research and the implications this engagement has for research processes and the positioning of researchers.
- ◆ The number of credits earned at the PhD Summer School is three (3) ECTS.
- ◆ The Summer school contributes to strengthen collaboration between participating institutions.
- ◆ Summer school is hosted by University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark. Free of participation charges!

Application period

PhD-students must apply via their own institution. The application period ends on March 15th, 2024. Each institution can register up to 5 participants. Names and e-mail addresses of the chosen applicants will be sent to University of Southern Denmark, Hanne Kaae Kristensen, hkristensen@health.sdu.dk by March 19th, 2024.

Student assignment

Students are expected to write an essay (12.000 characters) submitted before participating in the summer school. Three questions can form the basis for the essay on stakeholder involvement in research:

- ◆ How does stakeholder involvement impact the quality and relevance of research across various scientific disciplines, and what specific examples can be used to demonstrate this impact?
- ◆ How can challenges including ethical challenges related to stakeholder involvement in research be addressed and overcome to ensure an effective and rewarding collaborative process between researchers and stakeholders?
- ◆ How can the choice of research design and methodology affect the effectiveness of stakeholder involvement in research projects to ensure meaningful stakeholder participation?

The participants will write an essay in which the student identifies, critically discusses, and handles the question above in the context of their own study.

Preliminary readings and more detailed instructions for the assignment will be provided for the students by the end of March 2024.

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- ◆ Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden
- ◆ Klaipeda University, Klaipeda, Lithuania
- ◆ Vilnius University, Vilnius, Lithuania
- ◆ Medical University of Gdansk, Gdansk, Poland
- ◆ Rīga Stradiņš University, Riga, Latvia
- ◆ University of Lübeck, Lübeck, Germany
- ◆ University of Tartu, Tartu, Estonia
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- ◆ Western Norway University of Applied Sciences, Bergen, HVL, Norway
- ◆ University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark