

Copenhagen University

Sustainability coordinator for the implementation of sustainable laboratories at SUND

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The Faculty of Health Sciences

University of Copenhagen

The University of Copenhagen (KU) must be one of the world's best universities and sustainability is part of the task. KU will reduce its overall climate footprint per full-time employees by 50% in 2030, and this requires a special effort in the laboratory area, which accounts for around a quarter of KU's total climate footprint. We are therefore looking for a colleague who will help us make SUND laboratories more sustainable through optimization of laboratory practices, sustainable procurement and recycling.

Your educational background may vary, but we assume that you are familiar with the laboratory world and have practical knowledge of a number of the processes that characterize everyday life in the laboratory. You are passionate about dealing with sustainable change in a large organization, are self-driven and outgoing and can inspire and motivate our users to adopt a more sustainable practice in their daily life through LEAF (Laboratory Efficiency Assessment Framework). LEAF is a green lab certification scheme that is already used in many of SUND's laboratories. We are looking for both newly qualified and experienced colleagues.

With connection to the operational organization and reference to the faculty management, the main tasks of the position are to:

- Hold a presentation on LEAF with the aim of motivating more centres/institutes/laboratories at the Faculty of Health Sciences to become LEAF certified.
- Onboard LEAF coordinators from registered laboratories, including supporters of the LEAF online portal and review of criteria.
- Serve as LEAF resource person assisting involved laboratories in addressing 48 LEAF criteria.
- Produce materials that help laboratories implement green lab practices (including LEAF criteria), e.g. guides, posters and various templates.
- Arrange and hold audits in the laboratories that are part of the LEAF certification scheme.
- Plan and hold workshops for LEAF coordinators across SUND.
- Report status and results from the LEAF project to relevant stakeholders.

In addition, you must perform the following tasks:

- Be available to the laboratories (within/outside the LEAF certification scheme) who want help/sparring in relation to greener laboratory practices.
- Support knowledge sharing across laboratories and centres/institutes.

- Contact and collaborate with the Procurement Section, the Working Environment Team, Campus Service (operations) and other relevant parties.
- Contact and cooperation with KU's sustainability secretariat with a view to updating in relation to other green initiatives, joint campaigns and projects.
- Support sharing of resources across laboratories and centers/institutes, including chemicals, reagents, data and equipment.
- Operation and development of SUND's freeshop (recycling exchange) for laboratories.
- Teaching bachelor's/master's/Ph.D. students in green lab practice.
- Contact with University College London in connection with updates to the LEAF certification scheme, challenges etc.

In other words, you will have contact with many employees across the entire organization and you must be comfortable with both doing outreach work, managing the LEAF certifications and documenting results.

We expect you to have:

- Project manager skills
- Knowledge of or experience with laboratory work and preferably experience with green laboratory work
- Good collaboration skills
- Good communication skills in Danish and/or English, both orally and in writing

We offer:

A challenging and independent job with an interdisciplinary and versatile everyday life in an exciting environment, where you get good opportunities to prioritize and develop your own task solution. You will be part of a consistent team where, with good humor and commitment, we work to make our everyday life and our university greener.

Salary and terms of employment:

The appointment is scheduled to run from 1 February 2023 and two years onwards. The weekly working hours 37 hours incl. lunch break. Employment takes place in accordance with the collective agreement between the Ministry of Finance and AC or another relevant collective agreement. Placement will be as proxy. There is an opportunity to negotiate supplements depending on qualifications.

The place of work is Blegdamsvej 3B, 2200 Copenhagen N.

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