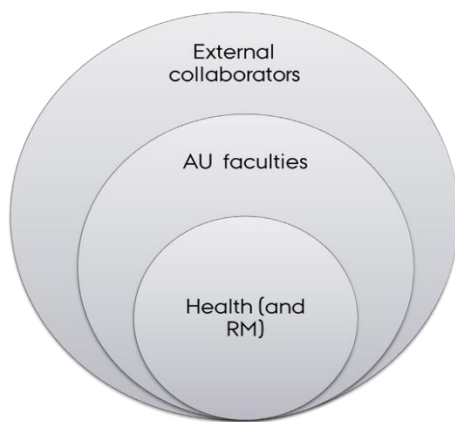


Vision and Strategy

The Food and Nutrition Network at AU Health was established in 2019 and is now counting around 190 members. As one of five research – and education networks. The network combines researchers in and around Aarhus who explore health and disease aspects of food and nutrition.

The network is governed by a steering committee and is organised in three tiers as depicted below:



The inner tier consists of The Faculty of Health and Regional employed researchers.

The second tier consists of researchers from other faculties at AU.

The third tier is for researchers from external organizations including researchers based at private companies.

Our steering committee members are appointed by the Dean of Health from the inner tier and all departments at AU Health are represented. The steering committee chooses a Chairman and Deputy Chairman, and the Dean supports the steering committee with administrative help.

Among the pertinent research questions that are addressed by the network are:

- What are the health consequences of the green transition?
- What are the potential health benefits from novel food products and food processing technologies?
- How do we prevent obesity and associated negative impact on well-being?
- How do we prevent malnutrition, sarcopenia, and cachexia among vulnerable subjects?
- What is the physiology behind consumption and ingestion of food and nutrition?
- How does disabilities and disease conditions impair normal consumption and ingestion of food?

A wide array of technologies and research methodologies are available through the network ranging from experiment clinical-, epidemiological-, biomedical- to qualitative approaches. Method development and increased accessibility to existing research methodologies are important scopes of the network.

The network serves as a platform for larger research projects initiated from within the network or through external invitations. This involves communicating with funding institutions, connecting researchers, and stimulate food and nutrition research among peers at AU Health.

The network serves as a forum for coordination of established network activities in food and nutrition research outside AU Health.

The network stimulates and connects teaching activities within food and nutrition at a pre- and post-graduate level.

Activities in the network may involve one or more layers of the network depending on the topic and scope of the activity.