

VISION AND STRATEGY 2021-2025

Vision

The primary goal of the Inflammation Network at the Faculty of Health, Aarhus University (AU) is – through interdisciplinary collaboration – to improve knowledge, diagnosis, prevention and treatment of inflammation-related diseases that cost millions of lives worldwide each year.

- **Strengthening of Aarhus University's position:** The Inflammation Network promotes research in the fields of infection and inflammation, thereby strengthening the position and reputation of AU both nationally and internationally.
- **Bridging university-based research departments, faculties and clinical medicine:** The Inflammation Network serves as a platform for bridging the basic theoretical research activities and clinical research in order to advance and encourage translational research ideas, initiatives, and projects.
- **Recruitment and visibility:** The Inflammation Network represents and develops the AU Faculty of Health's position within infection and inflammation through recruitment of PhD students, postdocs, and elite researchers both nationally and internationally.
- **Funding opportunities:** Through enhanced communication and interdisciplinary collaboration, the Inflammation Network supports and facilitates writing and submission of research applications and, thereby, furthers the establishment of research centers and funding from public and private funding sources, including collaborations with industry and innovation.
- **Education:** The Inflammation Network promotes education at the pre- and postgraduate level, including research stays, PhD courses, and summer schools. It is also a focus of the network to enhance internationalization in both research collaborations and education through activities with Circle U. Partner Universities, Honorary Skou Professors, invited speakers for seminars and lectures etc.

Mission – six core tasks

- Research in infection and inflammation at AU contributes to health and welfare of patients and society's development
- Interdisciplinary research within infection and inflammation to address societal challenges in human health and disease

Mission – six core tasks (continued)

- Infection and inflammation research of the highest international quality
- Graduates within infection and inflammation for the labor market of the future for academia, clinical medicine, epidemiology, industry, and innovation
- Infection and inflammation research-based degree programmes of the highest international quality
- Development of research talents and integration of research within infection and inflammation into the degree programmes

