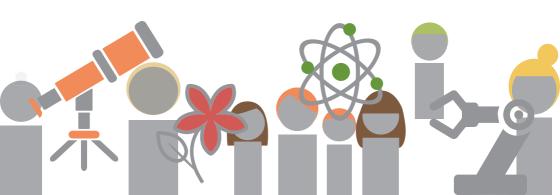


# Citizen Science Talent Programme

Deadline 3rd January 2022







# Citizen Science

Make science matter in society – and harness the collective power of citizens!

Citizen Science engages citizens in research – as data collectors, co-analysts and even policy co-developers. It is a fast-growing field within the full range of scientific university disciplines, and it includes methods like Community-Based Research, Public Patient Involvement, Participatory Design. Citizen Science is a response to the increasing pressure on universities to open up their research processes and to explain benefits to citizens. Citizen Science can also be seen to counter the movements towards a post-factual society.

**SDU Citizen Science Knowledge Center** gathers research frontrunners across all five faculties who work with participatory research. The knowledge center will support the talent programme with cases that can benefit from citizen engagemenent. You get to work with some of the most progressive SDU researchers and you get support from professors who understand the principles and techniques of citizen science.

In this talent programme you will experience innovative ways of engaging citizens and get a chance to collaborate with students across the natural sciences, health, engineering, business, and humanities. You learn what it takes to make your science matter in society and to become a talented, visionary, high achiever!

The talent programme features

- Co-creation
- Sustainability
- International exposure
- Social impact

# **Programme** Structure

Independent Spring and Fall courses. Earn a Distinction with your Bachelor or Masters Degree

## 20 ECTS

Programme (Spring)

#### Master Classes

The 10 late-afternoon master classes are taught by professors across the faculties to establish a lively discussion between disciplines. Locations will rotate to provide a sense of each research environment.

#### Hands-on Workshops

Two full-day workshops support the development of your Citizen Science project. The workshops demonstrate methods, media and platforms. International guest lecturers will help you develop your toolbox of Citizen Science methods.

### Small-group coaching

In small-group coaching sessions, you will establish your individual learning goals, learn from other students' unique professional backgrounds, and get feed-forward on your career.

#### Conference

The programme will sponsor your participation at the **Engaging Citizen Science Conference** in Aarhus in April 2022. It is an opportunity to build your own international network.

#### Study trip

In May, we visit the Citizen Science Center in Zürich and the Citizen Cyberlab at CERN in Geneva to explore, listen and learn from the best.

#### Summer School

In August, we will complete the Citizen Science projects in a 4-day summer school to analyse results, publish insights and prepare the final presentations.

#### Scientific Co-Publication

To complete the 20 ECTS component, each group will hand in an essay in the format of a conference paper and present results in an open citizen event.



## **+10 ECTS**

# Programme (Fall)

The +10 ECTS programme is dedicated to students who want to pursue further research about citizen science. It includes:

#### Master Classes

Six Master classes on Citizen Science research methods – and how Citizen Science may relate to your field of study.

#### Individual Research

Find your field of interest and conduct your research with supervision from one of the professors.

#### **Degree with Distinction**

A talent programme is extra-curricular, meaning that the credit you earn is beyond your regular studies.

To earn the Distinction, Bachelor students must complete 30 ECTS and Master students 20 ECTS on top of their ordinary programme. Students must also finish their regular studies on time. In any event you will get a diploma added to your graduation certificate.



# Live Citizen Science projects

Experience how to develop a real Citizen Science project of your own.

In small teams, you will get a chance to develop a citizen science project within Natural Sciences, Engineering, Health, Humanities, or Social Sciences, supervised by a competent science advisor.

The programme professors will contribute with their innovative citizen science methods in media, design, journalism,

sports, data handling, etc. Through the project, you get to challenge the scientists to involve citizens, to try new ways of gathering and analyzing data, and even to engage citizens in deciding which research directions are useful.

Read about the different projects here: www.sdu.dk/en/cstalent/cases



# Why join the talent programme?

Citizen science methods expand your job options.

#### **Natural Sciences**

Citizen Science is a growing trend in research, as it helps ensure relevance and acceptability of sciences. On the practical side, the programme helps you develop techniques for engaging research participants and handling data. Kickstart your researcher career with the talent programme!

#### **Engineering**

The principles of Citizen Science apply equally to the development of new products and technologies for people. The programme helps you master cross-disciplinary teamwork and equips you with techniques to ensure societal relevance of innovations.

#### **Health Sciences**

Citizen Science techniques are directly transferable to patient engagement in health treatment. The programme will expand your communication skills and strengthen your ability to work in cross-disciplinary teams.

#### **Business and Social Sciences**

The tools you learn in the talent programme will help you apply design thinking and manage open innovation, crowdsourcing, lead user innovation, multi-stakeholder innovation. Strengthen your grasp on quantitative market studies and boost your 'people management' skills!

#### **Humanities**

Societal engagement is very much a responsibility of the Humanities. If you study media communication, here's a chance to oppose the trend towards a post-factual society. As a designer, Citizen Science will expand your competencies in user-centered and participatory design. Carve out a role for yourself in safeguarding the societal relevance of research and technology development!

The talent programme addresses the Global Development Goal #17 Partnerships. The individual Citizen Science projects will respond to other goals too.









# **Unique** learning environment

A truly cross-disciplinary learning experience.

## You will learn to

- Co-create and manage citizen science projects
- Employ digital media to engage citizens
- Critically argue for the inclusion of citizens in your field
- Support the sustainability agenda through citizen engagement
- Unfold your profession in a crossdisciplinary team
- Contribute to citizen science research.

# [community development]

Creating ownership and engagement.

# [participatory design]

A collaborative process of designing.

## [media content creation]

Media audiences and digital learning.

## [science communication]

Explaining complex matters.

# [knowledge brokering]

Crossing discipline boundaries.

## [open data]

Research data management.



# Who can join?

We admit 25 top-grade Master students and finalyear Bachelor students from any SDU programme.

# **Acceptance Criteria**

A high academic level in your regular study programme.

**Scientific comprehension** – research flair in your field of study.

**Urge to experiment** – daring to try new ways to observe and reflect.

**Initiative** – a drive to take the initiative and responsibility.

**Communicative skills** – ability to express complex ideas orally, visually, in text, etc.

**Social engagement** – an ability to establish networks inside and outside university.

# How to apply

Please send your application including:

- a one-page motivation letter,
- your CV,
- your grade records.

## Deadline for applications:

January 3rd 2022

Send to: gial@sdu.dk

Selected applicants will be invited for interviews January 10 and 11 in Odense, and January 12 in Kolding.



# Responsible faculty

Experienced, proactive experts in their fields.

#### Jacob Buur

Professor of User-Centered Design, IDK. Jacob's expertise is in participatory design. Also, his colleagues will teach doit-yourself of science instruments and bio-hacking in the SDU Maker Space in Kolding. *Programme lead*.

#### Thomas Kaarsted

Deputy Director, SDUB, and co-chair of the SDU Citizen Science Network. Thomas brings his competence in knowledge brokering & data handling and is internationally well-connected on Open Data, Open Science and Research Data Management. *Programme sub-lead*.

#### Henry Larsen

Associate Professor of Participatory Innovation, IER. Henry employs organisational theatre to understand the conflicts, power relations and political negotiations that enable innovation. *Small-group* coach.

#### Science advisors

Also, you will meet science advisors form across all SDU Faculties, as well as internationally acclaimed researchers.



# For more information sdu.dk/cstalent







