

## EVS Volunteering in Denmark – University College Nordjylland

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### What is University College Northern Denmark (UCN)

University College of Northern Denmark (UCN) is an international oriented higher education Institution that provides education as well as research, development and innovation within four areas: business, education/social studies, health and technology.

Approximately 19,000 full and part-time students are enrolled at UCN. UCN employs approximately 900 staff and lecturers. UCN's main campus is in Aalborg and represents the third biggest city in Denmark but we also have a campus in Hjørring and a smaller one in Thisted. Being a regional education institution we service the northern part of Denmark. UCN has 33 different higher education programmes, mainly professional bachelor programmes. Out of the 33 programmes, all being taught in Danish, 17 of them are also taught fully in English. On these programmes are 1300 international full time, full degree international students from 50 different countries.

UCN has long-standing links with business and industry, the public sector and professional organisations as our programmes are applied and rely on a reflective based practice learning model.

UCN has an international strategy that focus on providing all the graduates with a global mind-set. It means that all UCN students should be exposed to the world during their studies and obtain international experience both as internationalization at home as internationalization abroad; shorter periods of stays abroad, internships abroad or studies abroad at our approx. 100 international partner universities. Therefore, UCN has an Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE), assigned Erasmus+ consultant and coordinators, and a lot of experience with the Erasmus+ system in general – a system that has

widely helped strengthen the international profile of our university through both in- and outgoing students and staff.

## Who will administer the volunteering stay

UCN has a partnership with AFS Interkultur in Denmark, who will administer the Erasmus+ grant that the volunteers receive during their stay. AFS and the programme also facilitates volunteers connect in an EVS network. Additionally, UCN's international team at the central office will help the volunteer administer paperwork related to arriving in Denmark, as this office already handles such administrative areas concerning internationalisation and mobility activities at UCN.

## The daily work

The volunteer will be working in the central international office - UCN International (UCNI), led by Director Martin Hoxer. The department assists and facilitates the implementation of strategic internationalization activities across the various campuses and departments, such as international partnerships, the Erasmus+ Charter, all types of scholarships, marketing, recruitment, admission and retention of international degree students, interpretation, international development projects, and fostering an international student/study environment. The volunteer will have an office table, lab top, mobile phone etc. as any employee and will have a normal working week. The volunteer will be working with the colleagues working in the UCNI office and they will all be able to guide and supervise the volunteer in the daily work. The volunteer will also be working with the local international coordinators situated at the 5 campuses. The head of international development Mette Samuelsen will function as volunteer mentor and will support the volunteer in the learning processes. The four different teams at UCNI will all guide and supervise the volunteer when he/she is solving tasks related to the team. The volunteer will also be connected to the Student Academy at UCN that works on elaborating the student environment and extra curricular activities at UCN and the international ambassadors making events and activities to make a vibrant social student environment.

## Main tasks

The volunteer will support UCNI in the implementations of various projects that strengthen an international environment at UCN. Working with the strategy of implementing the global mind-set various events as international week, summer school, introduction to the reflective based practice learning for international

students, intercultural competences for lecturers, intercultural competences for students, scholarship workshops, cultural preparation for students whether they stay at home or go abroad, a global certificate etc. are focus areas of UCNI in the coming years and the volunteer will assist in implementing these activities. The key tasks include communication via social media, public relations, and event coordination and therefore it is expected that the volunteer has good English communication skills, used to work with social media, interested in education and moving students in a direction of internationalisation, and preferable skills from coordinating project and events are an advantage

In order to apply please fill out the application form attached and send it along with your CV to [maria.palmvang@afs.org](mailto:maria.palmvang@afs.org) as soon as possible and before the 14<sup>th</sup> July 2017. If you have been shortlisted for the project we will contact you for a skype interview before the 21<sup>th</sup> August 2017.