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Studenterpressen promoted their new site at RUC's canteen in early September.



The interest among RUC students was strong. Studenterpressen will visit the University of Southern Denmark in the very near future.

Build an academic network across university borders

The new media site, Studenterpressen (the Student Press), was launched on 6 September 2012, giving all university students across the country the opportunity to build a professional academic network across the Danish university landscape.

By Eva Lykke Jørgensen, RUGlobal

All university students in Denmark can post analyses and articles and set up user profiles on this new site, enabling them to build an academic profile and a network before they complete their programmes. It is important to have an academic network in place before you graduate:

“Having a strong academic network and profile when you are about to enter the job market is extremely important. That is something all students need to work on in their everyday lives; it should not be postponed to the day they graduate. With Studenterpressen, students are given the opportunity to build an academic network creating their personal profiles already during their studies”, says Anders Bæksgaard, one of the four creators of the site.

The new media site is the first in Denmark to target all Denmark's university students collectively.

Promoting knowledge

One purpose of the site is to facilitate knowledge sharing across geographic borders and academic fields among students from all universities in Denmark.

“Often, students' knowledge is hidden away behind thick university walls. Now, we want to bring into the light analyses and results produced by clever and wise students, because we can benefit from each other's knowledge across the universities; we all know that “two” brains are better than one”, says Anders Bæksgaard.

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gaard who believes knowledge is lost between Danish universities.

“Students at Technical University Denmark know little of what's going on at Aalborg University and vice versa, which is a shame. With Studenterpressen, we aim to avoid losing opportunities of knowledge sharing”, adds Anders Bæksgaard.

On the users' terms

By now, the users of the site have already been excellent at providing feedback on the structure of the site and its features, and the creators of the site are especially receptive to the users' needs.

“Studenterpressen is for the benefit of the users, and we would like you to send us your maddest and craziest ideas on how to improve the site”, says Tobias Særkjær, who is a co-creator of Studenterpressen.

Studenterpressen was created by the four RUC students Anders Bæksgaard, Niklas Lind, Nikolaj Wiinholt and Tobias Særkjær. Two programmers, Martin Kruse and Steen Nielsen, are also attached to the project. Everybody involved in the project are working on a voluntary basis. The four RUC students gave birth to the idea for Studenterpressen in a flat at Frederiksberg, Copenhagen, in the autumn of 2011. Since then, the project has gathered momentum, and on 6 September the site was offered to the general public. Visit the new media site: www.studenterpressen.dk

Political enthusiast with one foot in EU development policy

No breaks, full speed ahead and preferably more than one job at a time are keywords in Marc Woodall's wide range of student jobs within development policy. To him, it is all about getting a foot in the door while keeping eyes and ears open.

By: Josefine Sofia Svendsen

Marc Woodall knows a lot about his field and therefore – even from the start of the interview – uses very specific and academic terms. I immediately get the impression that he is deeply embedded in a world that I know nothing of: “(...) we focus on capacity building, policy

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research, lobbying work and” The rest of the sentence I simply do not understand, and only five minutes into the interview I have

to ask him to stop and speak more slowly and explain in more detail (and in more easy-to-understand terms) what are his duties in his student job. His wide experience has made him a little bit esoteric and maybe even – so he says himself – a political nerd. Kindly and sympathetically, he slows down, allowing me to absorb the information.

As part of Concord Danmark, a nongovernmental organisation, he helps other NGOs become part of a major network. He takes their hand, so to speak, to enable them to use and develop their interests in EU policy through collaboration. Having one foot in the system, he tries to do what he has always been passionate about – improve the EU development

policy. His job at Concord works as a direct link to his Global Studies programme, in which he is currently writing his thesis.

One out of a string of jobs

It is evident that he knows what he is talking about and that he is skilled within his field. No wonder, taking into account the solid track record he has developed in his field already. His current student job is only one of a string of eight interesting, challenging and educational jobs he has held since he enrolled at RUC five



About Marc Woodall

Student of Social Sciences, International Development Studies and Global Studies.

Marc is 27 years old and lives in Copenhagen, North West district. He has studied Basic Studies in Social Sciences and is currently writing his thesis in Global Studies, a subject he studied in his graduate programme together with International Development Studies. He has experience from eight different jobs relating to EU and development policy under his belt. Thus, he has great experience from positions relevant to his studies.



Marc Woodall's best advice on work relevant to your studies

1 Do something!

Take what you can get as long as you start building a network and gaining lots of experience – that is a good investment

2 Do several jobs at the same time

There is no danger in having many balls in the air; on the contrary. If you have a job, then take on voluntary work on the side, or the other way around.

3 Don't be afraid to resign

Keep your eyes and ears open. If something new and better turns up, then don't be afraid to give up your old job.

years ago. "To me, it has been easy because everything has worked quite well together. All my jobs have been within the same field and thus within the same network," he adds. Marc Woodall appears to be full of energy and talks eagerly about his current and previous jobs and work placements. He prefers having many balls in the air and is therefore also involved in voluntary work, which he manages to do in between and simultaneously with his other jobs. Africa Contact, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Action Aid Denmark are examples of some of his previous workplaces. He has jumped from job to job, often helped by a contact person or a notice put up at his workplace.

Getting a foot in the door and being alert

To Marc Woodall, all his relevant student jobs are about getting a foot in the door. Every single time he has changed job(s), he has been able to put his experience and network to good use. "If you have worked in a place and done a good job at it, then you may learn about vacancies before anyone else". He believes that finding jobs relevant to his studies is much easier if you are already part of a system rather than an external applicant. Apart from doing a

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good job, he has been on his toes looking for new challenges all the time. You should not hesitate to look for something better or different while in a job, he finds. It is all about widening one's horizon.

Student jobs and study time

In addition to creating networks and opportunities, Marc Woodall's student jobs also bring useful knowledge to his studies. Keeping up and employing your knowledge is important. "When in a job (relevant to your studies, ed.), you are constantly updated", says Marc Woodall. It is his plan to mix his thesis project and work, allowing him to kill two birds with one stone and thus put his thesis research to constructive use at his workplace. "The reports and articles I prepare at work are nearly identical with those on my programme, which actually just adds extra study time, however, with pay", he adds. When being passionate about digging deep into international and political issues, you might as well get paid for it.

fic quality and include independent work by the student potentially leading to at least one scientific publication. Consent from the university supervisor is a prerequisite for submission. Further the project must be supported by a scientific contact person at Novo Nordisk or Novozymes. The applicant should identify a contact person with scientific competences related to the project, thus the scope of the project must be within the research areas of the companies or technology used (see websites). The contact person has no formal tutorial responsibilities but should preferably monitor project progress until completion.

Application forms can be obtained from Shirley Wong, R&D External Relations. Applications and appendices must be received electronically. The application form must be submitted as a Microsoft Word file and appendices are accepted as one pdf file.

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ANDRE MEDDELSER
ARRANGEMENTER

Tag med RUC på skitur!
 Gå ikke glip af vinterens vildeste skitur i uge 4 til Søstrene, Italien. Destinationen var vært for Vinter OL i 2006, så der er garanti for masser af udfordring på de godt 400km pister. Byen selv ligger smukt placeret på den Italienske "Mælkevej" i 2035m højde. Under vores ophold vil alle blive indkvarteret i det super moderne sportskompleks, bygget specielt til legene i 2006, "Villaggio Olimpico". Værelserne er alle 4-mandsværelser, med eget the-køkken og bad.

Prisen er kun: 3.295,- dkk (depositum senest d. 1/10 og resten senest d. 1/12)
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Deadline 26th October 2012 at 12.00
 Novo Nordisk and Novozymes offer scholarships. The purpose is to allow selected students at universities in Denmark and Lund University to devote full time to their MSc thesis (in Danish: speciale).

The scholarships are to support graduate training of some of the best students in protein science, biotechnology, bioinformatics, molecular biology, systems biology, translational medicine, microbiology, biophysics, pharmacology, medical research methodology, pharmacy, drug delivery and biomedical devices.

The student may spend some time during the MSc thesis project at an institution outside the university such as Novo Nordisk/Novozyms R&D labs or an institution abroad.

The scholarship amounts to DKK 7,000 per month for up to 12 months at a maximum of DKK 84,000 for a one year MSc thesis project. The scholarship cannot be extended. The scholarship can be initiated anytime between 1 February, 2013 and 1 September, 2013. If the MSc thesis project is initiated before 1 February next year, the grant will cover the remaining period from 1 February.

How to apply:
 The MSc thesis project must be of high scientific

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På baggrund af den succesfulde evaluering fra pilotprojektet 2011, er programmet nu udvidet, og Fonden for Entreprenørskab håber at kunne sende flere studerende af sted til flere forskel- lige, internationale entreprenørskabsmiljøer i de kommende år.

Fonden for Entreprenørskab, der sender landets mest talentfulde studerende inden for innova- tion og entreprenørskab afsted med programmet "Entrepreneurs Abroad", der for første gang ud- vides til at være et helt semester ophold med 12 ugers praktisk oplæring i en lokal opstarts- virksomhed i en af de to byer.

Programmet er et led i at skabe flere danske – uddannede – entreprenører og innovatører med internationalt udsyn og praktisk erfaring, og det åbner også op for, at talentfulde stude- rende fra KU fremover kan få adgang til unikke miljøer og relationer inden for innovation og iværksætteri.