



REYKJAVÍK UNIVERSITY  
HÁSKÓLINN Í REYKJAVÍK

# The Vision for the New Public Health Programme at Reykjavík University

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# Reykjavík University (RU)



- **Established in 1998, chartered by the Chamber of Commerce**
  - Private organization, publicly supported through a contract with the Ministry of Education in Iceland
  - Strong link with Icelandic business/industry
  
- **Merger with Technical University of Iceland on July 1<sup>st</sup> 2005**
  - New RU chartered by the Chamber of Commerce, the Federation of Icelandic Industries and the Confederation of Icelandic Employers
  
- **The new (merged) RU since July 1st '05 has:**
  - School of Health and Education, School of Law, School of Business, School of Science and Engineering
  - Various Research Centers in all four Schools
  - Also, Executive Education and Continuous Learning programmes
  
- **2500 students in Fall of 2005**
  - 100 students are in the new School of Health and Education

# Purpose, Vision & Guiding Principles



## Purpose

To increase the competitiveness of Icelandic businesses.

## Vision

To become an international university recognized for quality education, cutting – edge research and strong connection to business and industry.

## Guiding Principles

- Entrepreneurship
- Technology development
- Co-operation
- Internationalization

# RU's Schools

- School of Health and Education
- School of Science and Engineering
- School of Business
- School of Law

# The School of Health and Education

Two masters degree programmes in public health:

- Public Health (M.P.H.)
- Health Education (M.Ed.)

One bachelor degree programme:

- Sports Science Education (B.Ed.)

# Public Health at RU<sup>(\*)</sup>

## Master of Public Health

- 30 credits core Public Health course
- 15 credits electives
- 15-30 credits Masters Thesis

## Master of Education in Public Health and Education

- 30 credits Public Health courses
- 30 credits in Education (includes a smaller project in Education)

## Bachelor of Education in Sports Science Education

- 30 credits core Sports Science
- 30 credits in Education
- 30 credits electives

*(\*) 30 credits in this slide equal 60 ECTS credits, for most students it represents one year of work*

# International Partnerships

The School has been developed in co-operation with faculty at:

- Columbia University in New York
  - Dr. John Allegrante
  - Dr. Kerry Bozza-George
- Penn State University in Pennsylvania
  - Dr. Eric Silver
  - Dr. Stacy Rogers
- King's College London
  - Dr. Gísli Guðjónsson
- Danish Pharmaceutical University
  - Dr. Janine Traulsen

# Research

- **Research at the School will partly be focused on the life situation and well being of youth:**

- Academic achievement
- Medicine use
- Stress
- Mental health
- ... and many more



- **The Icelandic Centre for Social Research and Analysis**

- Access to a database of survey data collected on the population of elementary and high school students since 1992
- Data on hundreds of variables of interest to Public Health researchers

# Vision of the School of Health and Education

- The vision of the School of Health and Education is to become a leading research and educational centre where students receive an outstanding research-based education.
- We want our students to become leaders in improving the lives and health of young people in Iceland and elsewhere.