

## **Questionnaire on research strengths and emerging areas of research focus in preparation for the INU Research Workshop**

**Name of university: Jonkoping University, School of Health Sciences**

### **1 General information on university**

#### **1.1 LOCATION**

The School of Health Sciences, Jönköping University is located in the city of Jönköping. The city has some 120.000 inhabitants and is one of the ten largest municipalities in Sweden. Located by Lake Vättern, it has a strategic location in southern Sweden. Rail and road communications give fast access to Stockholm (330 km) Gothenburg (140 km) and Copenhagen (290 km). Jönköping Airport has direct connections to both Stockholm and Copenhagen. More information about Jönköping at [www.jonkoping.se](http://www.jonkoping.se)

The School of Health Sciences in Jönköping is one of the largest schools in health sciences in Sweden. The school is known for high academic quality, distinct profile areas, and a long experience of education and research. At the School of Health Sciences there are some 2 000 students. A third of our teachers/researchers have a PhD, about ten of them are professors and associate professors.

#### **1.2 CONTACT DETAILS**

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#### **1.4 TYPE OF INSTITUTION**

Independent School/Faculty within the foundation university Jönköping University

#### **1.5 ORGANISATION CHART OF UNIVERSITY**

The School of Health Sciences is one of four independent schools of Jönköping University, a private foundation university, composed of four independent academic

faculties: School of Health Sciences, School of Education and Communication, Jönköping International Business School, and School of Engineering. Together the schools form a campus in the city centre with more than 9 000 students.

## **1.6 PROGRAMS**

The School offers undergraduate studies in Biomedical Laboratory Science, Gerontology, Medical Imaging, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Oral Health, Orthopedic Engineering, and Social Work. In addition, graduate courses are available in Gerontology, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Orthopedic Engineering, Social Work. Information on courses in English can be found at [www.hhj.hj.se/eng](http://www.hhj.hj.se/eng)

## **1.7 Faculty staff**

Fulltime equivalent: 109

114 individuals (faculty members) of which thirty-nine are assistant professors or full professors.

Total staff

FTE 136

Individuals 140

## **2 General information – research**

All information below are for year 2005.

### **2.1 Students**

1524

*Number of full time equivalents (PhD and Master's by research and by course work) by areas of study ??*

### **2.2 Annual research income**

Internal sources: SEK 7 million

External sources: SEK 5 million

### **2.3 Summary of annual research report quantifying research output in terms of**

Books -10

Referred journal articles - 35

Referred conference papers -18

Research reports - 9

Consultancy reports - 0

### **2.4 Does your university have any specific research institutes? If so, please list them with brief descriptions of the activities.**

#### **Institute of Gerontology**

As a result the School of Health Sciences has developed a clear and unique focus for its activities, mainly in the field of the elderly and their life situation as well as disability studies. Research activities relating to twins are growing due to international collaboration links established years ago with Pennsylvania State University, the

University of Southern California and the Karolinska Institutet. Most of the research funding for this unique study comes from the USA.

**2.5 Does your university have a research park? If so, please give a brief description of the facilities?**

No.

**2.6 Does your university offer research training support, e.g. providing facilities for postgraduate students, scholarships and conference assistance?**

The School of Health Sciences is offering a PhD program, four years full-time PhD program within Gerontology. Currently we have 8 PhD students in the program. Six students receive funding from the School, the other external grants.

In addition, the School has another five employees who are PhD students at other universities who receive funding through the School of Health Sciences as well as through external research grants.

From 2006 the School will accept another eight PhD students in Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Social Work and Oral Health who will all be funded by the school.

**2.7 Please provide a summary of the university's research plan and organizational set up, including separate responsibilities.**

The school' research has its focus on "Health, care and welfare throughout the life cycle" and is well-known nationally and internationally for excellent research on the ageing population and their life situation as well as disability studies.

**2.8 Does you university provide assistance for visiting scholars and post-doctoral scholars? If so, please briefly describe the nature of this assistance.**

4 post doc positions founded by school. We invite international scholars to take part in our research and education on a regular basis.

### **3 Self identified research strengths and areas**

*Please list your university's current research strengths and the reason/s why they have been identified. Within these areas of research strengths, describe the particular areas of focus and please provide details of contact person/s. Areas of excellence can either be stated according to "research focus" areas which have been developed along the lines of research groupings/clusters (cross-disciplinary) or by disciplinary-based delineations.*

Research strengths: see number 2.4. Contact person: Professor Stig Berg, stig.berg@hhj.hj.se

### **4 Areas of emerging interest**

*Please evaluate and describe in your own words what you consider to be your university's emerging areas of research focus or areas of interest to develop further. Also describe the focus on the research planned to be carried out and details of contact person/s. Areas of excellence can either be stated according to "research focus" areas which have been developed along the lines of research groupings/clusters (cross-disciplinary) or by disciplinary-based delineations.*

Research area: The ageing population and their life situation

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## **5 Funding sources**

*Please comment on possible national and international funding sources your university has applied for, is planning to apply for or is aware of.*

External research funding for 2005 approx. SEK 5 million.

Main funding sources are: National Institute of Aging, the National Institute of Health, USA; the Swedish Research Council, the Swedish Council for Working Life and Social Research, the National Board of Health and Welfare

## **6 Contact information**

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## **7 Comments on program for research work shop**

*Please comment on any specific areas you consider important to be covered at the INU Research work shop. Also note if there are any specific speakers you would like to see invited and/or which areas they should cover (e.g. funding possibilities, research management etc).*

Explore possibilities for joint research projects and grants available for this.

## **8 Name, date and email for further information**

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