Terms of reference for the HCA Academy
University of Southern Denmark
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About the HCA Academy

The HCA Academy was founded in 2001 as a forum for special academic events at the university. The academy contributes to profiling and emphasising the significance of the university as an academic unit.

The HCA Academy organises the annual Hans Christian Andersen Academy Lecture. These lectures are academic and have a broad appeal across faculties and professional boundaries. The lecturers are of the highest international standard, and the lectures are an annual academic university event. The HCA Academy Lecture is for everyone, students and employees at University of Southern Denmark as well as the general public.

In 2006, the HCA Academy extended its activities with the establishment of the HCA Academy Visiting Fellowship Programme with the objective to strengthen and inspire academic environments at the university.
Once a year, employees and departments at the University of Southern Denmark can apply the HCA Academy for contribution for the financing of a number of research stays for well-esteemed, international researchers at University of Southern Denmark.
The academy makes a recommendation to the Vice-Chancellor, who decides who will be awarded the annual HCA Academy Visiting Professorial Fellowship.

Appointment of HCA Academy members

The academy has one member from each faculty. In addition, the Vice-Chancellor's Office is represented in the academy with one employee, who at the same time acts as Academy Secretary, and one employee from Press and Communication, who coordinates the press relations with regard to the academy's activities.
Academy members are selected for a 3-year period by the Vice-Chancellor after consultation with the Dean.
It is possible to be re-appointed once.
The academy has a chairman.
The chairman is appointed by the Vice-Chancellor.

Jens Oddershede

Vice-Chancellor