

# MAIN ELEMENTS OF THE MASTER PLAN FOR THE PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT OF AARHUS UNIVERSITY

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- On 11 April 2018, the board approved a vision for AU's physical development.
- The master plan is the university's strategy and investment plan for 2018-2028 and constitutes the framework for Aarhus University's physical development over the next few decades.
- The background for the development of the plan is AU's future tenancy of the former municipal hospital property, and comprises a vision for how the property will be used.
- However, the master plan and the vision for the campus of the future also covers AU's locations as a whole, because the university's physical development must be viewed holistically.

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- With the master plan, AU wishes to create the framework for a future-proof, city-integrated campus with student life and activities around the clock.
- The master plan is based on [ten principles](#) for the physical development of AU, and is also intended to ensure sound financial management.
- Taken as a whole, AU does not currently need more m2, so in step with the university's gradual takeover of the 'University City' (the former municipal hospital property), other leases will be vacated.

# AARHUS CAMPUS



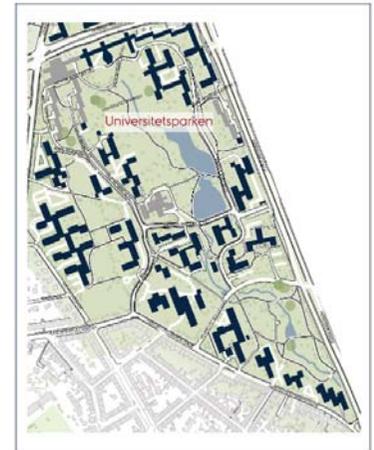
# THE UNIVERSITY PARK CAMPUS

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The University Park will continue to be the natural centre of the AU campus.

What will happen in the University Park:

- The Skou Building will come into use in 2018.
- Laboratory renovation is expected to be completed in 2021
- The park will become a more vibrant place, for example thanks to better lighting, more student-related activities and the establishment of three tunnels to the University City.
- Uses will be found for a few older buildings which are no longer suitable as lab buildings.



# THE UNIVERSITY CITY (THE FORMER MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL)

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AU will move into the University City in five phases:

- Phase 1 (2019-2021) – Molecular Biology and Genetics (AU will retain the DNC building)
- Phase 2 (approx. 2020-2021) – Establishment of student housing
- Phase 3 (approx. 2021-2022) – Student organisations and student activities
- Phase 4 (approx. 2022-2024) – Relocation of Aarhus BSS from Fuglesangs Allé
- Phase 5 (approx. 2024-2025) – Relocation of Arts from Kasernen



# PHASE 1 (2019-2021)

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## **Molecular Biology and Genetics** (AU will retain the DNC building)

- At a meeting in October 2017, the board approved AU's lease of approx. 23,000 m<sup>2</sup> (gross) from FEAS.
- The lease applies to the Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics (MBG), which will centralise all of its activities at one location rather than the current six locations in Aarhus, Foulum and Flakkebjerg.
- MBG will be the first department to relocate to the University City.
- The department is scheduled to take over the buildings at the northern end of the municipal hospital property in 2021. Local users are being involved in the process in connection with preparations for the relocation.

# PHASE 2 (APPROX. 2020-2021)

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## Establishment of student housing

- AU will establish student housing in the University City.
- The University Park currently contains about 500 units of student housing, and AU's ambition is to significantly increase the amount of student housing on campus.
- Offering on-campus housing will strengthen students' sense of affiliation with the university and will contribute to more life on campus round the clock.
- AU will convert the former nurses' residence hall and the current patient hotel to student housing.
- AU will also provide housing for PhD students and postdocs as well as a residence hall primarily for international students.

# PHASE 3 (APPROX. 2021-2022)

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## **Student organisations and student activities**

- The university wishes to ensure that students are provided with facilities for their organisations, student-run activities etc.
- These will be developed in close dialogue with students.

# PHASE 4 (APPROX. 2022-2024)

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## Relocation of Aarhus BSS from Fuglesangs Allé

- Aarhus BSS' activities will be relocated from Fuglesangs Allé (business management and economics) to the University City.
- This will enable Aarhus BSS to locate its activities from Fuglesangs Allé in close proximity to the faculty's other activities in Aarhus (political science, law and psychology) which are located in the northeastern corner of the University Park.
- The faculty's business activities will contribute to strengthening AU's focus on innovation and entrepreneurship – and the faculty's many students will contribute to the vitality of the entire campus.

# PHASE 5 (APPROX. 2024-2025)

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## Relocation of Arts from Kasernen

- AU will relocate Arts' activities currently located at Kasernen (including dramaturgy/musicology, comparative literature/rhetoric, as well as art history/aesthetics and culture/museology) to the University City.
- These activities will contribute to creating a vibrant, active campus.
- In the University City, Arts needs a theatre and cultural facilities that can also be used by external parties, which will help draw the surrounding city into the University City area.

# KATRINEBJERG

**The possibility of vacating Navitas is being actively pursued, and most engineering activities will be centralised in Katrinebjerg.**

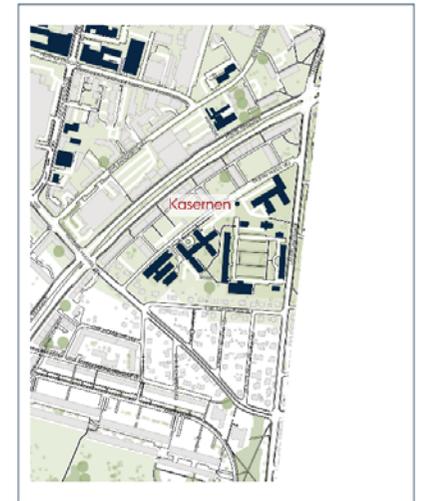
- Katrinebjerg is AU's centre for digitisation, digital design, information studies and engineering.
- In relocating engineering activities from Navitas to Katrinebjerg, AU intends to strengthen and develop the area. The plans for the physical development of Katrinebjerg must be seen in conjunction with – and must support – the university's digitisation strategy and strategic engineering initiative.
- The local development plan for Katrinebjerg includes residential and commercial properties as well as green recreational areas.



# KASERNEN/THE SCIENCE PARK

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- Molecular Biology and Genetics will relocate to the University City (approx. 2021).
- The vacated buildings will enable the expansion of engineering activities.
- Arts relocates to the University City (approx. 2025)
- These buildings can be taken over by ST.



# ROOM MUST ALSO BE MADE FOR:

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- A central innovation hub for the student incubator and entrepreneurship
- Interdisciplinary activities
- Sport facilities
- Business activities

# AU OUTSIDE AARHUS

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- AU will centralise its food science activities from Foulum and Årslev in a new building which will be constructed in Agro Food Park in Skejby. This means that the lease in Årslev will be terminated by the end of 2019, just as the parts of Foulum where food science activities are located will also be vacated (animal science and agro-ecology activities will remain in Foulum, however).
- Activities in Silkeborg and Kalø will be centralised in Aarhus.
- AU will remain in Roskilde.
- The development of the campuses in Herning and Emdrup will continue.

# PREVIOUS IDEA GENERATION PROCESS

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- In autumn 2016, AU conducted an idea generation process. The process was conducted in order to gather input on the future use of the buildings and areas on Nørrebrogade (the former municipal hospital property) from internal and external stakeholders via two workshops, the website [www.nycampus.au.dk](http://www.nycampus.au.dk) and AU's mobile information centre AUtocampus.
- The input derived from this process formed the background for the 10 general principles which will guide the strategic physical development of the university in coming years,
- as well as included in work on the local development plan for the area and AU's work going forward.

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR CODETERMINATION

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- The university encourages all students and employees to contribute their input to the master plan and to participate in refining the visions for the property and ensuring that we provide the best possible framework for teaching, research, student life, etc.

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- The decision on who will relocate has been made. The senior management team wants your input on:
  - How do we create a good academic environment?
  - What student activities should be present?
  - What kinds of classrooms do you need?
  - How do we create the best teaching environment?
  - How can we support collaboration with business and industry and with new businesses?
  - How do we create good office environments?
  - What kinds of cafeterias and cafes would you like to see there?
  - What kinds of outdoor facilities and spaces do you need?
  - Should there be sport facilities in the University City?

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR CODETERMINATION

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- The individual faculties will also hold local meetings and gather input on the master plan.
- All input will be collected and considered in relation to the overall synergies in AU's physical development.
- This input will be presented to the board in connection with the final approval of the master plan in December 2018.
- In addition to participating in the activities taking place at the individual faculties, students and employees will be able to submit their input to [nycampus@au.dk](mailto:nycampus@au.dk) throughout the process.

## **Codetermination in the later stages of the process**

- When the relocation plans have been finalised and it has been decided who will move into which buildings, floors and rooms, local user involvement processes will be initiated.

