



**Policy
Agricultural
University of Iceland
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Vision for the future

The Agricultural University of Iceland (AUI) is a leading force in research, teaching and innovation in the area of natural science, resource and environmental management studies and soil conservation. Research is the moving force of the activities. The students achieve a thorough and practical education based on critical thinking, independent work habits and skills. This enables them to become powerful team members and leaders in the community.

The university offers excellent conditions for study and work and attracts both outstanding students and faculty. The scientists of the university are highly respected, both at home and abroad, for excellent achievements in their work and they cooperate closely with other universities and research institutions in teaching and research.

The community uses the services of the university extensively in the solution of urgent problems and the shaping of society. The university enjoys a good reputation for its work. This can be explained by the students who have been successful after their studies and satisfied faculty and staff who experience encouragement and success in their work and research which measures well up to standard and contribute to progress.



Purpose

The purpose of AUI is to lead the way to better quality of life at peace with nature.

Values

Growth: Activities, growth, willingness to work, innovation, rich rewards, development. The driving forces of endeavour. Also a reference to nature which is the main subject of the university.

Respect: Processes, methods, ethics, incentive, image, communication, culture. Also emphasizing an attitude to the subject area, which is nature and the environment.

Wisdom: Search for knowledge, theoretical foundations, professional work, conclusions and decisions based on reason. Also referring to the natural sciences as the basis for knowledge about life.



Main objectives as milestones

- I. Research and innovation
- II. Teaching
- III. Society and international relations
- IV. Organization and work environment

Research and innovation

General objectives: A leading force in research within the priorities of AUI with special emphasis on employment and innovation as well as studies based on research.

Secondary objectives:

Emphasis on research and new areas

Actions:

- ◆ Prioritizing objectives
- ◆ Reviewing the organisation of research processes
- ◆ Encouraging inter-departmental research
- ◆ Seeking cooperation in research outside the university
- ◆ Emphasizing search for research funding from foreign and local research foundations
- ◆ Stepping up research activities, research quality and publications
- ◆ Improving research facilities
- ◆ Introducing research semesters

Emphasis on study through research

Actions:

- ◆ Increasing the number of doctoral and masters students
- ◆ Emphasizing cooperation with universities abroad
- ◆ Emphasizing cooperation with universities and institutes in the industry

Innovation and creation of jobs

Actions:

- ◆ Establishing a professional workshop within AUI

Connecting research with the image and reputation of the university

Actions:

- ◆ Increasing visibility of the influence of research on society
- ◆ Emphasizing interdisciplinary research



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