The ÅAU Open Science Coach Program 2019-2021

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A coach program

• **What?** A light-duty education program focusing on open science and its practice
• **Why?** To support scholarship at ÅAU towards openness
• **For whom?** Researchers at ÅAU (all career levels, all affiliation types) who know how some of this might best be carried out in their field of research
• **How?**
  – by assisting in doing open science
  – by developing support and infrastructure collaboratively, locally and at university level
  – through development of knowhow by participation in national relevant events and local custom-made course sessions
  – over a period of two years

Designed at ÅAU by Arbetsgruppen för öppen vetenskap 2017-2019 & the ÅAU OS team
The tasks of the coaches

– to assist their own environments in taking a few steps towards a more open science and research together with ÅAU's team for open science and scholarship.
– to act as information resources and contacts for their colleagues for two years or more
– to be a part of and collaborate with the ÅAU support network for open science by communicating ideas on ways in which the administrative support could be developed
– to administer one workshop/project/event within his/her own field of research within the two years (assisted by the OS team at ÅAU)
The first team in practice

• Kick-off: April 23, 2019
• Course days annually: max 2 + ½ + ½ (2019-2020)
• All sessions available online, all material in the Moodle platform
• Diploma on paper. Doctoral students get credit (if granted by their supervisors)
• Coordinated by open science project manager taught by local & external specialists
• 2019: ~11 active participants
Promising!

A **good contact interface**: dialogical collaboration admin/academic

If successful, a self-acting and **effective** move towards a change in research culture

Interested researchers are allowed to **deepen their knowledge**.

**Meriting** in funding applications & salary system

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Risky?

**Laborious** to administer & teach

**Exclusiveness**: much service for a few researchers

**Limited reach**: how do we secure coverage across faculties?

**Incentives** for participants?
Planned themes

1. open access basics (what, why, how?)
2. open access advanced (the business models, the possible futures, policies on the horizon)
3. open licenses (creative commons)
4. research data lifecycle basics (DMP is key!)
5. FAIR data principles basics and opening data
6. open research workflows
7. open education/open teaching resources

+ Local, national and international services and developments concerning the above.
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