

Nomination process for the 2026 Undervisningsprisen

Background

The Danish Ministry of Higher Education and Science awards Undervisningsprisen for inspirational and engaging teaching within higher education and adult and continuing higher education in Denmark. Undervisningsprisen are awarded to teachers who in, an exceptional manner, help cultivate good teaching and a positive teaching environment. Each winner of the 2026 Undervisningsprisen receives an award of DKK 500,000. In total seven Undervisningspriser are awarded to teachers at universities, university colleges, business academies, higher education institutions within the fine arts, and maritime educational institutions.

Nomination of teachers

Teachers affiliated to courses of education under the auspices of the Danish Ministry of Higher Education and Science may be nominated for Undervisningsprisen. It is a requirement that the nominated candidates must be currently employed by one of these educational institutions. Both teachers in higher education programmes and adult and continuing higher education programmes may be nominated. Both permanent staff, part-time staff and those on short-term contracts may be nominated.

Each of the seven Undervisningspriser comprises a merit award of DKK 200,000 awarded to the prizewinner personally, together with a further DKK 300,000 to be used to fund development activities which support a good and engaging teaching environment at higher education institutions. The prize of DKK 300,000 constitutes a conditional grant which must be used within two years of the awarding of the prize. This conditional grant is administered by the prizewinner's employer and includes overhead.

Nomination process

Each conference of rectors will decide upon and announce the nomination procedure and the deadline for submission of nominations by the institutions which fall under their respective auspices. Nominations must, however, be based on, and be assessed on the basis of, the criteria set out in the notice. The nominated candidates must be currently employed by the educational institution which nominates them.

Who is allowed to submit a nomination?

Nominations may be submitted by the management of educational institutions under the auspices of the Danish Ministry of Higher Education and Science. The students at each institution shall be given their say in the nomination process and the selection of candidates. Candidates are not permitted to propose their own nomination.

Assessment and nomination of prizewinners

Each conference of rectors will be tasked with assessing the submitted nominations, and on the basis of their assessment nominating prizewinners from their own member institutions for consideration by the Danish Ministry of Higher Education and Science.

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This assessment must be based on the criteria set out in the notice, and the students at each institution shall be given their say in the assessment process. Conferences of rectors which nominate two prizewinners are encouraged to nominate both a woman and a man where the nominees in question are individual teachers.

The respective conferences of rectors are free to make use of their own procedures when assessing the nominations submitted by the various institutions. Prize-winner nominations submitted to the Danish Ministry of Higher Education and Science must be submitted via the Ministry's self-service portal for e-grants. Two supporting documents must be submitted together with the nomination:

- 1) The candidate's CV, which may not exceed two pages in length.
- 2) The conference of rectors' nomination, which may not exceed one page in length. The nomination must include the following:
 - A short preface (1-2 lines in length) introducing the nominated candidate
 - Professional justification (25-30 lines in length), taking as its point of departure the five stipulated criteria and, where applicable, the additional category-specific criterion
 - A potted biography of the nominated candidate (4-6 lines in length)

In the e-grant portal a maximum of 800 characters (including spaces) per criterion may be used to present the professional justification for the nomination. Additionally, there is the option of providing a description of the final, category-specific criterion. A maximum of 300 characters (including spaces) is provided for this.

Review

The Danish Ministry of Higher Education and Science invites all conferences of rectors to review the process for the 2026 Undervisningsprisen with a particular focus on the assessment criteria, nomination process, awarding of the prizes and annual reports.