The structure
University, Faculty, Department, Section, Research group, School, Academic Council, Dean, Supervisor, …..

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Some info about Aalborg University

- Aalborg University was founded in 1974 by merging a number of institutions, here among Aalborg Technical College

- Aalborg University has today its main campus in Aalborg and satellite campuses in Esbjerg and Copenhagen
The structure of Aalborg University - formal organization: Staff

Aalborg University

Faculty of Humanities
Faculty of Social Sciences
Faculty of Engineering and Science
Faculty of Medicine

Department of Architecture and Design
Department of ..... 
Department of ..... 
Department of ..... 
Department of Physics and Nanotechn.
Center for Industrial Production
Danish Building Research Institute

You are employed here or here
You salary is paid from money allocated here
You research funding is allocated here
The structure of a department and its more-or-less informal organization

Department of XYZ

- Sub-organization (section) abc
  - Research group/supervisor zyx
    - Research group/supervisor vut
      - Research group/supervisor ihg
      - Research group/supervisor fed
      - Research group/supervisor cba
- Sub-organization (section) def
- Sub-organization (section) ghi
- Sub-organization (section) xyz

You
Who is your boss?

Rector of Aalborg University: Per Michael Johansen

Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Science: Eskild Holm Nielsen

Dean of the Faculty of Medicine: Egon Toft

Head of the Department of XYZ: Abc Defghi

Your supervisor is you SUPERVISOR, not your boss

However, informally, your supervisor is in charge of your work and your research funding, and the department head will listen closely to what he/she suggests.
The structure of Aalborg University - formal organization: Education

For example: Faculty of Engineering and Science

School of Engineering and Science
School of Inform. and Com. Tech.
School of Archit., Design and Plan.

You are enrolled here

Doctoral School of Engineering and Science and Doctoral School of Medicine

Study board of …. (BSc, MSc programs)
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Doctoral program of ….  Doctoral program of ….
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Doctoral program of ….
The Doctoral School

- An independently organized unit, established by the Faculty of Engineering and Science or the Faculty of Medicine, respectively
- It shall ensure that PhD programs meet the requirements set by the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation
- It is responsible for operating and developing doctoral programs at the Faculty
- It retains its own budget
The way you meet the Doctoral School

- The Doctoral School organizes PhD courses
  - Some departments also organize additional PhD courses independently of the Doctoral School
- The Doctoral School supports your stay abroad at another research environment
- You meet the Doctoral School indirectly via the head of your PhD program
PhD programs and their heads (Tech)

- Mathematics and Physics (Prof. Jesper Møller)
- Computer Science and Engineering (Prof. Peter Axel Nielsen)
- Electrical and Electronic Engineering (Prof. Rafal Wisniewski)
- Wireless Communications (Prof. Gert Frølund Pedersen)
- Planning and Development (Prof. Lars Bo Henriksen)
- Biotechnology, Chemistry and Environmental Engineering (Prof. Yuanzheng Yue)
- Civil Engineering (Prof. Torben Larsen)
- Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering (Prof. Jesper de Claville Christiansen)
- Technology and Science (Prof. Paola Valero)
- Energy Technology (Prof. Claus Leth Bak)
PhD programs and their heads (Med)

- Biomedical Science and Engineering (Ole Kæseler Andersen)
- Clinical Science and Biomedicine (Søren Risom Kristensen)
- Health Education, Organizations and Ethics (Paola Valero)
You meet your Head of PhD program

- He/she reads and approves your study plan
- He/she decides on which program-specific courses are offered
- You talk with him/her if you have PhD study related problems that cannot be solved via your supervisor
- Hopefully you also see him/her in the coffee room
The formal organization of the School
(The Doctoral School of Engineering and Science)

Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Science

PhD Board
- Jes Vollertsen (chair)
- Rasmus Plenge Waagepetersen
- John Rasmussen
- Paola Valero
- Kasper Trillingsgaard
- Nina Lidegaard

PhD study director
Torben Larsen

PhD secretariat
Maria Bredvig
Helen Kjerstein Kristensen

Head of Doctoral program

PhD student

PhD student

PhD student

PhD student

PhD student

PhD student
The formal organization of the School
(The Doctoral School in Medicine, Biomedical Science and Technology)

PhD Board
- Ole K. Andersen (chair)
- Ulrik Baandrup
- Trine Fink
- Stephen Rees
- Steffen Vangsgaard
- Mads Dyrvig Johannesen

PhD study director
Thomas Graven-Nielsen

PhD secretariat
Maria Bredvig
Helen Kjerstein Kristensen

Dean of the Faculty of Medicine

Head of Doctoral program

PhD study director

Head of Doctoral program

PhD study director

Head of Doctoral program

PhD secretariat

Head of Doctoral program

PhD secretariat
Some numbers

Number of students enrolled at the PhD school of Engineering and Science
Approx. half from outside Denmark

Int. Students enrolled 2012
Average enrollment time till hand-in of thesis
(excluding students enrolled longer than five years or disenrolled without handing in thesis)
PAU (http://www.pau.aau.dk)
PhD Network of Aalborg University, The Faculty of Engineering and Science

- PAU helps to represent the PhD students at the Faculty
- PAU collects and communicates information relevant to PhD students
- PAU facilitates contacts between PhD students and works on improving the social environment at the University
- PAU organizes formal and informal cooperation with other associations and organizations
- PAU organizes the mentoring of new PhD students and supports young academics starting their PhD journey at Aalborg University
- PAU participates at the PhD stand at the Aalborg Annual Career Fair
- PAU arranges events for PhD students. These are both social and related to the PhD process