

Unge Forskere is Denmark's largest scientific talent competition for children and young people in primary and secondary education.

The main purpose of the talent competition Unge Forskere is to identify, challenge, and acknowledge talents in the field of natural sciences. Unge Forskere brings students together from across the whole country. Through academic guidance and feedback, it is our vision to support the students and help them live out their potential. Unge Forskere is a talent program for dreamers with high aspirations and for practitioners who engage in concrete, real-world issues. Through the vision of Unge Forskere, we work to enable children and young people to engage directly with scientific research and technological development. The young researchers demonstrate their ideas by translating them into action in the real world, and that children and young people can make a difference.

Unge Forskere for Everyone

Unge Forskere is a cost free school program for students in primary and secondary education throughout Denmark. Unge Forskere contribute to talent development through the competition, strengthening work on innovation, idea development, and the scientific method in daily teaching. Through projects, students have the opportunity to cultivate their interest in science, and in competition with the country's best young researchers, they can reach next levels. Unge Forskere is a program that focuses on the most talented individuals while generally strengthening the scientific identity and general scientific education among children and young people in Denmark.

Unge Forskere in 2024-25

Unge Forskere aims to continue as a national science event and to remain a crucial link in the chain between primary and secondary education on one side and universities and the business sector on the other. This will continually happen through competition, academic support, talent-promoting activities, recognition and immersion, collaboration with universities and the business sector, and by being a gateway to international science competitions in the EU, USA, and China.

In the next period Unge Forskere will particularly focus on:

- increased emphasis on recruitment and creating an increased outreach.
- secondary education and how Unge Forskere can align with both students' and teachers' everyday lives, thereby making a greater impact on students, especially in secondary education (HTX and STX).
- strengthening the framework for Unge Forskere's activities and events and even increase the number of supporting students, teachers, participants in the business sector, educational institutions, politicians, and the media's ability to develop a common focus on science.

Project Management

Unge Forskere is 100% supported by organizations, foundations, and ministries. Unge Forskere is organized by Astra – the national science center.