

## **Unge Forskere**

**"Unge Forskere" (young researchers) is Denmark's largest talent competition for children and young people with interest in natural science, technology or health science.**

*For 31 years, the talent competition Unge Forskere has found and developed talents within natural science. Unge Forskere gather students from all over Denmark aiming to support the education system and wish to find, acknowledge and challenge the talents that are so important for Denmark's future.*

### **Unge Forskere - a national science event**

In 2018, Unge Forskere received more than 1700 projects from students from both primary and secondary schools. All projects are evaluated by a strong, professional jury, who through several steps, including five regional semifinals, selects the 100 best projects for the final.

Unge Forskere is much more than a competition. Unge Forskere is for everybody with an interest in natural science. Everybody are invited to come to the final that each year are held in Copenhagen at the end of April. In connection with the final you can see the 100 projects selected for the final that, side by side with guest projects from all over the world, 35 companies, universities, museums and communication sites, show the best within their field. During the 3 days, 7000 to 10000 schoolchildren, high school students and others with interest in natural science visit the 100 final projects and explore the many activities at the exhibition.

Unge Forskere strive to become a significant part of the food chain between schools and high schools on one side and universities and commercial companies on the other side. This will continue at the competition, professional support, talent programs, recognition and concentration, collaboration with universities and companies and by giving access to international science competitions in EU, USA, China and other places.

The vision of Unge forskere is to become an actual institution for natural science in both teachers and students' mind working towards

- increased focus on recruitment and thus a large network
- special focus on education and how Unge Forskere can be more part of both the students and teachers daily work in order to make a large impact on the students, particularly in high school (HTX and STX).
- strengthen the regional semifinals events as individual events which, in the same way as the final, can give a regional/local frame where students, teachers and companies, educational institutions, politicians and media are gathered in a joint focus on natural science, technology and health science.

### **Project management**

Unge Forskere are 100% supported by organizations, foundations and ministries. Unge Forskere are organized and managed by Astra, the Danish national center for Learning in Nature, Engineering and Health.