

The Faculty of Law's Action Plan for External Engagement 1 October 2022 to 31 December 2024

The Faculty of Law's Strategic Plan covers the period 2018-2026 and builds upon the Lund University Strategic Plan for the same period. The faculty's Strategic Plan is complemented by three-year action plans of a more operative nature with clearly expressed goals and measures that can be followed-up. These cover action plans for education, research and third-cycle education, external engagement, talent provision, work environment and equal opportunities. Qualified, appropriate and effective infrastructure and administrative services are to be in place for education, research and external engagement. The faculty is also to work proactively and systematically on issues relating to work environment, gender equality and equal opportunities in all activities relating to students and staff. The action plans, decided by the Faculty Board, are to be followed up annually.

External engagement and collaboration at Lund University

External engagement and collaboration are central to Lund University. This is reflected in Lund University's Strategic Plan, in which external engagement is highlighted as a key explanation for the University's success throughout history. Lund University's Research Strategy highlights the importance of supporting cross-disciplinary (and thus collaborative) research and the need to strengthen the link between research, education and wider society. In other words, external engagement and collaboration are an integrated part of the University's activities. One difficulty, however, is to specify what these concepts mean and to clarify which forms of external engagement and collaboration are particularly important. The present Action Plan aims to create this clarity in terms of external engagement and collaboration at the Faculty of Law.

In this context, the term external engagement is used to identify relationships between external parties and parties within Lund University, while the term collaboration is used to identify either relationships between parties within Lund University or between Lund University and other higher education institutions, which in this context are not seen as external parties.

External engagement and collaboration at the Faculty of Law

External engagement and collaboration are also central to the Faculty of Law's Strategic Plan. One priority area involves encouraging boundary-crossing external engagement and interdisciplinary collaboration in order to solve societal challenges.

In this context, the Faculty of Law is in a unique position and has special opportunities to assume a social responsibility in relation to government authorities and other organisations and activities both nationally and internationally, in order to share expertise in various areas of law. By developing high-quality environments on an international level, the Faculty of Law can contribute competitive expertise and address key societal challenges. External engagement and collaboration are also central to the faculty's ability to provide high-quality education and to encourage international mobility for both students and staff.

The Faculty of Law also has a well-developed collaboration with students and doctoral students, mainly through the Law Students' Union (JF) and the Law Doctoral Student Council (JDR), which contribute in key ways to the faculty's activities.

External engagement and collaboration are an ongoing process that involves most of the faculty's staff. However, there is no clear overall picture of how and in what ways the faculty works in this regard; external engagement and collaboration are still largely at the initiative of individuals and the forms of reporting and communicating these initiatives can be further developed. A systematic approach to quality assurance and follow-up based on the present Action Plan can, in addition to encouraging new initiatives, create better conditions for elucidating and communicating all the external engagement and collaboration initiatives carried out at the faculty.

That external engagement and collaboration encompass a range of different activities that affect all faculty employees and students is reflected in this Action Plan by the fact that the operational goals and actions that follow below are largely general in nature. More general goals and actions are mentioned first, followed by more specific ones.

During the period covered by the Action Plan, the Faculty of Law is to, as a priority:

- Contribute to creating good practical conditions for employees to initiate and further develop external engagement and collaboration, for example by:
 - creating a practitioner academy at the faculty as a clear common entry point to the faculty for professionals wishing to collaborate in education and research,
 - including the work previously carried out within the framework of the faculty's professional group in the new practitioner academy.
- Contribute to the creation of an incentive structure that promotes successful external engagement and collaboration, for example by:
 - helping to elucidate and reward the work that faculty members contribute by writing referrals and by assisting the central management with legal expertise, etc,
 - helping make experience of successful external engagement and collaboration a clear asset in recruitment and promotions.
- Encourage interdisciplinary collaboration over faculty and disciplinary boundaries in education and research, for example by:

- actively supporting its researchers in building up and developing the jurisprudence elements of the profile areas in which the faculty is participating,
 - participating in various initiatives within the interdisciplinary framework of the Pufendorf Institute and in Lund University's thematic collaboration initiatives,
 - actively following the development of Science Village Scandinavia, MAX IV and ESS,
 - further developing existing collaborations with the Department of Business Law, the Raoul Wallenberg Institute and Campus Helsingborg,
 - developing collaboration with the Swedish Institute for Human Rights
- Contribute to making new and already successful collaboration and external engagement initiatives more visible to actors outside the University as well as to staff and students, for example by:
 - continuing to develop information on the faculty's website and employees own websites about their research,
 - developing collaboration with the faculty's research communications officer,
 - working with the dissemination of information through the faculty's three alumni associations and the practitioner academy.
 - Contribute to the faculty's talent provision needs and research quality by giving higher priority to positions combined with employment in the public sector, industry, institutes and public authorities, such as adjunct or joint teaching appointments.
 - Encourage employees to act as experts in relevant local, regional, national and international arenas, for example:
 - as experts in government reviews and expert networks at local, regional, national and international levels,
 - as members of scientific advisory panels and organisations,
 - as the faculty's representatives in University bodies and networks,
 - by participating in the Government's consultation procedure.
 - Encourage employees to participate in the public debate, for example through lectures for the wider public and cooperation with different media channels.
 - Encourage collaboration that contributes to lifelong learning by:
 - making high-quality professional development available in the whole country,
 - continuing to develop commissioned education,
 - continuing to develop collaboration with Campus Helsingborg.
 - Help facilitate collaboration in education within Lund University.

- Encourage the creation of conditions for the greater inclusion of professional training components in the faculty's programmes.
- Develop ways to ensure the quality of the collaboration that takes place through practitioner-led components in courses and study programmes, for example by providing specially adapted pedagogical training for external lecturers.
- Contribute to the development of external engagement and collaboration within the faculty's administrative support with regard to local, regional, national and international peer-to-peer exchanges of experience.
- Continue to develop the faculty's close collaboration with students through the Law Students' Union (JF) and with doctoral students through the Law Doctoral Student Council (JDR).
- Contribute to a clearer role for alumni activities, through the Law Society of Lund (Sällskapet Lundajurister) and the two alumni associations linked to the faculty's Master's programmes, in the ongoing development of external engagement.