

## **The Quality System of the Agricultural University of Iceland**

The role of the Agricultural University of Iceland (AUI) is to create and share knowledge in the field of sustainable use of resources, the environment, planning and food production in the Nordic region.

AUI's policy focuses on increasing research, innovation and international collaboration in order to strengthen teaching and the university's infrastructure, including quality systems, filing and work processes.

AUI's quality system is based on the Icelandic Quality Enhancement Framework – QEF2 for the promotion of quality in the field of higher education in Iceland 2017–2023, the Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area – ESG 2015 and AUI's Policy 2019–2024.

The aim of AUI's quality system is to increase the quality of studies and activities within the university and to ensure that research and degrees meet quality requirements and international standards. AUI's quality system is also intended to identify opportunities for improvement, promote quality awareness and strengthen work processes.

The Quality Committee and the HR & Quality Manager carry out the day-to-day management of AUI's quality system, monitoring and improvement, but the rector has the final responsibility for the quality system.

### **Quality Policy**

AUI strives to provide students with excellent education and staff with good working conditions. Sustainability, prosperity and progress are the university's values, which are interwoven with all its work.

### **With AUI's Quality Policy, the university sets the following goals:**

- To develop a quality system that is in accordance with the Icelandic Quality Enhancement Framework, the Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area and AUI's Policy 2019–2024.
- To support the self-assessment of faculties, which demonstrates the quality of the students' learning environment, the quality of degrees and that the quality of research is systematically guaranteed
- To follow up on self-assessment results with improvement-oriented actions
- To foster a culture of quality mindset through continuous improvement, training and education
- To promote that university's study programmes reflect the latest knowledge and are supported by internationally recognized research
- To promote continued good collaboration with students and ensure their participation in AUI's improvement and quality work

- To promote good collaboration with the industry sector and other stakeholders and to ensure that learning and teaching are in line with the needs of the industry
- To promote the active flow of information inside and outside the university on quality issues and the results of quality work on a regular basis.