



# **SUSTAINABLE CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ICELAND**

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- Founded in 1911
- Located in the heart of the capital, Reykjavík
- Largest and most active research university in Iceland
- 15,000 students
- 60% undergraduates, 35% Master's students and 5% PhD students
- 1,700 FTE staff
- Annual income 140 million EUR, of which 2/3 public funding, 1/3 non-governmental funding



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- The University of Iceland collaborates extensively with industry and other institutions
- The University actively engages with Icelandic society
- Extensive international collaboration and strong global position, both as a whole and in specific subjects



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- The University was transformed into an online university almost over a single weekend in mid March
- Almost all teaching, exams, administration etc. conducted online this year





- What can we learn from our experience of the COVID-19 pandemic?
- Impact on the University as a community?
- The University is currently re-envisioning a framework campus plan – ‘Green Edge Campus’
- Covers environmental issues, the future of transportation, links between the University and the city, and the University community
- New strategic plan for 2021-2026 in preparation
- Significant increase in international collaboration
- The University of Iceland is a leading partner in the Aurora European University Alliance



## CHALLENGES

