

# Curriculum Vitæ – Olaf Svenningsen



## Personal information

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## Work experience

- Research support/RMA – 2000 to present**
- Sept 2022 – present **Senior RM Liaison/Senior Project Adviser (40%), [RM-ROADMAP Project](#), [EARMA](#)**  
*Responsibilities* Coordinating operations with national RMA associations and networks in all European countries, EU and non-EU, setting up the RM-ROADMAP Ambassadors' Network; general liaisons for the project.
- Nov 2021 – present **Owner/founder of [Research Lighthouse](#)**  
*Responsibilities* Providing services on demand, including training courses, workshops, keynote lectures, analyses and reports, proposal support, and more.
- Oct 2019 – Nov 2021 **Senior Consultant, Head of the Secretariat for Psychiatric Research** at the [Mental Health Services](#) at the [Region of Southern Denmark](#).  
*Responsibilities* Management service and support; developing research support; research strategy (development and follow-up); operational responsibility and development of the regional fund for mental health research ([Psykiatriens Forskningsfond](#)); evaluation, analyses, and hearing statements.
- May 2019 – Oct 2019 **Expert in research support** for [Lund University Faculty of Engineering \(Lunds Tekniska Högskola/LTH\)](#), in Lund, Sweden.  
*Responsibilities* Analysis and proposal for organization of research support at LTH
- Feb 2018 – Apr 2019 **Head of [Research Services](#), [Lund University](#)**, in Lund, Sweden.  
*Responsibilities* Staff management responsibility for c. 20 coworkers; management support and service; analyses and evaluations; hearing statements for research and innovation; research communication and information ([LUCRIS](#)); doctoral education; international networks ([LERU](#)); ethics and responsible conduct in research.
- Apr 2011 – Jan 2018: **Senior Consultant and Head of [Southern Denmark Research Support](#), [Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Southern Denmark \(SDU\)](#)** Odense, Denmark. From September 2017, 25% at the central [SDU-Research and Innovation Organisation](#).

- Responsibilities* Primarily pre-award service to research proposals of all kinds to all funders, special focus on EU Framework Programs, US funding (primarily NIH), large public and private Danish funders; researcher training and career development (workshops and courses); management support; systems and services development.
- Aug 2009 – Mar 2011: **Special Consultant and Head of [Southern Denmark Research Support](#), [Faculty of Health Sciences](#), [SDU](#)**, Odense, Denmark.
- Responsibilities* As above, but without management; started and named Southern Denmark Research Support in 2010.
- Nov 2003 – Jul 2009: **Senior Research Funding Coordinator**, Disciplinary Domains of [Science and Technology](#), and [Medicine and Pharmacy](#), [Uppsala University](#), Sweden.
- Responsibilities* Started and developed the central research support at UU; general pre-award services, focus on EU Commission, US (NIH and other federal + private funders), and strategic research; management service and support; analyses and evaluations; research information and communication; research support development.
- Aug 2000 – Oct 2003: **Science Office Coordinator/Associate Research Scientist** for [NSF-MARGINS Program](#) Office at [Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia University](#), New York, NY, USA, employed by the [National Science Foundation](#), Washington, DC, USA.
- Responsibilities* Coordination of program activities; advise on project and proposal development; organizing international meeting activities; communications (newsletter, mailing lists etc.); strategy development; first scientific response at volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, tsunamis etc.
- Active researcher – 1993-2000**
- 1999–2000: Associate research scientist, [Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia University](#), New York, NY, USA.
- 1997–1999: Assistant Professor, [Department of Geology, Lund University](#), Sweden.
- 1995–96: Postdoctoral fellow, [Danish Lithosphere Center \(DLC\), University of Copenhagen](#). DLC was one of the first Centres of Excellence funded by the [Danish National Research Foundation](#).
- 1994–95: Postdoctoral fellow, [Dept of Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences, Massachusetts Institute of Technology/MIT](#), Cambridge, MA, USA.

## Commissions of trust (selected)

- 2017–21: Chair (2017 and 2020-21) and member of the [European Association of Research Managers and Administrators/EARMA's Membership and Communications Committee](#).
- 2015–17: Chair of EARMA's working group for **Cultural Diversity and Gender in Research Administration**.
- 2012–16: Member of the Steering Committee for the [EU-ERFA Networking Group](#) (EU-ERFA-gruppen) under the Danish Ministry of Higher Education and Science.

- 2013-19: *Chair of the [Danish Association of Research Managers and Administrators](#) (DARMA), board member from 2010.*
- 2013-19: *Member of INORMS Council and INORMS Working Group. INORMS is the [International Organization of Research Management Societies](#).*
- 2013-15: *Member of the Board of [EARMA](#), with special responsibility for communications.*

## Education

- Graduate: **Doctor of Philosophy/Filosofie Doktor (PhD)** in geology, Lund University, 24 September 1993. Thesis title: ***Tectonic evolution of the Sarektjåkkå Nappe, Northern Swedish Caledonides***. Thesis supervisors: Professor Per-Gunnar Andreasson and Professor David G. Gee, faculty opponent Professor Arild Andresen, Oslo University, Norway.*
- Undergraduate: **Bachelor of Science/Filosofie Kandidat (BSc)** in geosciences, major in Mineralogy & Petrology, and in Historical Geology & Paleontology, Lund University, June 1983.*