



Morten Bennedsen

Location:	University of Copenhagen
Host professor:	Peter Norman Sørensen
Total grant:	29.9 million DKK

How will Morten Bennedsen enrich Danish research?

Peter Norman Sørensen: The employment of Morten Bennedsen as Niels Bohr professor and the attachment of his international research group to us is a crucial step in realizing our department's vision to be among the world's best in the field. Morten brings in a research area on business economics that complements and strengthens existing research in the Department, and is very relevant to the many family-owned businesses in Denmark. Our collaboration is a chance of doing excellent research.

What makes the Department of Economics at University of Copenhagen attractive to you?

Morten Bennedsen: The Department of Economics at UCPH is one of the best places

to do register based research in the world. It has hosted a number of applied micro-economics research centers and some of the best individuals in this kind of research.

How are you going to increase the internationalization of Department of Economics in the five-year grant period?

Morten Bennedsen: The Department is already very international. My contribution — besides good research — is my research team consisting of top researchers from Chicago, Michigan, Columbia, Hong Kong, Milan and Singapore. Through visits, conferences and research collaboration this will add to the department's existing international connections.

What will the long-term effects on Danish research be with this grant?

Morten Bennedsen: There are three major long term effects of our work. First: the research will bring new insight into understanding the most typical organizational structure in the world, that is the ownermanaged firm. Second, we will develop new research methods and new ways of identifying causal structures that we are confident will inspire other researchers working on register data. Third, we are confident that the collaboration will develop during the next 5 years adding even closer ties and a greater network opening up for many solid future research projects.

