



Call of the Owl

THEME: PBL – projects, innovation and communication

Book Prize 2018

In a new initiative, this autumn Aalborg University Press will be awarding a book prize. The name of the prize will be 'Owl call', and the theme this year is problem-based learning (PBL).

Do you teach or research on a higher education programme in which PBL is a central element of the teaching didactics? And have you got a good idea for a book that's currently missing from your teaching and which introduces or elaborates on important, overlooked elements in PBL? Then, possibly in collaboration with some of your colleagues, you could win a grant to realise your idea for a new PBL book.

Problem-based teaching is part of the DNA at Aalborg University. Throughout AAU's history, PBL has been described and practised in slightly different ways. However, the hub of the model has always been *the problem*. Different specialist fields have their own definition of *the problem*. Therefore, there is a need for research-informed teaching literature that can describe ways to identify, process and solve problems constructively.

The winner of the prize will receive DKK 50,000 for a writing retreat, as remuneration or to finance joint PBL initiatives. The prize also includes funds to produce the book.

A jury consisting of relevant specialist editors linked to Aalborg University Press will announce the winner of the prize in connection with the 40th anniversary of Aalborg University Press at the end of 2018. The anniversary will be held in the Create building, Rendsburggade 14 (the programme will be published on the Aalborg University Press website).

If you would like to take part in the competition for the prize, please submit your proposal for a PBL book containing the following:

- A 1-page abstract summarising the fundamental idea behind the book.
- A brief motivation accounting for why you think the book fills a gap, and how the book relates to the PBL-based teaching, you (and possibly your co-authors) practise.
- A description of which programme(s) the book is aimed at, and how you have incorporated cross-disciplinarity.
- A brief outline of the chapters of the book with a brief description of each chapter.

You can submit your abstract and manuscript in English, as part of PBL teaching is in English.

Submission of your proposal also means you consent to Aalborg University Press publishing your book proposal. Therefore, you should **not** submit a proposal for a book that has already been contracted with another publisher.

The deadline for submission of your proposal is by no later **15 October 2018**. Initially, we expect the winner of the book prize to submit the final manuscript to Aalborg University Press on 1 March 2019, although there is an alternative for 1 October 2019. After this, Aalborg University Press will publish the book up to the start of semester on 1 September 2019 or 1 February 2020.

Aalborg University Press reserves the right not to award the prize if none of the suggestions received are suitable for publication.

Chairman of the board of directors of Aalborg University Press

Jens F. Jensen

Proposal

An abstract on one A4 page

A brief motivation

A description

A brief outline

The book prize

DKK 50,000

Submission

No later than 15 October 2018

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Manuscript

No later than 1 March 2019

Publication

1 September 2019

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