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## Vice-Rector for Research Daniel Candinas resigns

**After more than five years in the University Executive Board, Daniel Candinas will step down as Vice-Rector for Research of the University of Bern at the end of 2021. He will now devote more time to his duties as head of a newly created medical department at the Inselspital, University Hospital Bern. The University of Bern would like to thank Daniel Candinas for his many years of dedicated service as the Vice-Rector for Research.**

Prof. Daniel Candinas, MD, full professor of surgery with a focus on visceral surgery (surgery of the abdominal organs and glands), will step down as Vice-Rector for Research of the University of Bern at the end of 2021. It is an office he has held since August 2016. He also leads the Department of Visceral Surgery and Medicine at the Inselspital, University Hospital of Bern, as Executive Director and active as a surgeon in the field of liver and transplant surgery.

As part of administrative restructuring at the Inselspital, Daniel Candinas has now been appointed Medical Director of the newly created medical division "Abdomen and Metabolism" and will now prioritize his work in clinical and research and development areas. As this is not compatible with the already extensive workload in the Vice-Rectorate, Daniel Candinas is now stepping down after five engaging years as Vice-Rector for Research.

### **Much growth and internationalization in research**

"As Vice-Rector for Research, I was able to support many innovations, such as the establishment of several research centers in medicine," says Daniel Candinas. A key concern was also promoting the internationalization of the University of Bern: "The acquisition of numerous highly competitive grants for our researchers shows that our research is extraordinarily relevant and interconnected. They are global leaders in several areas, says Daniel Candinas: "I am proud of the University of Bern, a top university with an important role in society - which was proven not least by Bern's research on the coronavirus last year."

The Rector of the University of Bern, Christian Leumann, says: "I deeply regret the resignation of Vice-Rector Candinas; he has given a lot to the University with his strategic vision, his experience in the research environment and his proactive character. For this I sincerely thank him and wish him the very best in his new role."

Together with the Education and Culture Directorate of the Canton of Bern, the process has now begun to find a successor.

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