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Life Science Incubator Perspective

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Allow innovation to grow

Life science innovation is to a great extent dependent on academic research, therefore it is important to

- Fund 'high risk, high reward' research proposals
- Safeguard open calls (basic research) for curiosity-driven research
- Provide long term funding (≥ 5 years) to release potential of scientific work
- Reduce the projectification of academic research (lower the administration, reporting and expected demands on deliverables and milestones)
- Re-introduce trust-based control; trust the process, trust the people
- Let applied science mature longer in academia, prevent launching of premature start ups.



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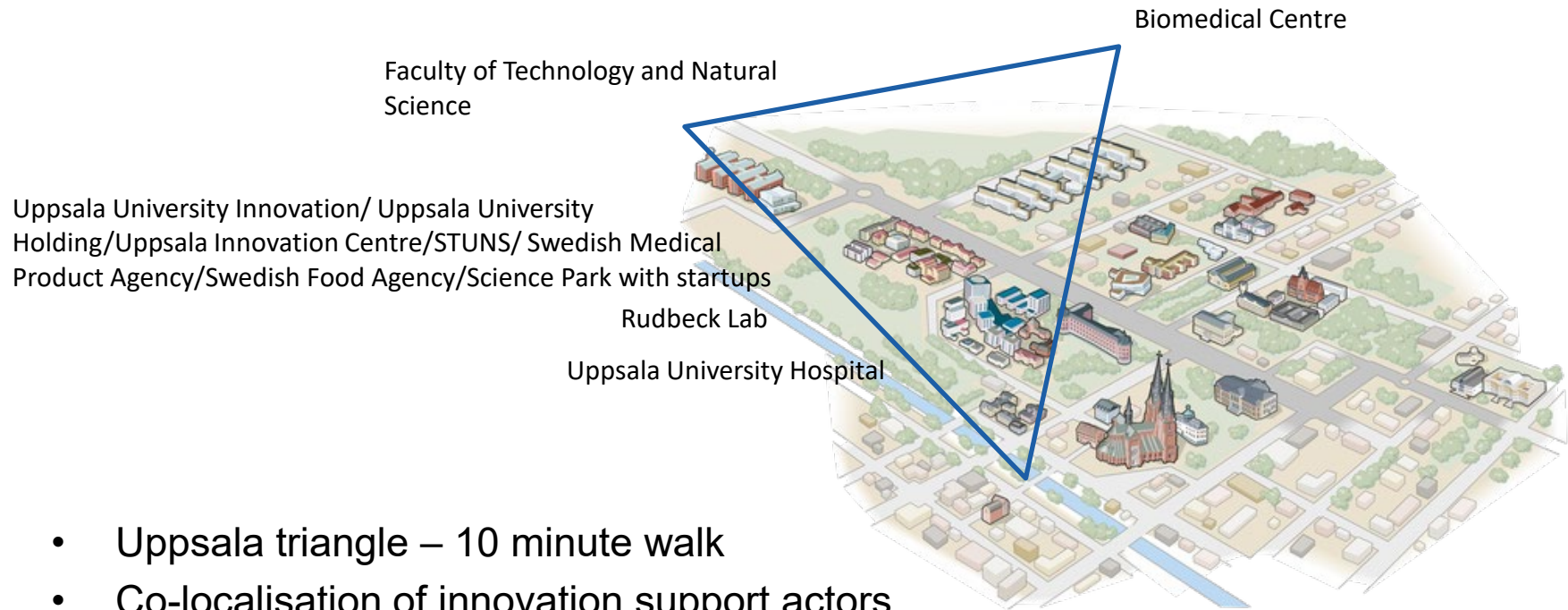
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Uppsala Life Science Incubator as example



- Uppsala triangle – 10 minute walk
- Co-localisation of innovation support actors
- Sweden as a special case: ‘Professors privilege’
- Training of PhD students and post docs in IP, with special training within health innovation
- Result: strong SME environment (SMEs are significant employers) with strong contribution to well fare.

Learnings: Life Science is 'Multi-Everything' with High Demands on Leaders

- Language barrier
- Cultural diversity
- Different training
- Leadership programs need to address
 - Gender
 - Intercultural leadership
 - Inclusiveness
 - Tough decision making
 - Communication skills

