

SCHEME FOR NORWEGIAN STUDIES ABROAD

Call for applications for Norwegian studies at universities outside of Norway 2024

With this call for applications the Norwegian Directorate for Higher Education and Skills (HK-dir) support projects that aim to strengthen Norwegian language, literature and culture studies at universities outside of Norway. The total budget for the call is NOK 1 000 000.

Application deadline: 19. September 2024 kl. 12.00 ([CECT](#)).

Who can apply?

Universities offering courses in Norwegian studies outside of Norway may apply for funding in this call.

Applying institutions may enter into collaboration with other actors who can strengthen the project, but there is no requirement for collaboration partners in this call. Collaborating partners are not considered applicants.

Each institution may only submit one application.

Goals

Our overall aim for this call for applications is to finance projects that aim to strengthen Norwegian education offerings at a university outside of Norway. We do this through the support of the activities listed under the heading “What can the funding be used for?”.

In addition, the Scheme for Norwegian Studies Abroad shall:

- Contribute to the dissemination of, and education in Norwegian language, literature and culture at universities abroad.
- Contribute to internationalisation of Norwegian language, literature, and culture by attracting students for study- and research opportunities in Norway.

The target group for this call is teachers and students of Norwegian language, literature and culture at the applicant institution.

What can you apply for?

Grant amount and duration of projects

Under this call, you may apply for support for activities listed under “What can the funds be used for?”. The amount of funding you apply for must be between NOK 10 000 and NOK 100 000. Each activity has a maximum amount. Please see the “Budget guidelines” for supplementary information regarding budgeting.

The project period is up to 12 months. The project activities may take place between October 2024 and October 2025.

Requirement for own contribution

To receive a grant for the development of Norwegian language studies (Activity F) we require that the applying institution provide an own contribution to the project. The own contribution must be minimum 50% of the total budget of the project. There is no requirement for own contribution for the

other activities (Activity A-E and G), but it is an advantage if there is co-financing from the institutions, partners or participants to such activities.

Earmarked funds

In this call for applications NOK 200 000 is earmarked for procurement of Norwegian literature and learning materials (Activity A).

What can the funding be used for?

The grant may be used to pay for the following activities/costs:

- A. Procurement of Norwegian literature and learning materials
- B. Events at the applicants's institution
- C. Honorarium for guest lecturers
- D. Excursions
- E. Scientific visits in Norway
- F. Development of Norwegian language studies
- G. Administrative fees

The following costs are not eligible:

- Honorarium and travel costs associated with visits from authors. Applications for such visits must be submitted to [NORLA](#).
- Technical aids, office supplies or other learning-related consumables.
- Subsistence allowance/meals for guest lecturers.
- Compensation for project coordinators.

Learn more about what type of cost the different activities include and the budget restrictions in the Budget Guidelines.

How to apply?

Information about minimum requirements and the criteria used to assess applications under this call, is provided below.

Applications must be submitted through HK-dir's application portal [Espresso](#). You may log in to Espresso using your username (e-mail) and your password. If you have not used Espresso before, you must register as a new user.

The application form includes guidance on what kind of information is requested in the different fields.

Application requirements

The following minimum requirements apply:

- The application must be submitted by the application deadline applicable to this Call.
- The application must be submitted through the HK-dir application portal [Espresso](#).
- The application must be written in Norwegian or English.
- The application must be submitted on behalf of a university that can be entered as an applicant under this call.
- The application must meet the requirements regarding own contribution and duration that apply to this Call.
- The application must include a signed version of HK-dir's declaration of participation from a legal representative of the applicant institution.

- The application must include a detailed budget with information regarding the planned costs per activity.
- The application must be the only application from the institution.
- When applying for funding for a scientific stay in Norway (Activity E), the application must include an official invitation letter from a Norwegian higher education or research institution.
- When applying for funding for development of Norwegian language studies (Activity F), the application must include an official letter from the institution's management outlining the institution's commitment and planned course activity.

Applications that do not meet the minimum requirements will be rejected or considered incomplete. HK-dir may give applications with errors a short additional deadline to correct the error. Content in attachments or links that are not required will not be taken into consideration in the assessment of the application. In the case of multiple applications from an applicant, HK-dir will only process the first application received.

What will be emphasised in the assessment?

Applications will be assessed on basis of how they meet the following criteria:

Project relevance

- To what extent the activities' needs and goals are realistic and sufficiently specified.
- To what extent activities are suitable for achieving the goals of the call and the Scheme for Norwegian Studies Abroad.

Project budget

- To what extent the budget is sufficiently detailed and adhere to the budget categories/Budget Guidelines.

Partners and geography

- To what extent the application is likely to contribute to an increased geographical spread of knowledge about Norwegian language, literature and culture.
- To what extent partners contribute to the execution of the planned activities.

If two or more applications is judged to be of similar quality, HK-dir may prioritise institutions with the lowest rate of funding over the last three calendar years.

How is the application processed?

HK-dir will process the applications in the following manner:

1. Administrative eligibility check.
2. Assessment of applications for Activity A.
3. Assessment of applications for Activity B-F.
4. Ranking of applications based on an overall assessment, including consideration of previously awarded grants to the institution.
5. Final decision.

The application will be assessed HK-dir, and graded in accordance with [HK-dir's grading scale](#).

The applications' overall grade is calculated on the basis of the grades allocated under each criterion. In cases where two or more applications achieve the same grade, the applications will be ranked based

on grade for the criteria in the order they are listed. If the applications are still equal, the ranking between them will be determined through a random draw.

When can you expect a decision?

All applicants will be informed of the outcome of the application process. We estimate that the grant decision will be sent out within four weeks of the application deadline.

What conditions will apply to projects that receive a grant?

HK-dir's standard payment terms for the Scheme for Norwegian Studies Abroad will apply to the implementation of projects that receive funding.

Contact

Do you need guidance during the application process? Hk-dir may answer questions about the call but cannot read through or comment on application drafts. We may be contacted at norgeskunnskap@hkdir.no.

About the Scheme for Norwegian Studies Abroad

This call is a part of the Scheme for Norwegian Studies Abroad. The Scheme is financed by the Norwegian Ministry for Education and Research.

The Scheme has multiple calls that support Norwegian studies abroad. [You may read more about the Scheme on our webpage](#) (available in Norwegian only).