

SCHEME FOR NORWEGIAN STUDIES ABROAD

Call for applications for Norwegian studies at universities outside of Norway 2025

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.

Application deadline: 30 April 2025 by 12:00 ([CECT](#)).

Who can apply?

Universities outside of Norway that offer courses in Norwegian may apply.

Applying institutions may enter collaboration or partnerships with other institutions, organizations or enterprises. Project partners are not considered applicants.

Each institution may only submit one application, but the application can include multiple activities.

Goals

Through this call HK-dir intend to fund projects that aim to strengthen the provision of Norwegian language, literature and culture studies at universities outside of Norway.

What can you apply for?

Grant amount and duration of projects

Each university may apply for up to NOK 100 000. Please see the “Budget guidelines” for supplementary information regarding budgeting, including the maximum grant rate for each activity.

Project activities/expenditures may take place between June 2025 and October 2026.

What can the funding be used for?

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

- A. Procurement of Norwegian literature and learning materials
- B. Events at the applicant institution, including honorarium for guest lecturers
- C. Excursions and events outside of the applicant institution
- D. Scientific visits in Norway
- E. Development of Norwegian language studies
- F. Administrative fees

The following costs are not eligible:

- technical aids, office supplies or other learning-related consumables
- subsistence allowance/meals for guest lecturers and external contributors
- compensation to the project coordinator
- honorarium and travel costs associated with visits from authors, applications for such visits must be submitted to [NORLA](#)
- cost accumulated before June 2025

Learn more about what cost you may include, cost calculations, and restrictions in the Budget Guidelines.

Requirement for own contribution

In order to receive a grant for the development of Norwegian language studies (Activity E) we require the applicant institution to co-finance the activity with minimum 50 percent of the total budget of the activity. There is no requirement for own contribution for the other activities (Activity A-D and F), but it is an advantage if there is co-financing from the institutions, partners or participants.

Earmarked funds

In this Call for applications NOK 300 000 is earmarked for the procurement of Norwegian literature and learning materials (Activity A).

How to apply?

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.

Application requirements

The following formal requirements apply:

- The application must be submitted by the deadline through HK-dir's application portal [Espresso](#) on behalf of a university that qualifies for support (see "Who can apply")
- The application must be the only application from the university.
- The application must be written in a Scandinavian language or English.
- The application must meet the requirements regarding project period and own contribution.
- HK-dir's declaration of participation signed by the person administratively responsible for the application must be attached.
- A detailed budget with information regarding the planned costs per activity must be included.
- When applying for funding for a scientific stay in Norway (Activity D), 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 E), 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 formal requirements will be rejected or considered incomplete. HK-dir may provide applications with errors a short additional deadline to correct the matter. Content in attachments or links that are not required will not be taken into consideration in the assessment of the application. If HK-dir receives multiple applications from the same institution, only the first application submitted will be considered.

What will be emphasised in the assessment?

Applications that meet the formal requirements above will be assessed based on the following:

Project relevance and impact

- The planned activities will contribute to strengthen Norwegian language education at the applicant institution.
- The planned activities have potential to create long-term effects at the applicant institution.

- The project contributes to geographical distribution, particularly in areas with limited existing Norwegian language education.

Implementation and collaboration

- The planned activities have a clear and realistic plan with defined goals, target groups, timeline and resource allocation.
- The project includes collaboration with relevant partners, especially Norwegian institutions or experts who contribute to strengthening the implementation.

Budget and resource utilisation

- The budget is sufficiently detailed and adheres to the guidelines for the Grant.
- The budget is realistic and suitable for the number of participants.
- Co-financing or external funding is provided.

If two or more applications is judged to be of similar quality, HK-dir may prioritise institutions with a lower 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 funding to the institution.
5. Final decision.

When can you expect a decision?

All applicants will be informed of the outcome of the application process 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. You may contact us 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).