

The Research Council's definition and specification of the concept "research institution".

The Research Council of Norway grants research funding to the following groups of recipients:

- A. Research institutions and various constellations of these.
- B. Private companies that perform research activities themselves, various constellations of such companies, and organisations that represent private companies or their users when these are conducting research projects in partnership with qualified researchers.
- C. Entities in the public sector that perform research activities themselves, various constellations of such entities, and organisations that represent the public sector or their users when these are conducting research projects in partnership with qualified researchers.
- D. Fellowship-holders (recipients of individual research fellowships).

Points 1-4 below explain in greater detail how the Research Council of Norway interprets the concept *research institution*. This specification applies only to research institutions. Private companies, entities in the public sector other than research institutions, fellowship-holders and other recipients listed under A-C above are not included in this definition.

1. The groups of institutions listed under 1.1 – 1.7, and specified in greater detail in attachment 1, are defined as research institutions without further qualification. The list is meant as a guide and is not necessarily exhaustive. These entities may have subsidiary entities which also perform R&D activities, and which are therefore also interpreted to be research institutions.
 - 1.1. *Universities, specialised university colleges and university colleges accredited at the institution level by the Norwegian Agency for Quality Assurance in Education (NOKUT), cf. item 1.1-1.3 of the attachment.*
 - 1.2. *Research institutes encompassed by the Norwegian guidelines for public basic funding of independent research institutes, cf. items 2.1 – 2.4 of the attachment.*
 - 1.3. *Health trusts/hospitals with legally mandated research and development tasks, cf. item 3 of the attachment.*
 - 1.4. *Independent research institutes other than those encompassed by the Norwegian guidelines for public basic funding of independent research institutes, cf. item 4 of the attachment.*
 - 1.5. *Museums that conduct research activities, cf. item 5 of the attachment.*
 - 1.6. *Other public institutions that conduct research activities, cf. item 6 of the attachment.*
 - 1.7. *Nordic research-performing institutions, cf. item 7 of the attachment.*
2. Entities that are not included under point 1 must satisfy the following requirements to be approved as a research institution:
 - 2.1. *The entity must be registered in the Central Coordinating Register for Legal Entities and be assigned a business enterprise organisation number.*
 - 2.2. *The performance of R&D activity must be listed as one of the entity's objectives in its statutes.*

- 2.3. *The entity's R&D services must be of considerable magnitude and available on the open market, with at least 5 (five) R&D man-years used on externally financed activities per annum.*
- 2.4. *The entity must be able to document that its personnel are regularly published in journals or by publishing houses employing peer review practices, and/or that its personnel are involved in systematic and open dissemination of technology and knowledge, for instance through participation in teaching and/or doctoral-level supervisory activities at universities and university colleges.*
- 2.5. *The entity's objectives must be targeted towards the common good, with all profits reinvested in the entity's activity, i.e. it must be stated in the entity's statutes that the entity does not pay out dividends. The entity may also not provide direct or indirect gains to its owner or any other closely involved individuals.*
3. A research institution's subsidiary company (assigned an independent business enterprise organisation number) is considered to be *a separate entity and will be assessed on the basis of the criteria listed under point 2.*
4. The Research Council may further limit which research institutions are eligible for funding from specific instruments. It is not permitted for the same institution (as defined by its business enterprise organisation number) to act simultaneously as a company in one context and a research institution in another.

Qualification as a "research institution"

To assess whether an institution qualifies as a research institution, the Research Council needs to be sent the following information:

- bye-laws/statutes
- annual accounts for the previous fiscal year;
- formal certificate of registration from the Register of Business Enterprises in Brønnøysund;
- list of employees involved in R&D activities in the past three years;
- list of publications for the last three years for current and former employees;
- overview of any student supervisory activities, etc., when relevant.

This information should be sent to post@forskningsradet.no. Please write "FoU-utvalget" in the subject field.

Attachment 1: List over research institutions

The list below provides an overview over institutions which are automatically defined as research institutions in accordance with the Research Council's criteria. Subsidiary entities to these institutions are also automatically defined as research institutions. This list is not exhaustive, and other institutions may be defined as research institutions in accordance with the established criteria.

1. Universities and university colleges

1.1 Universities

The Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU)
The University of Bergen
The University of Nordland
The University of Oslo
The University of Tromsø
The University of Stavanger
Norwegian University of Life Sciences (UMB)
The University of Agder

1.2 Specialised University Colleges

The Oslo School of Architecture and Design
BI - Norwegian School of Management
School of Mission and Theology
NHH Norwegian School of Economics
The Norwegian School of Sport Sciences
Norwegian Academy of Music
Norwegian School of Veterinary Science
MF - Norwegian School of Theology
Molde University College - Specialized University in Logistics

1.3 University Colleges

Ansgar College and Theological Seminary
Diakonhjemmet University College
Queen Maud University College
The Norwegian Defence University College (NDUC)
Forsvarets ingeniørhøgskole (The Norwegian Defence University College Engineering Programme)
Haraldsplass Deaconess University College
Bergen University College
Buskerud University College
Finnmark University College
Gjøvik University College
Harstad University College
Hedmark University College
Lillehammer University College
Narvik University College
Nesna University College
Nord-Trøndelag University College
Oslo and Akershus University College of Applied Science
Sogn og Fjordane University College

Stord/Haugesund University College
Sør-Trøndelag University College
Telemark University College
Vestfold University College
Volda University College
Østfold University College
Aalesund University College
Høyskolen Campus Kristiania (Campus Kristiania University College)
Bergen Academy of Art and Design
Oslo National Academy of the Arts
Krigsskolen (Norwegian Military Academy)
Lovisenberg Diaconal University College
Luftkrigsskolen (Norwegian Air Force Academy)
The Norwegian School of Information Technology - NITH
NLA University College
Norwegian Police University College
Sámi University College
Sjøkrigsskolen (Norwegian Naval Academy)

2. Research institutes encompassed by the Norwegian guidelines for public basic funding of independent research institutes.

2.1 Environmental research institutes

CICERO - Center for International Climate and Environmental Research – Oslo
Nansen Environmental and Remote Sensing Center
Norwegian Institute for Urban and Regional Research
Norwegian Institute for Cultural Heritage Research
Norwegian Institute for Air Research
Norwegian Institute for Nature Research
Norwegian Institute for Water Research
Institute of Transport Economics

2.2 Primary industry research institutes

Bioforsk - Norwegian Institute for Agricultural and Environmental Research
Nofima – Norwegian Institute of Food, Fisheries and Aquaculture Research
Norwegian Agricultural Economics Research Institute
Norwegian Forest and Landscape Institute
Centre for Rural Research
SINTEF Fisheries and Aquaculture
National Veterinary Institute

2.3 Social science research institutes

Agder Research
Work Research Institute
Chr. Michelsen Institute
Fafo Research Foundation
Fridtjof Nansen Institute
PRIO - International Peace Research Institute, Oslo
Institute for Social Research
Møreforsking

NIFU -Nordic Institute for Studies in Innovation, Research and Education
Nordland Research Institute
NOVA - Norwegian Social Research
NUPI - Norwegian Institute of International Affairs
Northern Research Institute Alta AS
NTNU Social Research
Institute for Research in Economics and Business Administration (SNF)
Ragnar Frisch Centre for Economic Research
Telemark Research Institute
Telemark Educational Research, Notodden
Trøndelag R&D Institute
Uni Research Ltd
Western Norway Research Institute
Ostfold Research Co
Eastern Norway Research Institute

2.4 Technical-industrial research institutes

Christian Michelsen Research AS (CMR)
Institute for Energy Technology (IFE)
International Research Institute of Stavanger (IRIS)
Norwegian Geotechnical Institute (NGI)
The Norwegian Seismic Array (NORSAR)
Norwegian Marine Technology Research Institute (MARINTEK)
Norwegian Computing Center
Northern Research Institute Narvik AS
Northern Research Institute Tromsø AS
SINTEF Energy Research
SINTEF Petroleum Research
The Foundation for Scientific and Industrial Research at the Norwegian Institute of Technology (SINTEF)
Telemark Technological Research and Development Centre (Tel-Tek)

3. Health trusts/hospitals with legally mandated research and development tasks

Akershus University Hospital
Betanien Hospital
Diakonhjemmet Hospital
Haraldsplass Deaconess Hospital
Haugesund Sanitetsforenings Revmatismesykehus AS (Haugesund Sanitetsforening Rheumatism Hospital AS)
Bergen Hospital Trust
Helgeland Hospital Trust
Finnmark Hospital Trust
Fonna Hospital Trust
Førde Hospital Trust
Nord-Møre and Romsdal Hospital Trust
Nord-Trøndelag Hospital Trust
Sunnmøre Hospital Trust
Jæren distriktpsykiatriske senter (Jæren District Psychiatric Treatment Centre)
Lovisenberg Deaconess Hospital
Martina Hansens Hospital
Modum Bad

NKS Olaviken, Hospital for Old Age Psychiatry
Nordland Hospital Trust
Oslo University Hospital
Regionsenter for barn og unges psykiske helse, Helseregion Øst og Sør (Regional Centre for Child and Youth Psychiatric Health, Regions East and South)
Revmatismesykehuset AS (Rheumatism Hospital AS)
Rusbehandling Midt-Norge Trust (The Resource Center for Drug and Alcohol Issues in Central Norway)
Solli Psychiatric Hospital
Stavanger University Hospital
St. Olav's Hospital Trust
Sunnaas Hospital
Central Norway Pharmaceutical Trust
Innlandet Hospital Trust
Telemark Hospital Trust
Vestfold Hospital Trust
Østfold Hospital Trust
Sørlandet Hospital Trust
University Hospital of North Norway Trust
Vestre Viken Hospital Trust

4. Independent research institutes other than those encompassed by the Norwegian guidelines for public basic funding of independent research institutes

Labour Movement Archives and Library
Norwegian Centre for Child Behavioral Development Ltd
Centre for Advanced Study
Norwegian Nobel Institute
Institute of Aviation Medicine
Norwegian Defence Research Establishment
GenØk - Centre for Biosafety
Institute of Marine Research
Cancer Registry of Norway, Institute of Population-Based Cancer Research
The Research Institute of the Norwegian Medical Association
National Institute of Nutrition and Seafood Research
Norwegian Knowledge Centre for the Health Services
Norwegian Centre for Violence and Traumatic Stress Studies
Norwegian Agricultural Extension Service
Norwegian Institute of Local History
Norwegian Institute of Wood Technology
Paper and Fibre Research Institute
Center for Studies of Holocaust and Religious Minorities
Centre for Economic Research at NTNU
Simula Research Laboratory
Simula School of Research and Innovation
SINTEF NBL
National Institute of Occupational Health (STAMI)
National Institute for Consumer Research (SIFO)
Norwegian Institute for Alcohol and Drug Research (SIRUS)
Centre for Church Research
Polytec
Research Foundation TISIP

Teknova

5. Museums that conduct research activities

Armed Forces Museum

The National Museum of Art, Architecture and Design

The Norwegian Museum of Cultural History

6. Other public institutions that conduct research activities

Norwegian Meteorological Institute

Norwegian Institute of Public Health

Central Bank of Norway, Research

Geological Survey of Norway

Norwegian Water Resources and Energy Directorate

Norwegian Social Science Data Services

Norwegian Polar Institute

National Archives of Norway

Norwegian Radiation Protection Authority

Statistics Norway, Research Department

7. Nordic research-performing institutions

Nordic research-performing institutions financed by the Nordic Council of Ministers or research institutions funded by the authorities of at least three Nordic countries, including Norway.

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Institutions

Nordic Center for Spatial Development (Nordregio)

The Nordic Institute of Dental Materials (NIOM)

The Nordic Genetic Resource Center (NordGen)

Nordic School of Public Health (NHV)

Nordic Centre for Welfare and Social Issues (NVC)

Cooperating bodies, programmes and other partners

Nordic Institute of Asian Studies (NIAS)

Nordic Institute for Theoretical Physics (Nordita)

Nordic Volcanological Center (NORDVULK)

Scandinavian Institute of Maritime Law (NifS)

Sámi University College (NSI)

Nordic Center for Spatial Development (Nordregio)