

Research Stays Abroad

Funding for research stays abroad (Overseas Research Grants) is intended to enable researchers, including doctoral and post-doctoral research fellows, to conduct a research stay in another country. The funding is to cover costs of settling in and other extra costs in connection with the research stay.

Funding for research stays abroad may be allocated as part of a larger Research Council-funded project, such as a Researcher Project, or in connection with specific funding schemes for research stays in other countries. Funding is ordinarily only provided for research stays abroad lasting from three to 12 months.

Rates for Research Stays Abroad

These rates apply for 2020 and until further notice.

- Single: NOK 19 000 per month
- Family: NOK 34 000 per month

A family is defined as a fellowship-holder/researcher accompanied by a spouse, common-law partner or registered partner and any children. A common-law partner is a person with whom the fellowship-holder/researcher has lived in a marriage-like relationship for the past two years or shares a common address.

Travel costs and tuition

It is also possible to apply for funding to cover round-trip travel costs (cheapest mode of travel). Applicants may seek funding to cover travel costs for a spouse/partner and children under the age of 18, provided that the research stay funding has been awarded for at least three months. The family members must reside together with the fellowship-holder/researcher for close to or the entire research stay abroad. The Research Council does not cover travel costs for visits by family members.

It is possible to apply for funding to cover documented tuition costs.

Disbursement of funding

Costs related to the research stay abroad must be entered under "Other operating expenses" in the budget information in the application form. In cases where a research stay will extend across two calendar years, the entire funding amount sought should be entered under the first year.

It is the Project Owner (organisation) that applies for and is the recipient of funding awarded by the Research Council for a research stay abroad. The Project Owner is responsible for ensuring that the funding is used in accordance with the terms and conditions of the funding allocation.

The actual costs associated with the research stay are to be specified in the final accounts that accompany the final report. Funding that has not been used for the research stay abroad must be repaid in connection with final reporting.

Rules for research stays abroad for fellowship positions

Academic personnel in a research fellowship position must conclude their research stay abroad by at the latest six months before the end of the research fellowship period.

It is possible to apply for funding to cover documented tuition costs for fellowship-holders taking part in programmes at universities outside Norway.

The Research Council has [a separate scheme for research stays abroad for research fellowship-holders affiliated with ongoing Research Council-funded projects](#). The requirements relating to funding under this scheme are set out in the text of the call for proposals, available here.

The Research Council does not provide any documentation for visa applications.

Multiple shorter stays

Support may be granted within a single project for several shorter-term visits and multiple round-trip tickets for fellowship-holders/researchers with children of school age or younger (under 16) who choose to conduct their research stay without being accompanied by their children and spouse/partner.

The stay abroad may be divided into shorter segments of minimum three consecutive months each, provided that the funding is sought as an overall amount in a single application. An explanation for dividing the stay into shorter segments must be provided in the project description.

Cases when funding for research stays abroad will not be granted

At the time of submission of the grant application, applicants must not have studied or worked for more than 12 months over the past three years in the country where the international host institution is located. Exceptions may be made to this rule if the international host institution has equipment, facilities and expertise

that are not available in Norway or other countries that would be appropriate for a researcher stay.

Measures due to the coronavirus pandemic

Research fellows and researchers who must travel to their home countries or must cancel their stay abroad due to the coronavirus situation must report this via My RCN Web as a project change request. They will not lose their grants, but funding that is not spent may be withdrawn.

Funding for research stays may not be used for research visits to Svalbard.

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