

Approved research organisations

A research organisation is an entity, irrespective of its legal status (organised under public or private law) or way of financing, whose primary goal is to independently conduct fundamental research and/or applied research (industrial research and experimental development).

The following types of organisations are approved as research organisations by the Research Council, and are eligible to serve as Project Owners and/or partners in grant applications and projects stipulating that these roles must be held by approved research organisations:

- universities, specialised university colleges and university colleges accredited at the institution level by the Norwegian Agency for Quality Assurance in Education (NOKUT);
- health trusts/hospitals with legally mandated research and development tasks and private, non-profit hospitals that are encompassed by the national system for measuring research activity under the Ministry of Health and Care Services;
- [research organisations encompassed by the Norwegian guidelines for public basic funding of research institutes](#);
- entities in the public sector body that are required to conduct research (see [definition of "public sector body"](#) here.)
- other organisations that have research as an objective and have been assessed and approved in accordance with the definition of research organisation in the state aid rules and an overall assessment carried out by the Research Council.

The list below provides an overview of the organisations that have been approved as research organisations in accordance with the Research Council's criteria.

Organisations that are not listed below must apply for qualification as a research organisation in accordance with the Research Council's criteria.

Apply for qualification as a research organisation

Other entities may apply for qualification as a research organisation by the Research Council, and will be assessed and approved according to the Research Council's guidelines for approval of research organisations:

- A research organisation is an entity, irrespective of its legal status (organised under public or private law) or way of financing, whose primary goal is to independently conduct fundamental research and/or applied research (industrial research and experimental development).
- The entity must be registered in the Central Coordinating Register for Legal Entities and be assigned a nine-digit organisation number.
- Entities that also conduct economic activities must keep separate accounts for their economic activities and their non-economic activities.
- The entity must not pay out dividends from its activities, and undertakings that can exert a decisive influence upon such an entity, in the quality of, for example, shareholders or members, may not enjoy preferential access to the results generated by it.
- In a research organisation, a minimum of 10 per cent of the person-years, comprising at least 5 person years, must be R&D full-time equivalents.

An entity that has been classified as a research organisation by the Research Council is not permitted act simultaneously as a private company in grant applications to the Research Council.

A public sector entity that has been classified as a research organisation is allowed to act both as a public entity and as a research organisation in grant applications to the Research Council, but not within the same application type under the same funding announcement.

Technology Transfer Offices (TTOs) may submit grant applications to those Research Council funding announcements that clearly state they are targeting TTOs.

Deviation from the EU definition

The Research Council's definition of research organisation deviates somewhat from the EU definition, among other reasons in order to reflect the stipulations of the EFTA Surveillance Authority and the state aid rules.

Applications for qualification as a research organisation

Applications for qualification as a research organisation should be sent to post@forskningradet.no.

What to include in an application

The application should contain the following information:

- the organisation's bye-laws/statutes;
- annual accounts for the past three fiscal years, including the auditor's report;
- formal certificate of registration from the Register of Business Enterprises in Brønnøysund;
- documentation that the organisation carries out independent R&D activities, for instance an overview of research projects carried out the last three years, including information about funders and funding amount;
- overview of R&D FTEs and number of employees;
- description of how the organisation's objectives are of benefit to the public, including whether all profits are reinvested in the organisation's activities;
- documentation that the owner or other closely related parties are not privy to direct or indirect gains.

Universities and university colleges

Universities

Norwegian	English
Nord universitet	Nord University
Norges arktiske universitet (UiT)	The Arctic University of Norway (UiT)
Norges miljø- og biovitenskapelige universitet (NMBU)	Norwegian University of Life Sciences (NMBU)
Norges teknisk-naturvitenskapelige universitet (NTNU)	The Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU)
OsloMet – Storbyuniversitetet	OsloMet – Oslo Metropolitan University
Universitetet i Agder (UiA)	The University of Agder (UiA)
Universitetet i Bergen (UiB)	The University of Bergen (UiB)
Universitetet i Oslo (UiO)	The University of Oslo (UiO)
Universitetet i Stavanger (UIS)	The University of Stavanger (UIS)
Universitetet i Sørøst-Norge (USN)	The University of South-Eastern Norway (USN)
Universitetssenteret på Svalbard (UNIS)	The University Centre in Svalbard (UNIS)

Specialised university colleges

Norwegian	English
Arkitektur- og designhøgskolen i Oslo	The Oslo School of Architecture and Design
Handelshøyskolen BI	Norwegian School of Management BI
Kriminalomsorgens høgskole og utdanningscenter (KRUS)	University College of Norwegian Correctional Service (KRUS)
Norges Handelshøyskole (NHH)	Norwegian School of Economics (NHH)
Norges idrettshøgskole	The Norwegian School of Sport Sciences
Norges musikkhøgskole	Norwegian Academy of Music
MF vitenskapelig høyskole	Norwegian School of Theology, Religion and Society
Høgskolen i Molde, vitenskapelig høgskole i logistikk (HiMolde)	Molde University College - Specialized University in Logistics (HiMolde)

University colleges

Norwegian	English
Ansgar Teologiske Høgskole	Ansgar College and Theological Seminary
Dronning Mauds Minne Høgskole	Queen Maud University College
Fjellhaug Internasjonale Høgskole	Fjellhaug International University College
Forsvarets høgskole	The Norwegian Defence University College (NDUC)
Høgskolen i Innlandet (HINN)	Inland Norway University of Applied Sciences - INN
Høgskulen på Vestlandet (HVL)	Western Norway University of Applied Sciences (HVL)
Høgskulen i Volda	Volda University College
Høgskolen i Østfold	Østfold University College

Høyskolen Kristiania	Kristiania University College
Kunsthøgskolen i Oslo	Oslo National Academy of the Arts
Lovisenberg diakonale høgskole	Lovisenberg Diaconal University College
Norsk Lærerakademi Høgskolen (NLA)	NLA University College
Polithøgskolen	Norwegian Police University College
Sámi allskuvla/Samisk høgskole	Sámi University College
VID vitenskapelige høgskole	VID Specialized University
Westerdals Oslo ACT	Westerdals Oslo School of Arts, Communication

Research institutes

Research organisations encompassed by the Norwegian guidelines for public basic funding of research institutes and research group.

Norwegian	English
Chr. Michelsens Institutt (CMI)	Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI)
CICERO Senter for klimaforskning	CICERO Center for International Climate Research
Forskningsstiftelsen FAFO	Fafo Research Foundation
Fafo Institutt for arbeidslivs- og velferdsforskning	Fafo Institute for Labour and Social Research
Fridtjof Nansen Stiftelsen på Polhøgda (FNI)	The Fridtjof Nansen Foundation at Polhøgda (FNI)
Institutt for fredsforskning (PRIO)	Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)
Institutt for samfunnsforskning (ISF)	Institute for Social Research (ISF)
Institutt for energiteknikk (IFE)	Institute for Energy Technology (IFE)
Møreforskning AS	Møreforskning AS
Nansen senter for miljø og fjernmåling	Nansen Environmental and Remote Sensing Center
Nofima AS	Norwegian Institute of Food, Fisheries and Aquaculture Research AS
NORCE Norwegian Research Centre AS	NORCE Norwegian Research Centre AS
Nordisk institutt for studier av innovasjon, forskning og utdanning (NIFU)	Nordic Institute for Studies in Innovation, Research and Education (NIFU)
Nordlandsforskning AS	Nordland Research Institute
Norges Geotekniske Institutt (NGI)	Norwegian Geotechnical Institute (NGI)
Norsk institutt for bioøkonomi (NIBIO)	Norwegian Institute of Bioeconomy Research (NIBIO)
Norsk institutt for kulturminneforskning (NIKU)	Norwegian Institute for Cultural Heritage Research (NIKU)
Norsk institutt for luftforskning (NILU)	Norwegian Institute for Air Research (NILU)
Norsk institutt for naturforskning (NINA)	Norwegian Institute for Nature Research (NINA)
Norsk institutt for vannforskning (NIVA)	Norwegian Institute for Water Research (NIVA)
Norsk Regnesentral	Norwegian Computing Center
Norsk utenrikspolitisk institutt (NUPI)	Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI)
NORSAR	NORSAR
NORSUS Norsk institutt for bærekraftsforskning AS	Norwegian Institute for Sustainability Research
NTNU Samfunnsforskning	NTNU Social Research
RURALIS – Institutt for rural- og regionalforskning	RURALIS – Institute for Rural and Regional Research
Samfunns- og næringslivsforskning AS (SNF)	Institute for Research in Economics and Business Administration (SNF)
Stiftelsen SINTEF	The Foundation for Scientific and Industrial Research - SINTEF
SINTEF AS	SINTEF AS
SINTEF Energi AS	SINTEF Energy Research AS
SINTEF Ocean AS	SINTEF Ocean AS
SINTEF Manufacturing AS	SINTEF Manufacturing AS
SINTEF Narvik AS	SINTEF Narvik AS
SINTEF Ålesund AS	SINTEF Ålesund AS
Stiftelsen Frischsenteret for samfunnsøkonomisk forskning	The Ragnar Frisch Centre for Economic Research
Telemarksforskning	Telemark Research Institute

Transportøkonomisk institutt (TØI)	Institute of Transport Economics (TØI)
Stiftinga Vestlandsforskning	Western Norway Research Institute
Veterinærinstituttet	Norwegian Veterinary Institute

Health trusts/hospitals

Health trusts/hospitals with legally mandated research and development tasks and private, non-profit hospitals that are encompassed by the national system for measuring research activity under the Ministry of Health and Care Services.

Norwegian	English
Akershus universitetssykehus HF	Akershus University Hospital
Beitostølen helsesportsenter	Beitostølen Healthsports Center
Betanien sykehus	Betanien Hospital
CatoSenteret	Catosenteret
Diakonhjemmet sykehus AS	Diakonhjemmet Hospital AS
Finmarkssykehuset HF	Finmark Hospital Trust
Frambu Senter for sjeldne funksjonshemninger	Frambu Competence center for rare disorders
Haraldsplass Diakonale Sykehus AS	Haraldsplass Deaconess Hospital
Haugesund Sanitetsforenings Revmatismesykehus AS	Haugesund Sanitetsforening Rheumatism Hospital AS
Helgelandssykehuset HF	Helgeland Hospital Trust
Helse Bergen HF	Bergen Hospital Trust
Helse Fonna HF	Fonna Hospital Trust
Helse Førde HF	Førde Hospital Trust
Helse Midt-Norge RHF	Central Norway Regional Health Authority
Helse Møre og Romsdal HF	Møre og Romsdal Hospital Trust
Helse Nord RHF	Northern Norway Regional Health Authority Helse
Helse Nord-Trøndelag HF	Nord-Trøndelag Hospital Trust
Helse Sør-Øst RHF	South-Eastern Norway Regional Health Authority
Helse Vest RHF	Western Norway Regional Health Authority
Helse Vest IKT	Helse Vest IKT
Jæren distriktpsikiatriske senter	Jæren District Psychiatric Treatment Centre
Landsforeningen for hjerte og lungesyke (LHL)-klinikkene	The Norwegian Heart and Lung Patient Organisation (LHL)
Lovisenberg Diakonale Sykehus AS	Lovisenberg Deaconess Hospital
Martina Hansens Hospital	Hospital Martina Hansens
Modum Bad	Modum Bad
NKS Olaviken alderspsykiatriske senter	NKS Olaviken, Hospital for Old Age Psychiatry
Nordlandssykehuset HF	Nordland Hospital Trust
Oslo universitetssykehus HF	Oslo University Hospital
Regionsenter for barn og unges psykiske helse (RBUP), Helseregion Øst og Sør	The Center for Child and Adolescent Mental Health, Eastern and Southern Norway (RBUP)
Rehabiliteringssenteret AiR AS	Occupational Rehabilitation Centre (AiR)
Revmatismesykehuset AS	Rheumatism Hospital AS
Skjelfoss psykiatriske senter	Skjelfoss psychiatric treatment centre
Solli Sykehus	Solli Psychiatric Hospital
Stavanger universitetssjukehus	Stavanger University hospital

St. Olavs Hospital HF	St. Olav's Hospital Trust
Sunnaas sykehus HF	Sunnaas Hospital
Sykehusapotekene Sør-Øst HF	South-Eastern Norway Pharmaceutical Trust
Sykehusapotekene i Midt-Norge HF	Central Norway Pharmaceutical Trust
Sykehusapotek Nord HF	Northern Norway Pharmaceutical Trust
Sykehuset Innlandet HF	Innlandet Hospital Trust
Sykehuset Telemark HF	Telemark Hospital Trust
Sykehuset Vestfold HF	Vestfold Hospital Trust
Sykehuset Østfold HF	Østfold Hospital Trust
Sørlandet Sykehus HF	Sørlandet Hospital Trust
Tannhelsetjenestenes kompetansesentre	Oral Health Centres of Expertise
Tyrlistiftelsen	Tyrlistiftelsen
Unicare Norge	Unicare Norway
Universitetssykehuset Nord-Norge HF	University Hospital of North Norway Trust
Valnesfjord Helseportsenter	Valnesfjord Helseportsenter
Vestre Viken HF	Vestre Viken Hospital Trust
Østbytnet Senter for Behandling og Fagutvikling	Østbytnet Center for Treatment and Professional Development in Child Psychiatry

Other approved research organisations

Norwegian	English
Akvaplan-niva AS	Akvaplan-niva AS
Aquateam COWI AS	Aquateam COWI AS
Falstadsenteret	The Falstad Centre
Flymedisinsk institutt (FMI)	Institute of Aeromedical Medicine (FMI)
Forsvarets forskningsinstitutt	Norwegian Defence Research Establishment
GenØk - Senter for biosikkerhet	GenØk - Centre for Biosafety
Havforskningsinstituttet	Institute of Marine Research
HL-senteret - Senter for studier av Holocaust og livssynsminoriteter	HL-senteret - The Norwegian Center for Holocaust and Minority Studies
KIFO - Institutt for kirke-, religions- og livssynsforskning	KIFO - Institute for Church, Religion, and Worldview Research
Meteorologisk institutt	Norwegian Meteorological Institute
Nasjonalbiblioteket	National Library of Norway
Nasjonalmuseet	The National Museum of Art, Architecture and Design
Nasjonalt folkehelseinstitutt	Norwegian Institute of Public Health
Nasjonalt kunnskapssenter om vold og traumatisk stress	Norwegian Centre for Violence and Traumatic Stress Studies
Nasjonalt utviklingssenter for barn og unge (NUBU)	The Norwegian Center for Child Behavioral Development (NUBU)
Nordisk Institutt for Odontologiske Materialer AS	Nordic Institute of Dental Materials
Norges Bank	Norges Bank
Norges geologiske undersøkelse	Geological Survey of Norway
Norges vassdrags- og energidirektorat	Norwegian Water Resources and Energy Directorate
Norner Research AS	Norner Research AS
Norsk Folkemuseum	The Norwegian Museum of Cultural History
Norsk Polarinstitutt	Norwegian Polar Institute
Norsk senter for forskningsdata	Norwegian Centre for Research Data
Norsk senter for økologisk landbruk (NORSØK)	Norwegian Centre for Organic Agriculture (NORSØK)
Norsk Teknisk Museum	Norwegian Museum of Science and Technology

Norsk Treteknisk Institutt (Treteknisk)	Norwegian Institute of Wood Technology
Riksarkivet	National Archives of Norway
RISE Fire Research AS	RISE Fire Research AS
RISE PFI AS (Papir- og fiberinstituttet)	RISE PFI AS (Paper and Fibre Institute)
SINTEF Ålesund AS	SINTEF Ålesund AS
SINTEF Nord AS	SINTEF Nord AS
Smart Innovation Norway AS	Smart Innovation Norway AS
Direktoratet for strålevern og atomsikkerhet	Norwegian Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority (DSA)
Statistisk sentralbyrå (SSB)	Statistics Norway (SSB)
Statens arbeidsmiljøinstitutt (STAMI)	National Institute of Occupational Health (STAMI)
Stiftelsen Norsk Luftambulans (SNLA)	The Norwegian Air Ambulance foundation (SNLA)
Simula@OsloMET - Center for Digital Engineering AS	Simula@OsloMET - Center for Digital Engineering AS
Simula@UIB - Forskningscenteret for informasjons- og kommunikasjonssikkerhet AS	Simula@UIB
Simula Research Laboratory	Simula Research Laboratory
Simula School of Research and Innovation	Simula School of Research and Innovation
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