

Funding for Research Stays Abroad for Researchers

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Application type: Coordination and Support Activity**Application deadline:** Open-ended**Relevant thematic areas for this call:**

Ground-breaking research, Energy, transport and low emissions, Oceans, Health, Climate and polar research, Enabling technologies, Education and competence, Welfare, culture and society

Target groups: Research organisations**Project duration:** 3-12 months**Contact for the call:** Elin Vikane | eli@forskingsradet.no[Create application](#) [Download](#) [Share](#)

Purpose

The purpose of this call is to encourage a greater number of researchers to conduct a research stay abroad and to increase international collaboration. International experience is important for building a career as a researcher. It increases expertise and expands networks, providing Norwegian research with greater opportunity to access the international research front.

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About the call for proposals

Funding is available for research stays at a research organisation abroad.

This call for proposals applies across multiple activities under the Research Council. You may only apply for support from the activities/programmes that are listed in the call. Please note that some activities may operate with special requirements and guidelines for this type of funding. Applicants are therefore advised to consult the relevant activity for information about any specific requirements and guidelines. For more information, see “Relevant thematic areas for this call” below.

This call for proposals has an open-ended application submission deadline and applications may be submitted throughout the year as long as the call is still active. Applications are processed on an ongoing basis.

Applications for calls with an open-ended application submission deadline may only be submitted once. Please make sure your grant application is finalised for submission before you click on the “Submit” button.

Research stays abroad are to have a duration of minimum three months, and maximum 12 months.

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.

This call for proposals may not be used to spend parts of the researcher stay on Svalbard.

The Norwegian-language call for proposals is the legally binding version.

Who is eligible to apply?

The call is open to [approved research organisations](#). Any exceptions to this will be described below in the text for the specific activity from which funding is being sought.

Funding under this call will only be provided for stays abroad for researchers. Doctoral and post-doctoral fellowship-holders affiliated with ongoing projects must apply for funding under the Research Council’s call for [Personal Overseas Research Grants for Doctoral and Post-doctoral Fellows](#).

Who can participate in the project?

This call is open to grant applications for designated researchers. Please consult the relevant activity below for information about requirements related to the project manager.

What can you seek funding for?

- You may apply for funding for research stays abroad for stays of 3–12 months.
- It is only possible to apply for the [fixed rate for research stays abroad](#), coverage of travel expenses (cheapest mode of transport), and coverage of documented costs for any fees required by the host institution abroad.
- You may apply for support for a research stay beginning at the latest during the calendar year following submission of your application. For example, for grant applications submitted in 2020 the research stay must begin by the end of 2021. Applications must be submitted at the latest six weeks prior to the start of the research stay.
- If you have children under the age of 16 and your family will be accompanying you, it is possible to apply for funding to cover the costs of one round-trip ticket for you and your accompanying family members.
- If you have children under the age of 16 and your family will not be accompanying you, and if your stay abroad is at least four months in duration, you may divide the period into multiple shorter stays. In these cases, you may apply for funding to cover round-trip tickets to the institution abroad every other month during the research stay (to be rounded down). Research stays of less than four months do not qualify for funding for extra trips home to Norway.

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Relevant thematic areas for this call

All the thematic areas and topics listed below are relevant under this call. Special requirements and guidelines may be indicated in some of the thematic areas. In the grant application form, please select the thematic area under which the activity you are applying for support from is listed.

Ground-breaking research

Under this call, this thematic area applies to funding for Young Research Talent projects already receiving support under the FRIPRO funding scheme. 

NOK 3 million in funding for research stays abroad for project managers of Young Research Talents projects under the Funding Scheme for Independent Projects (FRIPRO)

Funding is available under the FRIPRO funding scheme for research stays abroad for project managers of FRIPRO-funded Young Research Talents projects.

The project manager for the ongoing FRIPRO Young Research Talents project must be the project manager in the application for a Personal Overseas Research Grant.

The grant application must be based on and related to the main project. The project number of the main project must be entered in the application form.

Research stays must have a duration of minimum three months, and must not involve an extension of the project period. Researchers with school-age children who will not be accompanied by their family may divide longer stays abroad into multiple shorter stays. For more information, see "What can you seek funding for?" above.

It is possible to apply for funding for research stays abroad multiple times in the course of a single project period. Each research stay must have a duration of minimum three months, and the FRIPRO scheme will fund a maximum of 12 months abroad.

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Energy, transport and low emissions

Under this call, this thematic area applies to funding for projects already receiving support under the ENERGIX and CLIMIT programmes. 

Environment-friendly energy, CO2 capture and storage

NOK 1.5 million in funding under the Large-scale Programme for Energy Research (ENERGIX)

The application must be affiliated with an existing ENERGIX-funded research project. The project manager for the ongoing ENERGIX project must be the project manager in the application for a Personal Overseas Research Grant.

The ENERGIX programme offers funding for research stays abroad for established researchers in order to strengthen international efforts within the framework of the ENERGIX work programme.

The added value resulting from the research stay abroad is to be described in the grant application.

The research stay is expected to promote closer international R&D collaboration. It will be viewed as positive light if the research stay will lead to knowledge sharing through the dissemination of research results, development of methodology and launch of new projects.

The ENERGIX programme is also announcing Funding for Research Stays in Norway for Visiting Researchers (see separate call for proposals). The funding amount indicated above will be distributed between the two calls for proposals.

ENERGIX work programme and attachment

The work programme provides an overview of

- challenges, objectives and priorities
- anticipated results, impacts and societal outcomes
- available resources and budget

See: [ENERGIX work programme and attachment \(pdf\)](#).

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NOK 500 000 in funding under the Norwegian RD&D CCS programme (CLIMIT)

The application must be affiliated with an existing CLIMIT-funded research project. The project manager for the ongoing CLIMIT project must be the project manager in the application for a Personal Overseas Research Grant.

The CLIMIT programme offers funding for research stays abroad for established researchers to promote competence-building in, and the internationalisation of, Norwegian research. The application must be of relevance to one of the following:

- The Memorandum of Understanding between the US and Norway on collaboration in the field of energy research, development and demonstration;
- Increased collaboration with research groups in Canada, Australia and countries participating in ACT (ERA-Net Cofund – Accelerating CCS Technologies).

The research stay abroad must be relevant to the CLIMIT work programme.

The research stay is expected to promote closer international R&D collaboration. It will be viewed as positive if the research stay will lead to knowledge sharing through the dissemination of research results, development of methodology and the launch of new projects.

CLIMIT work programme

The work programme provides an overview of

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The CLIMIT programme has three focus areas with associated performance goals

- early full-scale CCS value chain in Europe;
- large-scale storage of CO₂ on the Norwegian continental shelf in the North Sea;
- future solutions for CCS.

See: [CLIMIT work programme \(pdf\)](#).

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Oceans

Under this call, this thematic area applies to funding for projects already receiving support under the HAVBRUK and MARINFORSK programmes.



Aquaculture, Fisheries, Food - Blue sector, Marine sector, Ocean technology

NOK 1 million in funding under the Large-scale Programme on Aquaculture Research (HAVBRUK)

The purpose of a research stay abroad is to promote competence-building in, and the internationalisation of, Norwegian aquaculture research and to strengthen international collaboration within the framework of the HAVBRUK work programme.

Applicants are not required to be part of an ongoing HAVBRUK-funded project, but the project description must clearly describe what the research stay will lead to in terms of further international research collaboration.

Priority will be given to grant applications involving collaboration with researchers and research groups in Norway's priority partner countries (the EU/EEA, the US, Canada, Chile, Brazil, India, China and Japan).

The HAVBRUK programme is also announcing Funding for Research Stays in Norway for Visiting Researchers (see separate call for proposals). The funding amount indicated above will be distributed between the two calls for proposals.

HAVBRUK work programme

The work programme provides an overview of

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- available resources and budget

See: [HAVBRUK work programme \(pdf\)](#).

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NOK 1 million from the Research Programme on Marine Resources and the Environment (MARINFORSK)

The purpose of a research stay abroad is to promote competence-building in, and the internationalisation of, Norwegian marine research and to strengthen international collaboration within the framework of the MARINFORSK work programme.

Applicants are not required to be part of an ongoing MARINFORSK-funded project, but the project description must clearly describe what the research stay will lead to in terms of further international research collaboration.

The MARINFORSK programme is also announcing Funding for Research Stays in Norway for Visiting Researchers (see separate call for proposals). The funding amount indicated above will be distributed between the two calls for proposals.

MARINFORSK work programme

The work programme provides an overview of

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See: [MARINFORSK work programme \(pdf\)](#).

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HealthUnder this call, this thematic area applies to funding for projects already receiving support under the HELSEVEL programme. **NOK 2 million in funding under the Programme on Health, Care and Welfare Services Research (HELSEVEL)**

The HELSEVEL programme is seeking to strengthen Norwegian research groups and to increase collaboration between Norwegian and international research groups in the area of health and welfare services by enabling Norwegian researchers to work at a research environment abroad.

The following requirements apply for applications for research stays abroad for researchers submitted to the HELSEVEL programme:

- The application must be affiliated with an existing Researcher Project, Young Research Talents project, Knowledge-Building Project or Innovation Project funded under the HELSEVEL programme.
- The project number of the main project must be entered in the application form.
- The project manager for the main project must be the project manager in the application for funding for a research stay abroad.
- For applications for researchers involved in Innovation Projects, the Project Owner of the main project must be the formal applicant.
- The research stay abroad must be relevant to the implementation of the main project.

The HELSEVEL programme is also announcing Funding for Research Stays in Norway for Visiting Researchers (see separate call for proposals). The funding amount indicated above will be distributed between the two calls for proposals.

HELSEVEL work programme

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See: [HELSEVEL work programme \(pdf\)](#).

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Climate and polar researchUnder this call, this thematic area applies to funding for projects already receiving support under the KLIMAFORSK programme. *Climate, Polar***NOK 1 million in funding under the Large-scale Programme on Climate Research (KLIMAFORSK)**

The purpose of a research stay abroad is to promote competence-building in, and the internationalisation of, Norwegian research and to

strengthen international collaboration within the framework of the KLIMAFORSK work programme.

There are no requirements regarding which countries are eligible to host the research stay, but the programme encourages applicants to seek collaboration between researchers and research groups outside the Nordic region and Europe as well.

The KLIMAFORSK programme is also announcing Funding for Research Stays in Norway for Visiting Researchers (see separate call for proposals). The funding amount indicated above will be distributed between the two calls for proposals.

KLIMAFORSK work programme

The work programme provides an overview of

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- available resources and budget

See: [KLIMAFORSK work programme \(pdf\)](#).

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Up to NOK 2 million from the Polar Research Programme (POLARPROG)

Polar research is international and is carried out in many different countries. At a time when the polar regions are undergoing rapid change, international research is especially important. The purpose of a research stay abroad is to promote competence building in, and the internationalisation of, Norwegian polar research and to strengthen international cooperation within the framework of the POLARPROG work programme. Grant applications must be affiliated with projects within polar research.

Priority will be given to applications for research stays in Canada, India, Japan, China, Russia and the US.

Please note that the Research Council has issued a separate call for proposals for [Research Stays Abroad for Doctoral and Post-doctoral Fellows](#). That call has an open-ended deadline.

Please also note that [Fulbright stipends are also available for research stays in the US](#).

The Research Council is also issuing a call for proposals for Research Stays in Norway for Visiting Researchers. The amount indicated above will be distributed between the two calls for proposals.

POLARPROG work programme

The work programme provides an overview of

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See: [POLARPROG work programme \(pdf\)](#).

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Enabling technologies

Under this call, this thematic area applies to funding for projects already receiving support under the IKTPLUSS and NANO2021 programmes. 

Research on ICT development, Nanotechnology/advanced materials

Please remember to select the topics most relevant to your project proposal in the grant application form.

The IKTPLUSS initiative for ICT and Digital Innovation

The IKTPLUSS initiative is seeking to strengthen Norwegian research groups and increase collaboration between Norwegian and international research groups in ICT-related topics (or the thematic priority areas of the IKTPLUSS initiative) by enabling Norwegian researchers to work at a research environment abroad.

The following requirements apply for applications for IKTPLUSS funding:

- The application must be affiliated with an existing IKTPLUSS-funded research project. Projects under the funding scheme for independent projects (FRIPRO) will also be qualified, provided that the research focus of the project is related to ICT and the thematic priority areas of the IKTPLUSS initiative: Ubiquitous Data and Services, a Safe and Secure Information Society and Pioneering ICT.
- The project number of the main project must be entered in the application form.
- The project manager for the main project must be the project manager in the application for funding for a research stay abroad.
- The research stay abroad must be relevant to the implementation of the main project.

The IKTPLUSS initiative is also announcing Funding for Research Stays in Norway for Visiting Researchers (see the separate call for proposals). The funding amount indicated above will be distributed between the two calls for proposals.

IKTPLUSS work programme

The work programme provides an overview of

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See: [IKTPLUSS work programme \(pdf in Norwegian only\)](#).

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The NANO2021 programme offers funding for research stays abroad for established researchers to promote competence-building in, and the internationalisation of, Norwegian research. The application must be of relevance to a NANO2021-funded project.

The following applies for applications for funding for research stays abroad submitted to the NANO2021 programme:

- The applicant must be affiliated with a project receiving funding under the NANO2021 programme.
- The project number of the main project must be entered in the application form.
- The project manager for the affiliated NANO2021 project must be the project manager in the application for funding for a research stay abroad.

The research stay is expected to promote closer international R&D collaboration and facilitate and form the basis for activities such as knowledge sharing of research results, development of methodology and the launch of new projects.

The NANO2021 programme is also announcing Funding for Research Stays in Norway for Visiting Researchers (see the separate call for proposals).

NANO2021 work programme

The work programme provides an overview of

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- available resources and budget

See: [NANO2021 work programme \(pdf\)](#).

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Education and competence

Under this call, this thematic area applies to funding for projects already receiving support under the FINNUT programme. 

Education

NOK 3 million in funding under the Programme for Research and Innovation in the Educational Sector (FINNUT)

The FINNUT programme is seeking to strengthen Norwegian research groups and to increase collaboration between Norwegian and international research groups in the area of education by enabling Norwegian researchers to work at a research environment abroad.

The following requirements apply for applications for research stays abroad for researchers submitted to the FINNUT programme:

- The application must be affiliated with an existing Researcher Project, Young Research Talents project, Knowledge-Building Project or Innovation Project funded under the FINNUT programme.
- The project number of the main project must be entered in the application form.
- The project manager for the main project must be the project manager in the application for funding for a research stay abroad.
- For applications for researchers involved in Innovation Projects, the Project Owner of the main project must be the formal applicant.
- The research stay abroad must be relevant to the implementation of the main project.

The FINNUT programme is also announcing Funding for Research Stays in Norway for Visiting Researchers (see separate call for proposals). The funding amount indicated above will be distributed between the two calls for proposals.

FINNUT work programme

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See: [FINNUT work programme \(pdf\)](#).

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Welfare, culture and society

Under this call, this thematic area applies to funding for Researcher Projects already receiving support under the SAMKUL programme and for projects already receiving support under the VAM programme. 

Cultural foundation of society, Culture, language and diversity, Culture and nature, Science and society, Art and culture, Working life, Labour market, Living conditions and demographic changes, Families and formative conditions, Migration, immigration and integration, The welfare society's services and organisation, Welfare benefits, Cultural prerequisites, sustainability of and support for the welfare society

Please remember to select the topics most relevant to your project proposal in the grant application form.

NOK 1 million in funding under the Programme on the Cultural Conditions Underlying Social Change (SAMKUL)

The SAMKUL programme is seeking to enhance quality in research by facilitating internationalisation, researcher mobility and greater international research collaboration. All projects should involve international partners, incorporate participation in international networks, and include plans for stays at a research institution abroad for researchers and research fellows over the course of the project period.

- This call is open only for ongoing Researcher Projects with SAMKUL funding.
- The research stay abroad must be clearly relevant to the implementation of the main project.
- This call does not encompass researcher networks currently or previously awarded funding under the SAMKUL programme.

This funding comes in addition to any funding for internationalisation measures already allocated to the project.

SAMKUL work programme

The work programme provides an overview of

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See: [SAMKUL work programme \(pdf\)](#).

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NOK 1.5 million in funding under the Programme in Welfare, Working Life and Migration (VAM)

The VAM programme is seeking to enhance quality in research by facilitating internationalisation, researcher mobility and greater international research collaboration. The purpose of a research stay abroad is to contribute to increased competence and the internationalisation of Norwegian research on welfare and working life, and to strengthen international cooperation within the framework of the VAM work programme.

- This call is open only for ongoing projects with VAM funding.
- The project number of the main project must be entered in the application form.
- The research stay abroad must be clearly relevant to the implementation of the main project.
- The project manager for the main project must be the project manager in the application for funding for a research stay abroad.
- It is a prerequisite that the research stay abroad will stimulate closer international R&D cooperation. It is further considered to be positive if the research stay abroad results in knowledge-sharing through dissemination of research results, development of methodology and generation of new projects.

This funding comes in addition to any funding for internationalisation measures already allocated to the project.

The VAM programme is also announcing Funding for Research Stays in Norway for Visiting Researchers (see separate call for proposals). The funding amount indicated above will be distributed between the two calls for proposals.

VAM work programme

The work programme provides an overview of

- challenges, objectives and priorities
- anticipated results, impacts and societal outcomes
- available resources and budget

See: [VAM work programme \(pdf\)](#).

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Requirements for this application type

Please note that it is not possible to revise and resubmit grant applications multiple times for calls for proposals with open-ended submission deadlines. It is therefore important that your application is completely finished before you submit it.

General requirements

- The name of the researcher for whom funding for a research stay abroad is sought must be entered in the application form.
- The grant application, including all attachments, may be submitted in Norwegian or English.
- All attachments must be uploaded in PDF format.
- For applications affiliated with an ongoing project, you must enter the project number of the ongoing project in the application form under "Funding scheme" for the item "If applying for additional funding, specify project number". The project manager for the ongoing project must be the project manager in the application for funding for a research stay abroad for a researcher.

Mandatory attachments

- A project description providing scientific justification and a plan for the research stay abroad, using the designated template;
- A binding letter of invitation from an institution abroad;
- A CV for the individual for whom the grant is being sought, using the designated template.

All the templates for attachments are available for download at the end of the call for proposals.

Grant applications that do not satisfy the above requirements will be rejected.

Links to websites and documents, as well as other attachments than those specified above, will not be included in the application review process.

Assessment criteria

Applications submitted to this call for proposals will be assessed according to the criteria for administrative reviews.

Administrative procedures

Grant applications will be assessed by the Research Council administration, and funding will normally be awarded if the application has satisfied the formal requirements stipulated in this call for proposals. Applications must fulfil the following requirements:

- The applicant/Project Owner must come from an eligible category of institution.
- The grant application must lie within the scope of this call.
- The funding amount sought and the expenses to be covered must be in keeping with the framework of the call.
- The budget must be formulated correctly to clearly indicate what the funding will cover.
- The application form must be fully completed.
- The required attachments must be included using the designated templates.
- The project description must provide answers to the items set out in the text of the call.

All items in the project description template must be completed. Responses to each item should be as concrete and clear as possible.

The final decision regarding funding can be expected within one month after the application has been received by the Research Council.

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