

Research for the Norwegian Food Safety Authority

Application type: Researcher Project

Application deadline: 25. September 2019, 13:00 CEST

Relevant thematic areas for this call: [Food and land-based bioresources](#)

Target groups: Research organisations

Funding scale: NOK 4,000,000-8,000,000

Amount of funding presumed available for this call for proposals: NOK 8 000 000

Project duration: 36-48 months

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Purpose

This call is to promote more effective management to prevent the introduction and spread of new species of plant pests, and is being carried out in cooperation with the Norwegian Food Safety Authority. The objective is to strengthen the management of plant health in Norway.

Important dates

14 Aug 2019: Date call is made active

25 Sep 2019: Application submission deadline

11 Dec 2019: Grant allocation meeting

01 Jan 2020: Earliest permitted project start

01 Jun 2020: Latest permitted project start

31 May 2024: Latest permitted project completion

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About the call for proposals

The purpose of this call is to promote more effective management and prevent the introduction and spread of new species of plant pests.

Projects must examine viable opportunities for reducing risks associated with the introduction and spread of new serious hazardous pests. Relevant interdisciplinary research collaboration is encouraged.

Projects must address the following question:

How can importers of plants and other regulated articles be better equipped to take appropriate safeguards relating to phytosanitary status?

Projects must lead to new knowledge about:

Competence and attitudes among different groups of importers of plants and other regulated articles with a view to enabling them to assess risks and conduct inspections of consignments.

Challenges that companies face with regard to meeting the requirements for internal controls and documenting that imported consignments satisfy the requirements imposed by the authorities.

Impacts of information and various guidance measures.

Who is eligible to apply?

The call is open to approved research organisations. See here for the [list of approved Norwegian research organisations](#).

Who can participate in the project?

Requirements relating to the Project Owner

The organisation listed as the Project Owner must be an [approved Norwegian research organisation](#).

The organisation listed as the Project Owner in the grant application must have approved the submission of the grant application to the Research Council.

Requirements relating to the project manager

To qualify as project manager, individuals must hold an approved doctorate or have obtained [qualifications at associate professorship level \(in Norwegian only\)](#) by the date of the application submission deadline. In this context, employment in the Norwegian research institute sector in a position as *forsker 1* (research professor), *forsker 2* (senior researcher) or *seniorforsker* (senior researcher) is considered equivalent qualification.

Requirements relating to partners

Research organisations other than the Project Owner may participate as partners in a project, carry out project activities and receive support on the same level as the Project Owner.

Other types of organisations, such as companies and other undertakings, may not be project partners in Researcher Projects and are not eligible to receive support, but they may serve as suppliers of R&D services to the project. In such cases, the intellectual property rights related to the result of the supplier's work activities will become the property of the institution procuring the services.

Requirement to incorporate user involvement

A reference group must be established for the project awarded funding and must include representatives of the Norwegian Food Safety Authority.

What can you seek funding for?

Under this call, the Research Council may cover up to 100 per cent of the costs incurred by eligible recipients of funding.

In order for the Research Council to calculate its amount of support, the grant application must include an overall project budget based on the following types of approved project costs:

- Payroll and indirect expenses relating to researcher time (including research fellowships) at the research institutions participating in the project. See here for [guidelines for calculating payroll and indirect costs in grant applications to the Research Council](#).
- Procurement of R&D services. The Project Owner and partners may jointly or individually procure R&D services from R&D-performing companies. Suppliers of R&D services for the project may not have the role of partner in the same project.
- Costs relating to procurement and use of scientific equipment. See here for [Research Council guidelines for calculating costs of equipment](#).
- Other operating expenses, including support for research stays abroad (Overseas Research Grants) and travel expenses and other project-related costs not covered under the categories above. If the project is awarded funding, it is also possible during the project period to apply for Personal Overseas Research Grants for fellowship-holders. See here for more information about [the scheme for Personal Overseas Research Grants for fellowship-holders](#).
- Operating expenses, including procurement of R&D services and costs related to the operation and depreciation of scientific equipment. Please refer to [the Research Council's guidelines for depreciation of equipment](#).

Requirements for support

Support from the Research Council is to go to the non-economic activity of research organisations. Companies will not be eligible to receive support to cover projects costs and may not receive indirect support through the granting of any rights to project results. Support allocated under this call therefore does not constitute state aid.

The Research Council's allocation for the first year and any pledges for subsequent years will be disbursed in accordance with the conditions set out in this [agreement and the General Terms and Conditions for R&D Projects](#).

Archiving of research data

The Project Owner (R&D organisation) is responsible for selecting the archiving solution(s) to use for storing research data generated during the project. The Project Owner must specify the planned solution(s) in connection with the revised grant proposal.

Relevant thematic areas for this call

Food and land-based bioresources



Food - Green sector, Safe food value chain, Food safety

Requirements for this application type

You may revise and resubmit your grant application form multiple times up to the application submission deadline. We recommend that you submit your application as soon as you have filled in the application form and included all mandatory attachments. After the deadline, it is the most recently submitted version of the grant application that will be processed.

- The grant application, including all attachments, must be submitted in English.
- All attachments must be uploaded in PDF format.
- The designated templates are found at the bottom of this page.

Mandatory attachments

- A project description of maximum 10 pages using the designated template for this application type, found at the bottom of this page.
- A CV for the project manager, using the designated template found at the bottom of this page.

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

Optional attachments

- CVs for key project participants, using the designated template found at the bottom of this page;
- A proposal for up to three referees who are presumed to be impartial and qualified to review the grant proposal.

Links to websites and documents, as well as other attachments than those specified above, will not be included in the application review process. There is no technical validation of the content of the attachments you upload, so please make sure that you upload the correct file for the selected type of attachment.

Excellence

The extent to which the proposed work is ambitious, novel, and goes beyond the-state-of-the-art

- Scientific creativity and originality.
- Novelty and boldness of hypotheses or research questions.
- Potential for development of new knowledge beyond the current state-of-the-art, including significant theoretical, methodological, experimental or empirical advancement.

The quality of the proposed R&D activities

- Quality of the research questions, hypotheses and project objectives, and the extent to which they are clearly and adequately specified.
- Credibility and appropriateness of the theoretical approach, research design and use of scientific methods. Appropriate consideration of interdisciplinary approaches.
- Where relevant, the extent to which appropriate consideration has been given to ethical issues, safety issues, gender dimension in research content, and appropriate use of stakeholder/user knowledge.

Impact

Potential impact of the proposed research

- The extent to which the planned outputs of the project address important present and/or future scientific challenges.
- If relevant with respect to the project objectives, the extent to which the planned outputs will address UN Sustainable Development Goals or other important present and/or future societal challenges.

- The extent to which the potential impacts are clearly formulated and plausible.

Communication and exploitation

- Quality and scope of communication and engagement activities with different target audiences, including relevant stakeholders/users.

Implementation

The quality of the project manager and project group

- The extent to which the project manager has relevant expertise and experience, and demonstrated ability to perform high-quality research (as appropriate to the career stage).
- The degree of complementarity of the participants and the extent to which the project group as a whole assembles the necessary expertise needed to undertake the research effectively, and provides added value.

The quality of the project organisation and management

- Effectiveness of the work plan, including the extent to which resources assigned to work packages are aligned with project objectives and deliverables.
- Appropriateness of the allocation of tasks, ensuring that all participants have a valid role and adequate resources in the project to fulfil that role.
- Appropriateness of the proposed management structures and governance.

Overall assessment of the referee/panel

Overall assessment of the referee/panel based, on the criteria Excellence, Impact and Implementation.

Relevance to the call for proposals

The extent to which the project satisfies the guidelines and stipulations set out in the call for proposals.

Administrative procedures

All grant applications for Researcher Projects will be assessed by international referee panels. Once the panel assessments are completed, the grant applications will be assessed for relevance to this call. The administration will then submit its recommendation to the allocating body. The allocating body is responsible for the final decision regarding the approval or rejection of grant proposals.

Final decisions on allocation of funding are planned to be announced in December 2019.

Application templates for download

- > [Mal for prosjektbeskrivelse Forskerprosjekt/Template for project description Researcher Projects \(docx\)](#)
- > [CV-mal for forskere/CV template researchers \(docx\)](#)