

Funding for Research Stays in Norway for Visiting Researchers

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Application type: Coordination and Support Activity

Project duration: 1-12 months

Application deadline: Open-ended

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Relevant thematic areas for this call:

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

Target groups: Research organisations

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Purpose

The purpose of this call is to create a framework to encourage more international collaboration.

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About the call for proposals

This call for proposals relates to funding for research stays at a Norwegian research organisation for foreign researchers who are employed at an institution outside of Norway. The Norwegian host institution must submit the application and serve as the Project Owner.

This call has an open-ended submission deadline, i.e. grant applications may be submitted at any time during the year, and will be processed on an ongoing basis.

Research stays are to have a duration of minimum one month, and maximum 12 months.

This is a joint call for proposals 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.

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

Who is eligible to apply?

It is the Norwegian host institution that is to submit the grant application.

The host institution is normally an [approved Norwegian research organisation](#). Any exceptions to this will be described below in the text for the specific activity/thematic area from which funding is being sought.

Who can participate in the project?

This call is open to grant applications for designated visiting researchers who are employed at foreign research institutions. The visiting researcher must have an approved doctorate or equivalent qualifications before submission of the grant application.

Please consult the relevant activity/thematic area below for information about requirements related to the project manager.

What can you seek funding for?

- The Norwegian host institution may apply for funding for a research stay in Norway for a visiting researcher for a period of 1–12 months.
- It is only possible to apply for [the fixed rate for research stays in Norway for visiting researchers](#) and coverage of travel expenses (cheapest mode of transport).
- The grant application must be submitted no later than six weeks before the start of the research stay.
- The visiting researcher must begin the research stay in Norway during the calendar year following the submission of the grant application. This means that if a grant application is submitted in 2021, the research stay must begin no later than 2022.

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.

Energy, transport and low emissions

Under this call, this thematic area applies to funding for projects already receiving support under

the ENERGIX programme.

Environment-friendly energy

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

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The ENERGIX programme offers funding for research stays in Norway for visiting researchers to bring researchers from other countries to Norwegian project owners in order to strengthen international efforts within the framework of the ENERGIX work programme.

The following requirements apply for applications for research stays in Norway for visiting researchers submitted to the ENERGIX programme:

- The applicant must be affiliated with an existing ENERGIX-funded project.
- The project number must be entered in the application form.
- The project manager for the main project must be the project manager in the application for a research stay in Norway for a visiting researcher.
- The added value of bringing a visiting researcher to the institution is to be described in the grant application.

The visiting researcher's stay is expected to promote closer international R&D collaboration. It will be viewed as positive if the activity 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 Abroad for Researchers (see separate call for proposals). The funding amount indicated above will be distributed between the two calls for proposals.



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ENERGIX Work Programme

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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)

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The purpose of bringing visiting researchers to Norway 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 visiting researcher's 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, Great Britain, the US, Canada, Chile, Brazil, India, China and Japan).

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



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

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The purpose of bringing visiting researchers to Norway 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 visiting researcher's stay will lead to in terms of further international research collaboration.

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



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MARINFORSK Work Programme

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Health

Under 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)

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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 researchers from other countries to work in a research environment in Norway.

The following requirements apply for applications for research stays in Norway for visiting 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 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 a research stay in Norway for a visiting researcher.
- For applications involving Innovation Projects, the Project Owner of the main project must be the formal applicant.
- The visiting researcher's stay must be relevant to the implementation of the main project.

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



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HELSEVEL Work Programme

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Climate and polar research

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

Climate, Polar

NOK 1 million in funding under the Large-scale Programme on Climate Research (KLIMAFORSK)

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The purpose of bringing visiting researchers to Norway is to strengthen Norwegian research groups and enhance international collaboration within the framework of the KLIMAFORSK work programme.

The visiting researcher must be from a country other than Norway and be qualified at the post-doctoral level or higher.

There are no requirements regarding which countries visiting researchers may come from, but the programme encourages applicants to seek collaboration between researchers and research groups both within and outside the Nordic region and Europe.

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



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NOK 1 million from the Polar Research Programme (POLARPROG)

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The Research Council is seeking to enhance international polar research, and the purpose of research stays in Norway for visiting researchers is to strengthen collaboration in polar research within the framework of the POLARPROG work programme.

The visiting researcher must be from a country other than Norway and be qualified at the post-doctorate level or higher. Funding from the POLARPROG programme may only be awarded to visiting researchers affiliated with polar research projects.

Priority will be given to visiting researchers from Canada, India, Japan, China, Russia and the US. Research stays at all Norwegian institutions carrying out polar research are relevant under this call. Applications for research stays involving research on Svalbard will be given priority.

The Research Council is also announcing funding for Research Stays Abroad

for Researchers. See the separate call for proposals. The funding amount indicated above will be distributed between the two calls for proposals.



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POLARPROG Work Programme

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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

NOK 1 million in funding under the IKTPLUSS initiative for ICT and Digital Innovation



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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 researchers from other countries to work at a research environment in Norway.

The following requirements apply for applications for IKTPLUSS funding:

- The application must be affiliated with an existing IKTPLUSS-funded 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 in Norway for a visiting researcher.
- The visiting researcher's stay must be relevant to the implementation of the main project.

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



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NOK 800 000 in funding under the Programme on Nanotechnology, Microtechnology and Advanced Materials (NANO2021)

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Visiting researcher stays are to help to develop and further strengthen international collaboration in NANO2021-funded projects. This call provides researchers from other countries with the opportunity to work in a Norwegian research environment for a limited period.

The following requirements apply for applications for funding for a research stay in Norway for a visiting researcher submitted to the NANO2021 programme:

- The applicant must be affiliated with a project receiving funding under the NANO2021 programme.
- The project number 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 for a visiting researcher.

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 Abroad for Researchers (see the separate call for proposals).



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NANO2021 Work Programme

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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)

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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 researchers from other countries to work in a research environment in Norway.

The following requirements apply for applications for research stays in Norway for visiting 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 a research stay in Norway for a visiting researcher.
- For applications involving Innovation Projects, the Project Owner of the main project must be the formal applicant.
- The visiting researcher's stay must be relevant to the implementation of the main project.

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



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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 funding 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)

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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 only open to Researcher Projects and Post-doctoral Research Projects with SAMKUL funding. 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.
- There are no requirements regarding which countries visiting researchers may come from, but the programme encourages applicants to seek collaboration between researchers and research groups both within and outside the Nordic region and Europe.

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



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

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The VAM programme is seeking to strengthen Norwegian research groups and to increase collaboration between Norwegian and international research groups in the area of welfare and working life by enabling researchers from other countries to work in a research environment in Norway.

The following requirements apply for applications to the VAM 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.

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

There are no prerequisites regarding which countries guest researchers come from, but we encourage collaboration with researchers and research communities outside the Nordic and European countries.

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



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VAM Work Programme

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Practical information

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 applicant/Project Owner must come from an eligible category of institution.
- The grant application must lie within the scope/satisfy the objectives 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.

Mandatory attachments

- A project description providing scientific justification and a plan for the visiting researcher's stay, using the designated template;
- A binding letter of commitment from an institution abroad and the Norwegian host institution;
- A CV for the visiting researcher for whom funding is being sought, using the designated template.

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

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

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

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

Administrative procedures

Grant applications submitted to this call for proposals will be assessed according to the criteria for administrative review. The final decision regarding funding can be expected within six weeks after the application has been received by the Research Council.

Create application

Applications for Funding for Research Stays in Norway for Visiting Researchers should be created on My RCN Web. Application templates should be filled and uploaded in the application.

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