

Researcher Network on International Development

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Application type: Coordination and Support Activity

Application deadline: 18 November 2020, 13:00 CET

Relevant thematic areas for this call:

[Global development and international relations](#)

Target groups: Research organisations

Funding scale: NOK 3 000 000-7 000 000

Amount of funding presumed available for this call for proposals:

NOK 20 000 000. Each research network may receive up to NOK 2 million per year for a period of 3–4 years.

Project duration: 36-48 months

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Purpose

Up to NOK 20 million in funding is available for establishment and operation of international research networks in the field of development to strengthen dialogue and information sharing between researchers, research organisations and users of research in Norway and abroad.

Viktige datoer

07 Oct 2020: Date call is made active

18 Nov 2020: Application submission deadline

01 Feb 2021: Earliest permitted project start

01 Jun 2021: Latest permitted project start

31 May 2025: Latest permitted project completion

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About the call for proposals

Funding is available for international research networks in the field of development within thematic areas of relevance under the Research Council programme Norway – Global Partner (NORGLOBAL-2). Each network may be awarded up to NOK 2 million per year and maximum NOK 7 million over the project period. The funding period is minimum three years and maximum four years.

Grant applications must be of relevance for at least one of the following priority areas:

- Global education
- Competence and job creation
- Taxation and capital flows in developing countries
- The environment and oceans

The networks are to:

- Collect, compile and share information about Norwegian and international development research of relevance to the thematic area.
- Serve as an important resource for and facilitate activities among the research groups within the thematic area. Network activities are to be open to all interested parties in the relevant areas to the greatest extent possible.
- Promote expanded and improved communication between the research groups connected by the network, users of research-based knowledge, and the general public. Communication from the network may comprise but is not limited to websites, databases, subject reports, seminars, dialogue meetings with users and the public, feature articles, newsletters and the like.
- Facilitate and promote the use of research-based knowledge about international development in policy design and practice.
- Enhance the quality and relevance of research through dialogue with and input from decision-makers and practitioners.

Applicants must take note of the following:

- Funding is not available for research activities.
- For an existing network, the grant application must clearly specify when the network was established and who its participants are.
- The network must encompass research groups within a defined, thematically relevant area for the NORGLOBAL-2 programme. Networks will serve as an important resource for and facilitate activities among the research groups within the targeted area. The network must demonstrate how it will create synergies and add value that will strengthen knowledge and research within the area. Another important task will be to enhance the dialogue between researchers, as well as between researchers and research users.
- The network must have at least one Norwegian partner and at least one partner from a developing country. It will be an advantage for network projects to include partners from one or more partner countries for Norwegian development cooperation, cf. the white paper [Partner Countries in Norway's Development Policy](#) (Meld. St. 17 (2017–2018)).
- Communication measures must be described and quantified in the grant application.
- Participants in the funded networks are expected to contribute own funding of minimum 25 per cent of the network's budget. The Project Owner must serve as the host for a secretariat for the funded network.

The Project Owner is responsible for coordination and administration of the network, and is legally and financially accountable for funding received.

Who is eligible to apply?

The call is open to [approved Norwegian research organisations](#).

Who can participate in the project?

Requirements relating to the Project Owner

The research organisation entered as the Project Owner in the application form must have authorised submission of the grant application.

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 before the date of the application submission deadline. In the context of this call, current or previous 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

Only research organisations are eligible to be partners in the networks and to receive funding under this call.

What can you seek funding for?

- administrative expenses related to the operation of the networks;
- costs related to communication and dialogue within the network as well as with users of the knowledge;
- organisation of seminars and conferences;
- travel and accommodation costs for Norwegian and international researchers' participation in network-related events.

Established networks may apply for support for a new funding period. Applications for a new funding period will be assessed on the basis of documented results from the initial funding period. Networks granted funding under the 2018 call are not eligible to apply.

Calculating support

You may apply for support for up to 75 per cent of the budgeted project costs, limited to maximum NOK 7 million.

Conditions for funding

The projects must start between 1 February and 1 June 2021, and funding must be sought from the Research Council for 2021. The latest permitted date of project completion is 31 May 2025.

Support from the Research Council to a research organisation is to be reserved for the organisation's non-economic activity, and as such therefore does not constitute state aid. The Research Council requires a clear separation of accounts for the organisation's economic and non-economic activities.

Relevant thematic areas for this call

Under this call, this thematic area applies to support for networks within the priority areas set out in the [NORGLOBAL-2 work programme](#).

Global development and international relations



Development research

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 reviewed.

- 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 and any own funding 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.
- Grant applications and all attachments may be submitted in Norwegian or English.
- All attachments must be uploaded in PDF format.

Mandatory attachments

- a project description, using the designated template found at the end of this call;
- a CV for the project manager, using the designated template found at the end of this call. This is to be uploaded under the attachment type “CV”.

Applications that do not satisfy the above requirements will be rejected.

Optional attachment

- CVs for key project participants, using the designated template found at the end of this call.

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.

Assessment criteria

Grant applications will be assessed in relation to the following criteria:

Excellence

Originality/Novelty

- The extent to which the concept is sound, credible and novel.

Solidity

- The extent to which the project objectives are clear and relevant.
- The quality of the proposed deliverables from the project.

Impact

Potential

- The extent to which the expected effects are specified.
- The extent to which expected impacts on the system and societal levels are specified.

Knowledge sharing and exploitation

- The quality of the proposed communication and dissemination activities.
- The extent to which it is credible that the proposed outputs will contribute to the specified effects and impact.

Implementation

Project Manager and project group

- The extent to which the Project Manager and project group are qualified and have the necessary expertise and are positioned to implement the project.

- The extent to which management structures and procedures are appropriate.

Plans and management

- The extent to which the work plan is clear and understandable, and the time table realistic
- The extent to which objectives and measures are coherent.
- The extent to which the project has the support of the leadership of the Project Owner and any partners, and the allocation of roles in the project is clear.
- The extent to which the budget is realistic and appropriate, and resources are allocated so that each of the partners can fulfil their role.
- The extent to which potential risks have been discussed.

Relevance to the call for proposals

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

Assuming all factors relating to scientific merit and relevance are essentially equal, priority will be given to projects led by women project managers.

Administrative procedures

All grant applications for networks will be processed by the Research Council administration. The recommendation presented by the administration will be submitted to the portfolio board for global development. The portfolio board is responsible for the final decisions regarding grant allocations.

The final decision regarding funding is expected to be announced in December 2020/January 2021.

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Template for Project Description - networks.docx



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