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# INTPART International Partnerships for Excellent Education, Research and Innovation

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Application type:

Coordination and Support Activity

Application deadline: 16 March 2022, 13:00 CET

Relevant thematic areas for this call:

[Internationalisation](#)

Target groups: Research organisations

Funding scale: NOK 10 000 000-10 000 000

Amount of funding presumed available for this call for proposals:

NOK 80 000 000. Please note that the amount of funding announced may be reduced due to changes in the central government budget.

Project duration: 60-60 months

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## Important dates

**02 Feb 2022: Date call is made active**

**15 Feb 2022: Webinar for applicants**

[Søklarwebinar: INTPART Internasjonale partnerskap for framifrå utdanning, forskning og innovasjon](#)  
(webinar text is in Norwegian)

**16 Mar 2022: Application submission deadline**

**01 Aug 2022: Earliest permitted project start**

**31 Oct 2022: Latest permitted project start**

**31 Oct 2027: Latest permitted project completion**

## Last updates

- 23 JUN 2022 ○ We expect to publish application results in October 2022.
- 02 MAR 2022 ○ It will not be possible to enter into partnerships with Russian partners under this call.
- 11 FEB 2022 ○ Centres for Clinical Treatment Research scheme (FKB) are added to the list of schemes the Project Owner must be a host institution or formal partner in.

## Purpose

Norwegian research organisations may apply for funding for partnerships with Brazil, Canada, India, Japan, China, South Africa, South Korea and the United States. Funding may also be sought for partnerships with Germany and France under this call.

The INTPART scheme was established as a follow-up to the Long-Term Plan for Research and Higher Education and efforts to develop more world-leading academic environments in Norway. The scheme will also follow up the Panorama Strategy – Strategy for cooperation on research and higher education with Brazil, Canada, China, India, Japan, Russia, South Africa, South Korea and the USA (2021–2027).

Under this call, it will not be possible to enter into partnerships with Russian partners.

The INTPART program also aims to address the following secondary goals:

- Long-term international partnerships that enhance the quality of higher education and research in Norway.
- Strong links between higher education and research within the frameworks of the partnerships.
- Cooperation with the business and public sectors to enhance quality and relevance within the frameworks of the partnerships, where relevant.

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## About the call for proposals

The call for proposals will provide funding for the establishment and further development of formalized institutional cooperation on research and higher education. The projects must use the funding to strengthen peer-reviewed projects, centres, or clusters at Norwegian institutions.

In the grant application, you must show how the international partnership strengthens the ongoing project. Partners and collaborative activities shall be based on needs and opportunities in research and higher education, and you must show how the activities contribute to academic and institution-specific strategic goals for research and educational quality. The INTPART scheme is jointly administered by the Research Council of Norway and the Norwegian Directorate for Higher Education and Skills (HK-dir).

Contact: [intpart@forskningsradet.no](mailto:intpart@forskningsradet.no) or [intpart@diku.no](mailto:intpart@diku.no).

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

### Who is eligible to apply?

Only approved Norwegian research organisations may apply for funding.

See the Research Council's [definition and list of approved research organisations](#).

### Who can participate in the project?

#### **Requirements relating to the Project Owner**

The organisation listed as the Project Owner in the application form must have approved your submission of the grant application. Applications related to Norwegian Innovation Clusters must be approved by the cluster's board of directors.

The Project Owner must have degree-conferring programmes at master's and/or PhD level, or have documented collaboration with a Norwegian research organisation with such programmes for the INTPART project. General collaboration agreements are not approved.

At the time of the application deadline, the Project Owner must be a host institution or formal partner in peer-reviewed projects with ongoing funding through one of the following schemes:

- Norwegian Centres of Excellence (SFF);
- Centres for Environment-friendly Energy Research (FME);
- Centres of Excellence in Higher Education (SFU);
- Centres for Research-based Innovation (SFI);

- Centres for Clinical Treatment Research scheme (FKB);
- The Norwegian Artistic Research Programme (NARP);
- Research Centres for Petroleum Activities (PETROENTER);
- Norwegian Innovation Clusters;
- Collaborative and Knowledge-building Project, funded by the Research Council;
- Researcher project, funded by the Research Council;
- Researcher projects and centre schemes funded by NordForsk or the Nordic Council of Ministers;
- Researcher projects funded by the EU Framework Programme;
- Research projects funded by research programmes under the EEA and Norway Grants

Information about the project being funded, including the scheme it is funded under, project number and other project identification, must be entered in its own template.

### **Maximum number of applications per research organisation**

The Project Owner may submit a maximum number of grant applications based on the size of the institution:

- more than 1,500 R&D personnel: 20 applications;
- 500–1,500 R&D personnel: 10 applications;
- 100–500 R&D personnel: 5 applications;
- fewer than 100 R&D personnel: 3 applications.

Exceptions to the number restriction: Formalised institutional cooperation that has lasted more than three years, and where several Norwegian higher education institutions constitute a consortium that cooperates with one or more outstanding equivalent institutions in the priority countries, will be exempt from the number restriction

The Project Owner must submit a list of the applications approved by the institution. The list must be submitted regardless of how many applications within the approved framework the institution chooses to submit. We will not process applications that are not listed in such a list. Send the list by e-mail to [intpart@forskningsradet.no](mailto:intpart@forskningsradet.no) by the application deadline of 16 March 2022 at 13.00 (CET).

### **Requirements relating to the project manager**

The project manager should have experience with collaborative projects, nationally and internationally. This also applies to responsible persons at the partner organisations.

Key personnel in the INTPART project must refer to significant roles in the ongoing project on which the INTPART grant is based. It will usually mean being a project manager, work package manager, team leader or the like. Otherwise, see separate form for this.

### **Employment requirements**

The project manager must be employed by the Project Owner.

## Requirements relating to partners

The INTPART project shall have a partner who is a university, university college or other research institution in the partner country, with a named local contact person.

Other types of organisations nationally and in partner countries, including Norwegian Innovation Clusters, companies, and other enterprises, may be partners in INTPART. Such partners cannot be supported directly over the INTPART project, but may be subcontractors. See our website for more information about [subcontractors](#).

## What can you seek funding for?

You can apply for funding for international collaborative activities that are not already funded through the qualifying project. You can apply for support both to establish new international partnerships and to strengthen existing cooperation.

Up to NOK 80 million is available under this call.

Funding for INTPART comes from several sources and some may have different guidelines attached to them. The funded portfolio as a whole shall ensure that these are achieved. The majority of the funds do not have special guidelines attached to them. This is a thematically open call, so applicants do not need to indicate, for example, a specific subject topic or country affiliations in their application. This is taken into account in the portfolio assessment, see our Administrative procedures below.

Examples of activities that are eligible for funding:

- Additional expenses relating to short-term or long-term reciprocal mobility stays by students, researchers, managers and administrative staff;
- Development and implementation of workshops, seminars and conferences for the purpose of strengthening international cooperation;
- Development and implementation of intensive courses, field courses, summer schools etc.;
- Cooperation on curriculum development and development of joint courses, educational programmes and/or degree programmes;
- Joint researcher schools and international educational programmes based on research collaboration and institutionalised within the framework of the partnerships;
- Planning and development of research cooperation;
- Guest lectures and joint teaching and supervision of students and doctoral candidates;
- Cooperation with the business and public sectors;
- Development of digital forms of collaboration
- Other activities that encompass international research and educational cooperation.

We cannot cover expenses for the research activities covered by the collaboration or investments in research infrastructure. Education and teaching that are already part of the institution's ordinary study programmes must be

financed in a different way. Costs for international partners who are research organisations, may be covered by INTPART funding. Companies or other organisations that are not research organisations may be subcontractors to the INTPART project and thus receive funding. You will find detailed and important information [about what the budget should contain](#) on the website.

### **Scope of funding**

We can provide funding of NOK 10 million per project under this call, which accounts for 80 per cent of the project costs. Self-financing is a requirement. Self-financing shall be at least 20 per cent of the project's total costs.

### **Conditions for funding**

Only the Project Owner and collaborating research organisations can receive funding to cover their costs during the project. Funding goes to the non-economic activity of the research organisations, and we assume that the necessary accounting separation between economic and non-economic activity is in place. Other partners cannot be reimbursed for project costs through the award to the project, but must bear the costs themselves.

The Research Council's preconditions for allocation and disbursement of funding for the first year, and any pledges and payments for subsequent years, are in our **general terms and conditions for R&D projects** which you can find in its entirety on our webpage [What the contract involves](#).

The projects must start between 01.08.2022 and 31.10.2022 and you must apply for funding from the Research Council for 2022. The latest permitted completion of the project is 31.10.2027.

## **Reporting, disbursement of funding and requirements for a Gender Equality Plan**

Funding will be disbursed in arrears, and only actual expenses entered in the institution's accounts will be covered. All reporting takes place electronically. In addition to the annual reports and final reports to the Research Council, you may be asked to report to the INTPART programme via a survey from HK-dir.

From 2022, all grant recipients that are research organisations or public sector bodies (Project Owners and partners) must have a [Gender Equality Plan \(GEP\)](#) available on their website. This must be in place when they sign the grant agreement for projects awarded funding from the Research Council. The requirement does not apply to the business sector, special interest organisations or the non-profit sector.

## **Relevant thematic areas for this call**

### **Internationalisation**

# Practical information

## Requirements for this application type

### 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.
- The application and all attachments must be written in English.
- All attachments must be uploaded in PDF format.

You may revise and resubmit your grant application form 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.

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

### Mandatory attachments

- A project description. The designated template for the project description **must** be used.
- A template that accounts for ongoing projects. The designated template **must** be used.
- CVs with a list of publications for the project manager, the project manager for the partner in the cooperating country, and other key project personnel, as well as information about educational expertise, teaching experience and experience from international cooperation in higher education. The designated template for CVs **must** be used.
- Formal confirmation from the management of the Norwegian and international partner institution, and the applicant institution, that provides strategy clarification and explains why the project is important to the institution must be attached to the application. This account must include information about the institution's specific commitments relating to implementation of the INTPART project. This also applies to the Norwegian degree-conferring institution, cf. Section 12 of the Norwegian Institutions, see 'Requirements relating to the project manager' above. General cooperation

agreements will not be accepted.

- Applications involving Norwegian Innovation Clusters must also attach documentation of approval of the application from the respective cluster's board.

Applications that do not meet the requirements listed above will be rejected.

We will not assess documents and websites linked to in the application, or other attachments than those specified above. There is no technical validation of the content of uploaded attachments, so please ensure that you upload the correct file for the selected type of attachment.

Information about all the partners in the project (institutions) and all the project participants, including from one's own institution (individuals) must be entered in the online application form. Please note that formal collaboration agreements are required for each partner listed in the grant application. These collaboration agreements are to be completed within three months after the Research Council has sent the contract to the Project Owner and must have been received before the Research Council will disburse any funds.

The online application form must include a detailed milestone plan and a plan for how results relating to research and education will be disseminated. Details about the project being funded can be provided in the online application form under 'Other'.

## Assessment criteria

See [the INTPART Programme description](#) for details of the program's overall objective, objectives, and results. Here you will also find more information about and description of what is emphasised when assessing applications for this call. In the template for project description, you will also elaborate on this.

Please note that under the assessment criterion "Quality", we will emphasise relevance to the call for proposals and qualifying projects, and that for the criterion "Effects and effects" we will emphasise how the grant application relates to the objectives of this call.

Grant applications will be assessed on the basis of 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.

The Research Council of Norway and HK-dir assume that the projects fulfil a high standard of research ethics, and that consideration of consequences for the natural environment is taken into account. The Research Council of Norway and HK-dir attach importance to internationalising Norwegian research and education, strengthening the recruitment of women to higher position levels and MNT subjects, improving the gender balance in Norwegian research and ensuring that the gender perspective is well taken care of in the projects. The Research Council and HK-dir will take this into account when prioritising the grant application.

## **Administrative procedures**

After the application deadline, the INTPART secretariat will first make a pre-assessment to ensure that all formal requirements have been met. Applications that do not meet the formal requirements will be rejected.

The applications are then assessed by experts from nationally and internationally leading research, education and innovation groups.

The experts assess the application against the above assessment criteria. The application is assessed by several experts who are assembled into panels. The impartiality of all experts is clarified before considering applications.

The panels will arrive at an agreed assessment of the individual application. The assessments from the experts are used as a basis when we decide whether or not an application should receive support.

A board committee consisting of representatives from the governing bodies of the Research Council and the Norwegian Directorate for Higher Education and Skills has the funding authority.

The Research Council and the Norwegian Directorate for Higher Education and Skills use a comprehensive portfolio assessment as the basis for the board committee's decision. This takes into account the following factors:

- The grades given in the assessment of the applications;
- That the granted project portfolio as a whole meets the objectives of the INTPART scheme, and;
- That the granted project portfolio as a whole meets the objectives related to various funds from INTPART.

We expect to publish application results in October 2022.

## Download templates



Template for Project Description - INTPART 2022.docx



Template for List of Ongoing Projects - INTPART 2022.pdf



Template for CV researchers.docx

\* MANDATORY ATTACHMENT

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## About the results of the application assessment process

<b>Total amount sought</b>	680 000 000
<b>Amount awarded</b>	70 000 000
<b>Total number of applications</b>	68
<b>Number of approved applications</b>	7

### Approved applications

Project no. ▾	Organization ▾	Project title ▾	Subject ▾	Sought ▾	Published
337241	STIFTELSEN NORGES GEOTEKNISKE INSTITUTT	Enhancing risk management & resilience to natural hazards in India, Brazil, & Norway	N/A	NOK 10 000 000	7.11.20.

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		through collaborative education, research, & innovation			
337259	NORCE Klima	Climate Action Transdisciplinarity in Education and Research	N/A	NOK 10 000 000	7.11.20.
337301	HVL	Collaborative Research Based Education for Optimized Performance of Wind Farms	N/A	NOK 10 000 000	7.11.20.
337316	NORSK REGNESENTRAL	International Alliance for Strengthening Cybersecurity and Privacy in Healthcare	N/A	NOK 10 000 000	7.11.20.
337238	NTNU	Sociomaterial transformations in Norway and East Asia	N/A	NOK 10 000 000	7.11.20.
337262	OSLOMET	Five-Star Alliance to Minimize the Built Environment's Carbon Footprint: A Coordinated Move Toward Net-Zero Structures	N/A	NOK 10 000 000	7.11.20.
337245	STIFTELSEN NANSEN SENTER FOR MILJØ OG FJERNMÅLING	Useful Arctic Knowledge: Training, Collaboration, and	N/A	NOK 10 000 000	7.11.20.

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		Innovation in ocean observing.			

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