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The Aurora Mobility Programme – Researcher Exchange for New Collaboration Between Norway and France

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Financial scheme: Coordination and Support Activity
Application deadline: 18 September 2024, 13:00 CEST
Relevant thematic areas for this call: Internationalisation
Target groups: Research organisations

Funding scale: NOK 20 000-100 000
Amount of funding presumed available for this call for proposals:
NOK 800 000
Project duration: 12-24 months

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⚠ The application deadline in France has been modified from September 18 to September 25. The deadline in Norway is not changed.

Important dates

- 07 Aug 2024: Open for applications
- 18 Sep 2024: Application deadline
- 01 Jan 2025: Earliest permitted project start
- 01 Jun 2025: Latest permitted project start
- 31 May 2027: Latest permitted project completion date

Last updates

16 SEP 2024 ● We have clarified the requirements relating to the project manager.

Purpose

The support provided through the AURORA mobility programme should contribute to establishing and expanding contact between research organisations in Norway and corresponding organisations in France. The purpose is to strengthen European research collaboration under Horizon Europe.

Researchers from Norway may seek funding for short-term visits in France for the purpose of launching and developing new joint research projects.

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About the call for proposals

The objective of the Aurora mobility call is to increase researcher mobility between Norway and France.

The budgetary framework for 2024 is roughly NOK 800 000. A maximum of NOK 100 000 may be sought per project. Projects may extend over one or two consecutive calendar years.

Financing of AURORA projects is done with funds from both Norway and France. Applications must be submitted in both countries to be processed. We therefore recommend that Norwegian applicants ensure that the French project leader submits an application for a stay in Norway to the French administration of the AURORA programme, [Campus France](#). The application deadline in France is the same day as in Norway, 18 September 2024.

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

Who is eligible to apply?

The call is open to [approved Norwegian research organisations](#) applying jointly with research organisations in France.

Who can participate in the project?

Requirements relating to the Project Owner

The organisation must be listed as the Project Owner in the application form and must have authorised you to submit the grant application.

If the application is a cooperation between several organisations in Norway, the Project Owner must submit the application on behalf of all Norwegian participants.

Requirements relating to the project manager

You must have an approved doctoral degree or achieved first-level competence before the application deadline. In this call, being or having been employed as a Researcher 1, Researcher 2, or Senior Researcher in the institute sector is considered first-level competence.

Typically, scientific staff/groups of researchers (normally 2–4 persons) will submit grant applications for funding for short-term stays in France. Early career researchers (including doctoral and post-doctoral research fellows) must participate in the travel activities.

What can you seek funding for?

Funding may be sought to cover travel and living expenses in France. Salary and purchase of equipment are not covered under the programme.

The following rates apply:

- Funding may be sought in a single grant application for 2–4 persons. A maximum of NOK 20 000 may be sought per person per calendar year. The maximum amount of support available per applicant/grant application is NOK 100 000.

- The Research Council may award funding to cover up to 100 per cent of approved project costs. The Research Council will disburse funding in arrears, based on the reported documented expenses.
- Travel expenses and actual costs relating to hotel accommodation and per diem according to the government rates for travel abroad. The rates per diem may be reduced if funding is sought for longer stays/multiple project participants.

If your project is granted funding, the following must be in place when you revise your grant application:

- 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.
- You can find the Research Council's prerequisites for funding in our General terms and conditions for R&D projects on the information page [What the contract involves](#).
- The Research Council requires full and immediate open access to scientific publications; see [Plan S – open access to publications](#).
- For all projects that manage research data, the Project Owner must ensure that a data management plan is drawn up and uploaded when the grant application is being revised. [You will find more information about what the data management plan must contain here](#).
- For medical and health-related studies involving human participants, the Research Council stipulates [special requirements and guidelines for registration and disclosure of medical and health-related studies involving human participants](#).

Reporting and disbursement of funding

Funding will be disbursed in arrears, and only actual expenses entered in the institution's accounts will be covered. All reporting must be done electronically.

Relevant thematic areas for this call

The programme is open to all subject areas and disciplines. Scientific staff/groups of researchers in the humanities and social sciences are especially encouraged to apply.

Internationalisation

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Practical information

Requirements for this funding scheme

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 Norwegian or English.
- All attachments must be uploaded in PDF format.

Mandatory attachments

- A project description of maximum 5 pages using the designated template, found at the end of this call.
- CVs for the project manager and all project participants in Norway, using the designated template, found at the end of this call.

Attachments other than the mandatory and optional attachments specified above, as well as any links to websites in the grant application, will not be included in the application review process.

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 to the application you upload to our system, so please make sure that you upload the correct file corresponding to the selected attachment type.

Administrative procedures


Grant applications will first be assessed for scientific merit in France, and then by a Research Council administrative panel together with our partners in France.

Importance will be attached to the following when reviewing grant applications:


- The exchange helps to establish new collaboration between the applicant institutions in the two countries.
- There are early career researchers involved in the project.
- The project team has described plans for any future collaborative projects, particularly under the direction of Horizon Europe.
- Whether the project manager or this project have received funding under the Aurora mobility programmes during the last two years (2023, 2024). Assuming that all other factors are equal, priority will be given to projects that have not received such funding in the last two years.


Decisions regarding grant allocations will be published in December 2024.

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Mal for prosjektbeskrivelse AURORA 2024.docx







Template for Project Description AURORA 2024.docx






Template for CV.docx



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About the results of the application assessment process

Total amount sought	NOK 2 597 000
Amount awarded	800 000
Total number of applications	29
Number of approved applications	9

Approved applications

Project no. ▾	Organization ▾	Project title ▾	Subject ▾	Sought ▾	Published ▾
355187	Høgskulen på Vestlandet	Critical metals in orogens	Forsknings-systemet	NOK 80 000	
355185	Norges teknisk-naturvitenskapelige universitet - NTNU	BOREALIS- enaBling knOwledge tRansfEr Among phytopLankton automated Imaging flow cytometer uSers	Forsknings-systemet	NOK 100 000	
355319	Norges teknisk-naturvitenskapelige universitet - NTNU	Deciphering The spEcificities of polygalacTuronases from the parasitic plant Cuscuta campestrIS	Forsknings-systemet	NOK 100 000	
355395	Norges teknisk-naturvitenskapelige universitet - NTNU	Research Exchange on Imaging Spectroscopy for Cultural Heritage	Forsknings-systemet	NOK 100 000	

Approved applications

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355232	Universitetet i Bergen	Isotope Snow-Atmosphere Modeling for Earth System Applications	Forsknings-systemet	NOK 100 000	
355273	Universitetet i Bergen	COMPUtational Tools for FLuid-Induced Seismicity	Forsknings-systemet	NOK 100 000	
355398	Universitetet i Oslo	Solid-state NMR study of metal-organic framework-based CO2-conversion catalysts	Forsknings-systemet	NOK 100 000	
355247	Universitetet i Tromsø - Norges arktiske universitet	ALATALAN – Assessing the importance of LATitude on the modulation of Artificial Light At Night on biodiversity	Forsknings-systemet	NOK 50 000	
355337	Universitetet i Tromsø - Norges arktiske universitet	PALEO-seda "A Journey in Archaeogenomics: Connecting Southern and Northern Perspectives for Research on Ancient DNA and Sediments"	Forsknings-systemet	NOK 100 000	

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