

## Svalbard Strategic Grant (SSG)

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The Svalbard Strategic Grant is a seed money program aimed at advancing coordination, collaboration and data sharing between researchers with a relevance to Svalbard.

The program is financed by the Research Council of Norway (RCN) and administered by the Svalbard Science Forum (SSF) secretariat in Longyearbyen. A call for proposals is made annually. The call is now open. This open-ended call is flexible and gives applicants the opportunity to apply for funding with no specific deadline.

Link to the full call text [here](#).

The program encourages workshops and network projects that advance coordination, collaboration and open sharing of data. Such activities could also include pilot studies and the planning of larger applications and/or projects. One can also apply for workshops or meetings to be held back-to-back to the Svalbard Science Conference in November 2021.

A total of up to NOK 3,5 million is made available for workshops and network projects every year. Each proposal may receive a maximum of NOK 500 000.

The application must be submitted by an approved Norwegian research organisation.

### **Priority in this call will be given to activities that contribute to:**

- develop existing, or establish new, scientific cooperation projects in Svalbard;
- increase cooperation between research localities in Svalbard (Longyearbyen, Ny-Ålesund, Barentsburg and Hornsund);
- put Svalbard research in a larger pan-Arctic and global perspective;
- achieve Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Reusable (FAIR) data management compliant with Svalbard Integrated Arctic Earth Observing System (SIOS), and;
- develop sustainable cooperation under the auspices of Svalbard Integrated Arctic Earth Observing System (SIOS)