

Guidelines

Mobility grant for Norwegian language, literature, and culture

Who may apply?

Master's and PhD students outside of Norway, who study at a department for Nordic or Scandinavian studies may apply. The student must have chosen Norwegian language, Norwegian literature, or Norwegian culture as the topic of their thesis/dissertation.

In cases where the student does not study at a department of Nordic or Scandinavian studies, the application may still be considered if their thesis/dissertation has a clear focus on Norwegian language, literature or culture.

Who may not apply:

- Bachelor students.
- Students who previously have received grants from HK-dir for the same project within the same level of education.
- Students with Norwegian citizenship studying at master's or PhD level at an institution outside of Norway.
- Students who already have submitted their thesis/dissertation.

Aim

The mobility grant is part of the Scheme for Norwegian Studies Abroad. The aim of the grant is to enable foreign master and Ph.D-students in Norwegian language, literature and culture to conduct their fieldwork in Norway as part of their thesis or dissertation project.

About the grant

The mobility grant is given as a contribution to cover expenses for travel, board, and lodging in connection with the fieldwork carried out in Norway.

The grant is awarded as a fixed rate *travel stipend* and fixed rate *residence stipend*. The *residence stipend* is awarded for a one, two or three months' stay in Norway. See the relevant [call for application](#) for updated rates.

If the fieldwork is completed earlier than planned, the student must repay the surplus grant for the remaining period.

About the application and application process

The application must be submitted online through [Espresso](#) by the application deadline. The application must include a project description and a clear justification for why a stay in Norway is essential for the project. The online application form gives further guidance on how to fill out the application.

The applicant must provide details of a supervisor from a Norwegian higher education or research institution where the field work will be carried out. The supervisor must hold a teaching or research position at the Norwegian host institution, have relevant expertise in the applicant's topic of interest, and must have agreed to supervise the student during their stay in Norway. A personal letter of invitation from the host institution must be attached to the application.

The applicants must also provide details of a supervisor at the higher education institution in their home country. A personal recommendation letter, on the institution's official letterhead, must be attached to the application.

Application requirements

The following minimum requirements apply:

- The application must be submitted by the application deadline that applies.
- The application must be submitted through the [online application portal Espresso](#).
- The application must be written in English or a Scandinavian language.
- The topic of the thesis/dissertation (project) must in a topic related to Norwegian language, Norwegian literature or Norwegian culture.
- The fieldwork must be completed at a Norwegian higher education institution.
- The application must contain the mandatory attachments:
 - a. A personal letter of invitation from the Norwegian higher education institution.
 - b. A letter of recommendation from the supervisor at the applicant's home institution.
 - c. A copy of passport/national ID.

Applications that do not meet the requirements may be rejected or assessed as incomplete. For applications with errors, HK-dir may give a short additional deadline to rectify the issue where possible. Attachments/links that are not required will not be included in the assessment of the application.

Assessment of the application

The applications will be assessed internally in HK-dir. We will assess:

- To what extent the project's theme is relevant to the call for applications.
- To what extent the project is described clearly.
- To what extent the field work in Norway adds value to the project.

Student specialising in Norwegian language and literature will be prioritized over applicants from other fields of study. If funds remain available, support may also be allocated to other fields.

All applicants are informed of the outcome of the application process.

Recipients of the grant will receive detailed information on the disbursement process. To accept the grant, the recipient must complete, sign and return an acceptance form to HK-dir. If the recipient also receives other grants or scholarships from HK-dir for the same period, HK-dir reserves the right to reject the application.

Requirements for reporting

The grant is awarded on the condition that the recipient submits a brief report on the fieldwork in Norway immediately upon returning home, but no later than one month after the stay has ended.

Other practical information

Each grant recipient is responsible for obtaining their own accommodation during their stay in Norway.

Grant recipients who require a visitor visa should apply for it as soon as possible. Visa applications should be submitted to well in advance of the planned visit to Norway. HK-dir cannot disburse the grant if the visa is denied, and the grant recipient is solely responsible for the visa application process.