

The Joint Committee for Nordic Research Councils for the Humanities and the Social Sciences (NOS-HS) hereby invites proposals for funding covering Nordic Collaborative Research Projects (NORDCORP)

Proposal deadline Thursday, 25 March 2010. (Proposals must be postmarked no later than 25 March 2010)

In order to promote the quality of Nordic research and the development of new and innovative research areas and research efforts within the humanities and social sciences in the Nordic countries, NOS-HS invites proposals for grants for NORdic Collaborative Research Projects (NORDCORP) held in the Nordic countries. NOS-HS expects to support approximately 6 projects.

NOS-HS supports both projects with the Nordic countries as their theme and projects with non-Nordic themes which otherwise encourage Nordic research collaboration in the area. This includes complementary use of competences in the Nordic countries, comparative research or projects that strengthen research in areas in which the participating countries' research environments can increase their critical mass. Both discipline-oriented and interdisciplinary projects can be awarded funding, and new research areas are of particular interest. Priority will be given to proposals for new consortia, i.e. groups of researchers who have not previously collaborated in joint projects. Please note that this does not exclude consortia of researchers who have been involved in pilot schemes or series of exploratory workshops. NOS-HS encourages the inclusion of researcher training in NORDCORP through PhD student exchange and postdoctoral grants.

Eligible principal investigators are researchers at, as a minimum, PhD level from universities or research institutions in the Nordic countries. The proposal must be submitted by a principal investigator together with at least two co-applicants. The applicants should be based at universities in at least three different Nordic countries. Co-applicants must also be researchers at PhD level from universities or research institutions in the Nordic countries. In addition to principal investigators and co-applicants, NORDCORP may have participants from both Nordic and non-Nordic countries. NOS-HS encourages young researchers to apply for funding.

NOS-HS encourages the participation of all Nordic countries as well as an even distribution of participants from the Nordic countries.

The projects are expected to begin in 2011 and have a duration of 36 to 48 months.

The maximum amount for a four year project is EUR 600,000, including a maximum of 20 per cent of the total amount applied for administrative expenses (overhead) in connection with the project.

For NORDCORP, it is possible to apply for funding for the following budget items only:

- Salary for scientific staff
- Salary for technical/administrative staff
- Data collection
- Travel expenses
- Seminars, meetings
- Dissemination, publication and similar
- A maximum of 20 per cent of the total of the above items for administrative expenses (overhead)

No additional funding can be expected from NOS-HS for this purpose or for any secondary activities. Please note that funding is usually not provided to purchase scientific equipment.

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The proposal should state whether project funding has been applied for from other sources. If funding is provided from other sources for a project already applied for or granted, the Committee must be informed immediately.

Assessment criteria

Proposals will be assessed in accordance with the following criteria:

- Quality, novelty value in relation to research and society as well as development opportunities of the project
- Problem formulation, theoretical foundation and suitability of the proposed methodology of the project
- Feasibility of the project (time schedule, suitability of the workplace – incl. access to research-related guidance and facilities in general)
- Nordic Added Value of the project
- Researcher training used in the project
- Scientific qualifications of principal investigator and co-applicants

Content of proposals

Proposals for funding to NORDCORP must be submitted on an application form for NORDCORP and must be written in English. The application form is available from the NOS-HS website www.nos-nop.org.

Furthermore, the following appendices must be submitted together with the proposal:

- A project description of no more than 24,000 characters (including blanks, but not including references); number to be stated at the end of the description) providing information about:
 - Project relevance: State why the project is important, including the novelty value of the project in relation to research and society, as well as development opportunities
 - Problem formulation: Specify the research topic(s) to be treated and resolved
 - Theoretical foundation
 - Methods to be used
 - Statement of the Nordic Added Value of the project
 - The research networks in which the applicant and co-applicants participate
 - Statement of how the project includes researcher training (e.g. PhD student exchange or postdoctoral grants)
 - The practical aspects of carrying out the project, including an account of the organisation of the project
 - Any scientific ethical issues in relation to the project
 - Dissemination and publication plans. NOS-HS strongly recommends that results from NORDCORP should be publicly available through electronic means (Open Access)
- Time and activity schedule for the research project
- CVs and lists of publications for the principal investigator and co-applicants (max. 2 pages for each person).
- Detailed budget submitted on the NOS-HS template (available at www.nos-nop.org)

Submission of proposals

The proposal deadline is Thursday, 25 March 2010. To be eligible for processing, a proposal must be postmarked no later than 25 March 2010. Proposals must be submitted in one original, 11 copies and on a CD-ROM in one PDF file. Proposals received by fax or e-mail are not accepted. Each copy of the proposal, including appendices, must be secured with one staple.

Please submit proposals to: **The NOS-HS Secretariat**
Danish Agency for Science, Technology and Innovation
Bredgade 40
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In the period 2007-2010, the NOP-HS secretariat is placed in Denmark and will, accordingly, be subject to Danish administrative law. This means, among other things, that NOS-HS will not accept supplementary material after the application deadline and that applications which fail to meet the requirements set out below will be rejected on formal grounds:

- Proposals must be submitted no later than 25 March 2010
- Proposals must be submitted using the required proposal form
- Proposals must include a project description
- Proposals must include CVs for the principal investigator and the co-applicants
- Proposals must include a detailed budget submitted using the required form

NOS-HS will set up an assessment panel which will make a final decision on the proposals to receive funding in October 2010. The names of successful applicants will be published on the Committee's website at www.nos-nop.org. Applicants will then receive a letter indicating the Committee's decision.

Questions pertaining to NORDCORP applications may be directed at Tina Varberg, tel. +45 3395 5265, e-mail tva@fi.dk.