

Annex 3: National guidelines for Norwegian applicant Organisation

Here we have an overview of the requirements and guidelines that apply to applicants from Norway that are to be financed by The Research Council of Norway.

Topic	Requirement/guideline
Project manager (PM)	Approved doctorate or similar qualifications before the date of the application submission deadline or if you do not have an approved doctorate but are qualified at associate professorship level or have current or previous employment in a position as forsker 1 (research professor), forsker 2 (senior researcher) or seniorforsker (senior researcher) in the institute sector or a health trust
Applicant organization	Only <u>Approved Norwegian research organizations</u> may apply. See the list of organizations at the bottom of the webpage. Intent to submit (LOI) form must be submitted to RCN from the Norwegian PI prior to deadline of submission. Other entities, including businesses, may be included as partners, but cannot receive funding from the Research Council of Norway in this call.
Eligible costs	Actual costs that are necessary to execute the project. See here for details: What to enter in the project budget (forskingsradet.no) The RCN will not award funding that constitutes state aid under this call.
Requirements for funded projects:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The participation must follow RCN's General Terms and Conditions for R&D Projects. • Norwegian project partners will sign a separate contract with the RCN. The currency in the Norwegian contracts will be in NOK. • The budget for the Norwegian partners shall follow RCN cost model and RCN regulations. • Project partners of funded projects will have to submit national application forms to The Research Council of Norway after notification.
Scope of funding per project	1 mill. NOK per project per year, up to 3 years. Total budget RCN: 12 mil. NOK for up to 4 projects.
Eligible thematic areas	AI and Hydrogen
Early career researchers	For Norwegian applicants "early career researchers" are defined as phd-students or postdoctoral candidates affiliated with a Norwegian host institution.

9 Evaluation Criteria (Draft)

Criteria	Indication	Score
Researcher Capacity (20)	Track record and Expertise of the researchers	10
	Appropriateness of research team organization	10
Excellence (30)	Excellence and Originality of the project's objectives	15
	Appropriateness of the methodology and feasibility	15
International Cooperation (30)	Necessity and Concreteness of international cooperation	15
	Complementarity of the research partners	15
Expected Impacts (20)	Dissemination and Exploitation of research results	10
	Academic, Economic, and Social impacts	10
Total		100

※ The above evaluation procedures and criteria may vary depending on the evaluation plan.

10 Application Guidance

- Korean applicants must submit all documents through the IRIS by the proposal submission deadline. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.
- The research institution must review and approve the proposal within the designated approval period.

Note: We recommend uploading your proposal at least 5 days before the deadline due to common errors in uploading your proposal.

- Re-announcement of the call is possible if there are no applicants or less than the number of projects to support is received.
- Applications may be excluded from evaluation in case such as submission after the deadline, incomplete documents, duplication of research proposals with other projects, ineligibility to apply.
- If it turns out that the submitted proposals and relevant documents contain statements that are not true, selection could be cancelled.
- If there is no project that meets the program requirements, we might not select any project.
- The announcement may be modified during the announcement period, and if modifications occur, it will be notified through the NRF announcement board.

11 Contract Information

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