

To the national organisations of the Association of Nordic University Rectors Conference
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Nordic research cooperation 2024-2028 - new instrument

As previously informed, NordForsk will establish a new instrument for university cooperation for the years 2024-2028. You were all invited to give your response to the draft principles of 12 May 2021. I will thank you for the feedback given. Your comments were enclosed the documents presented to the NordForsk board before the meeting of 13 October.

The board decided the following principles for the new call:

1. Overall objective for the call.	Strengthen international competitiveness, facilitate the development of world-leading Nordic research environments.
2. Eligible applicants	Universities, university colleges, and universities of applied sciences in the Nordic Region. Other public and/or private institutions can be partners, but not receive funding from NordForsk.
3. Organisation and distribution of budget between partners	Networks consisting of at least three institutions located in three different countries/autonomous regions can receive funding. (Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Faroe Islands, Greenland, Åland).
4. Themes	Open to all themes and disciplines.
5. Activities that can be funded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mobility and networking activities • guest researchers • PhD students and post. docs. • workshops, seminars and conferences • research training (e.g. intensive courses, field courses, summer schools and joint courses); • communication and dissemination activities,



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• and other activities that promote the co-operational framework and are necessary for implementation of the collaboration.
6. Time frame for funding	5 years (Jan 2024- dec 2028).
7. Total NordForsk funding	100 MNOK (20 MNOK annually).
8. Funding per project	Maximum 4 MNOK from NordForsk annually. NordForsk will fund up to 1/3 of the budget. The remaining 2/3 will be provided by the research consortia themselves
9. Assessment process	A two-phase process with pre-proposals in the first phase. The proposals will be assessed in a peer-review process using international experts and a Nordic call-committee based on specified criteria, including Nordic added value.

We will now recruit members to a call committee who will assist NordForsk detailing the call. We plan to open the call in the first half of 2022

Best regards

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