

## Guidelines

### Mobility Grant for Norwegian Language, Literature and Culture

#### 1. Aim

The Mobility Grant for Norwegian Language, Literature and Culture shall facilitate foreign students' study/ research stay in Norway.

#### 2. Who may apply?

The Mobility grant is awarded master and Ph.D. students in countries outside Norway, at institutions with a Department for Nordic/Scandinavian studies, whom have chosen Norwegian language, literature or culture as topic for their dissertation. The grant must be used for fieldwork in Norway in connection with the dissertation.

Who may *not* apply:

- Bachelor students
- Students who have previously received grants from Diku/Hk-dir for the same project within the same educational level
- Students with Norwegian citizenship, studying at Master or Ph.D. level at an institution outside Norway

#### 3. The grant

The grant is given as a contribution to covering expenses of travel, board and lodging in connection with the research stay in Norway.

- *Travel grant:*

The following fixed rates apply:

- NOK 3,000 for travel from countries in Europe
- NOK 4,500 for travel from St. Petersburg and Moscow in Russia
- NOK 6,000 for travel from other cities in Russia, other Eurasia countries and countries outside of Europe

- *Grant for board and lodging:*

The grant follows the rates set by The Norwegian State Educational Loan Fund for basic support and shall cover board and lodging. See the current call for applications for updated rate.

The grant for board and lodging must proportionately be paid back if the fieldwork in Norway ends earlier than planned. Any surplus of the grant may be subject to tax depending on the tax authorities' judgement.

The mobility grant is awarded for a minimum of one, two-, or three-months' fieldwork at a Norwegian educational/research institution.

#### 4. Conditions for application

- The topic for the dissertation (project) must be Norwegian language, Norwegian literature or Norwegian culture, and the application must include an extensive description of the project.
- The fieldwork must be conducted at a Norwegian higher educational/research institution, and the applicant must provide details of a tutor at this institution who has agreed to tutor the student during his/her stay in Norway.
- A personal invitation letter from the Norwegian institution must be attached to the application.
- The stay in Norway should normally be during the semester periods, but fieldwork during the summer months may also be accepted. The timing of the applicant's stay in Norway must be agreed by the applicant and the tutor in Norway in co-operation.

- The grant may not be used for participation at summer courses/summer schools.
- A recommendation from the home institution tutor is mandatory.

## 5. Application process

There is one annual deadline for the mobility grant. Norwegian Directorate for Higher Education and Skills (HK-dir) announces the deadline on the webpage: <https://studyinnorway.no>

The application must be sent online in Espresso <https://espresso.diku.no/espresso/>

The application must include an extensive and specific description of the project, with an account of theme, a description of the problem for discussion, a list of sources and reasons for why a stay in Norway is relevant.

The applicant must also provide details of a tutor with a teaching and/or research position at an institution of higher learning in Norway, who has agreed to tutor the student during his/her stay in Norway. The tutor must have special competence in the applicant's topic for dissertation.

A personal invitation letter from the Norwegian institution must be attached to the application.

All applicants must also provide details of a tutor at their home institution in their application. The tutor in the country of origin must write a recommendation letter of the applicant and his/her project. The recommendation letter should be written with the institution's letterhead and signed. The recommendation letter must be attached to the application.

Applications without an invitation letter and/or a recommendation letter will not be assessed.

## 6. Application assessment

The applications will be assessed by the Programme Committee for Norwegian Studies Abroad, and reply letters are sent by e-mail. In case the application is refused or partly refused, the reply letter will contain information about complaint procedures.

If the application is found worthy of support, the reply letter will contain information about how the scholarship is paid out. An acceptance form must be signed and returned to HK-dir within the deadline stated in the reply letter. If the receiver of the grant also receives other HK-dir-grants for the same period, HK-dir may decline the application.

## 7. Practical Information

The receiver of mobility grant is responsible for finding accommodation during the stay in Norway. In need of a visa for entering Norway, please apply for a visitors' visa at the nearest Norwegian embassy/consulate in due time before departure.

## 8. Reporting

The mobility grant is given on the prerequisite that the receiver submits a short report to HK-dir within one month after finishing the fieldwork in Norway. The report form is available in Espresso under "My tasks".

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