NORHED II Call for Proposals

Information Meeting Webinar - 3 April 2020
NORHED II

NORHED is Norway’s flagship programme on capacity development of higher education and research.

The aim it to strengthen the capacity of higher education institutions in developing countries to produce:

- Higher-quality graduates
- More and higher-quality research
- More inclusive higher education
Key characteristics

- North-South-South partnership model
- Mutual partnerships
- Demand driven
- Connecting education & research
- Holistic approach
- Employability
- Gender
- Inclusion
- Digitalisation

Cross cutting issues:
- Human rights
- Women’s rights and gender equality
- Environment and climate change
- Anti-corruption
Thematic sub-programmes

1. Education and Teacher training
2. Health
3. Climate Change and Natural Resources
4. Political and Economic Governance
5. Humanities and Social Sciences
6. Energy

For a detailed outline of each sub-programme, see Annex 1 to the Programme Document.
Eligible partners

Required partners:

- Higher education institutions accredited/recognized by in-country national authorities in countries registers as OECD DAC official development assistance recipients.

- Norwegian higher education institutions accredited by NOKUT.

Other:

- Other relevant actors (in Norway and developing countries) can be included as project partners in partnership with accredited HEI as listed above.

The agreement partner in NORHED II shall be accredited Norwegian higher education institutions.
Priority countries

12 prioritized countries:

- Colombia, Ethiopia, Ghana, Indonesia, Malawi, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Palestine, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda

- Norway also gives priority to Least Developed Countries in Sub-Saharan Africa.

- North-South-South collaboration is strongly encouraged.

- Collaborating partners can be within one country, or within/across region(s).
Project management

One joint plan that specifies commitments, roles and responsibilities of each partner

One Partnership Committee with representation from all partners, to ensure dialogue and joint ownership

One coordinating institutional partner responsible for the overall planning, implementation, reporting and monitoring of the project.

Consolidated agreements for partners with more than one project.
Budgetary framework

Long term commitment

Project period:
- either 3 or 6 years

Tentative project budgets:
- NOK 10-20 million

Total budgetary framework:
- NOK 1 billion
What can be supported?

Five budget categories:

1. Salary and personnel costs
2. External consultants
3. Travel costs
4. Investments
5. Other costs

See Budget Guidelines for more details.
How to apply?

- Applications must be submitted electronically through MFA/Norad’s Grants Portal.
- User guidelines for the Grants Portal are available under “Help”.
- Technical support: support.grants.portal@mfa.no
Important documents

- www.norad.no/norhed

Programme documents

- NORHED II - Programme Document (including Annex 1 - Thematic sub-programmes and Annex 2 - Indicators menu and guidelines)

Guidelines:

- Budget guidelines
- Evaluation process and Evaluation grid
- Application guidelines

Templates:

- Budget templates:
  - Projects with 3 partners
  - Projects with 4 partners
  - Projects with 5 partners

- Results framework
Checklist

✓ Application form - Grants Portal

Required attachments:
✓ Detailed budget
✓ Results framework
✓ CVs
✓ Letter of commitment

See Application Guidelines for more details.
Assessment process

- Formal criteria
- Independent Review Committees (IRCs)
- Norwegian Embassies
- Norad’s technical departments

See Evaluation Process and Evaluation Grid for more details.
Timeline:

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<td>Launch of NORHED II call</td>
<td>10 March 2020</td>
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<td>Application deadline</td>
<td>5 June 2020&lt;br&gt;Extended until 26 June 2020, at 13:00 CET</td>
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*NB: please note that adjustments to the timeline may occur.*

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