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International Cooperation

*bi- or multilateral agreements to foster international collaboration: multiple calls*

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

The FNR maintains an increasing number of collaboration agreements that secure funding of all research partners after a single evaluation of the joint research proposal.

**FNR Bilateral**

Currently, the FNR has 18 bilateral collaboration agreements with 13 countries worldwide.

**FNR Multilateral**

The FNR is partner in more than 10 international research networks offering multilateral research opportunities with over 35 countries for researchers based in Luxembourg.

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NORFACE launches new programme Democratic governance in a turbulent age

The NORFACE (New Opportunities for Research Funding Agency Cooperation in Europe) Network is pleased to launch its sixth joint transnational research programme with the topic Democratic governance in a turbulent age. Researchers from the social sciences are invited to apply for funding on behalf of an international consortium, comprised of researchers from three or more countries that participate in this NORFACE Call for Proposals.
The programme is structured around five of the most important challenges to democratic governance and politics, described in detail in the Programme Text accompanying this Call for Proposals. The following five themes have been prepared by an international, multi-disciplinary group of experts.

1. Inequality and redistribution
2. The evolving politics of threat
3. The democratisation of information
4. Shifting identities and representation
5. The changing authority of institutions

The programme encourages proposals based on a comparative perspective, both cross-national and across time.

Proposals can emphasize theoretical developments, qualitative investigation, quantitative data as well as summaries of existing empirical evidence, including reviews and meta analyses.
Democratic politics and governance in Europe are facing turbulent times.

With this major joint transnational research programme, NORFACE (New Opportunities for Research Funding Agency Cooperation in Europe) offers a timely investigation of the precise nature of the turbulence, but also how European states can negotiate it and develop strategies to enhance the quality of democratic politics and governance.

This programme has three major objectives:

• To develop innovative and excellent research proposals addressing important challenges to democratic governance and politics;

• To produce added value through the development of European cross-national research collaborations exploring the impacts of variations in social, economic, cultural and political contexts on changes in how democracies work;

• To identify promising forms of policy innovation and institutional design and explore the conditions for their application in different jurisdictions.
Who can apply

• Researchers can submit a proposal on behalf of a project team comprised of at least three (3) eligible research partners based in three or more different countries participating in this NORFACE Call.

Only researchers employed in the following countries are eligible to apply as Main Applicant or Co-Applicant, irrespective of their nationality: Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Ireland, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom. Researchers from other countries may participate as a Co-operation Partner.

• All partners in a project team must have the interest and competence to undertake social science research within the specified topic of the Governance programme.

• Individual researchers and stakeholders may participate in a maximum of two proposals, and an applicant is allowed to apply only once as Main Applicant.

• Transnational and national or regional eligibility rules apply. Please refer to the national annexes in the Call for Proposals for requirements per country or region.
What to apply for

• Project teams with three research partners from three different countries participating in this NORFACE Call may request a maximum of € 1,200,000 in total across these partners.

• Project teams with four or more research partners from at least four different countries participating in this NORFACE Call may request a maximum of € 1,500,000 in total across these partners.

• Projects can have a duration of up to 36 consecutive months, with a minimum of 24 months.

• Each research partner may request funding for personnel costs, consumables, travel costs, equipment and subcontracting in accordance with the national or regional eligibility rules applicable to them.
Outline Proposals are invited with a deadline of **19 February 2019**, 14.00 CE(S)T.

The deadline for Full Proposals will be **10 September 2019**, 14.00 CE(S)T. Applicants will be informed on the result of the Outline Proposal stage in May 2019.
Criteria

All Outline Proposals and Full Proposals are assessed based on three criteria. All three criteria will be taken into consideration and will be given equal weight.

1. Scientific excellence - Quality of the transnational project

2. Quality and efficiency of the implementation and the management

3. Potential impact
Eligible Outline Proposals will be assessed by an Evaluation Panel of international experts, who make a selection of proposals that could be funded based on the programme’s assessment criteria. Applicants will be informed on the results of the Outline Proposal stage in May 2019.

Eligible Full Proposals are submitted for assessment to external reviewers and applicants will be able to comment on the external reviews.

The Evaluation Panel then assesses the applications, reviews, and rebuttals, arriving at a list of projects recommended for funding based on the assessment criteria.

The NORFACE Network Board expects to make funding decisions and inform applicants in March 2020.

the total reserved budget for this Call is € 17.6 million. This programme is funded by 21 funding agencies from 19 countries across Europe and the European Commission
NORFACE is committed to gender equality, because we believe it is vital to attract and harness talent from the widest range of people to deliver the very best research. The aim of the network is therefore to ensure that its procedures champion gender equality.
- Avoid overambitious/overloaded projects

- Think of a Risk assessment or of including “Plan Bs” while considering the work plan

- Composition of project teams: Each project team should strive to include researchers early in their careers, including post-doctoral and PhD students, as participants in the project. NORFACE strives to promote gender equality, please refer to the NORFACE Statement on Gender Equality

Take care of specific budget rules / eligibility of the proposal!

- If in doubt, ask your Programme Manager for clarification!