FAQ

Project leader and Letter of Commitment

Questions:

- Can a researcher be involved in multiple applications as a partner, without being a project leader?
- Can a visiting professor at an institution represent this institution in the application?

Answer:

A researcher may only serve as project leader for one application under this call. However, research institutions may be affiliated with more than one application.

A researcher can be involved in more than one application, but only as project leader in one. Researchers must be affiliated with their relevant institution during the project period, and this is confirmed in the letter of commitments.

Baltic participation

Question:

What are the conditions for funding for Baltic partners?

Answer:

Check Annex 1 in the call text and contact the relevant Baltic funders for further instructions. Baltic funding comes in addition to the Nordic budget.

Question:

What happens when the project gets funded but there is not enough funding for the Baltic partner?

Answer:

Decisions will be made for entire projects including possible Baltic partners. Projects are ranked according to the criteria outlined in the call and the assessment made by the international review panels.

Question:

In the application there is the sections for total budget and total budget for Nordic partners. Does it mean, that to the first one you calculate the Baltic partners budgets too (in NOK)?

Answer:

In the Total budget section the budget for possible Baltic partners should be included in NOK.

Question:

Is it a requirement to have a Baltic partner, in addition to the Nordic partners? Or something you would strongly recommend for this specific call?

Answer:

It is not a requirement. The quality of the research team will be evaluated by international peer review and the NordForsk administration does not give any recommendations about the set up of individual projects.

Project partner, sub-contractor, stakeholder and advisory board

The research consortium must include research performing organisations* in at least four Nordic or Baltic countries, of which at least three must be Nordic. Nordic countries are defined here as Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Faroe Islands, Greenland, and Åland Islands.

In this call research performing institutions can only be project partners.

Project Owner and/or partners in the project can engage subcontractors to provide services that contribute to the implementation of certain tasks in the project. Subcontractors may not be granted rights to project results.

Question:

Can a company be an associated participant in the application to show the societal impact of the application?

Answer:

A company can have different roles in a project depending on how they would contribute to carrying out the project. They can be stakeholders or subcontractors.

Question:

Can hospitals or doctors be included as advisory board members without receiving direct funding?

Answer:

Yes.

Question:

Can we have a collaborator from outside the Nordic or Baltic countries?

Answer:

Salaries for applicants not affiliated to a research institution in the Nordic or Baltic countries cannot be claimed as part of the project costs. Partner institutions from outside the Nordic-Baltic region must fund their own participation; however, travel and accommodation costs may be covered. This includes stakeholders. This does not apply to institutions based in the Russian Federation and Belarus, they may not participate in projects funded by this call.

Question:

How many max partners?

Answer:

There is no maximum, only a minimum requirement for involved partners.

Early career researcher

Question:

The call mentions that early career researchers should be included in key roles. Are there any PhD age ranges you consider for defining "early career" or does this all depend on individual judgements of qualifications, etc.?

Answer:

We have not included a definition of early career researchers in this call. You can check with your national guidelines.

Development

Questions:

Can proposals involve technical development of AI systems and algorithms?

Answer:

Unlike traditional AI research and innovation, which often centres on pure technological advancements, this initiative seeks to explore the use, development and implementation of AI, on an individual, organisational and societal level, creating prerequisites for responsible and critical future approaches. Approaches focusing on pure AI technology advancement or development are not included in this framework whereas approaches which seek to optimise existing AI methods or algorithms towards responsible use and functionalities are included.

If some technological development and optimisation is important to carry out the project and answer the research questions, then it can be included. This will be part of the evaluation of the project.