



Universitetet i Bergen

Announcement of Project Funding for Cooperation Activities within the Framework of the University of the Arctic (UArctic) 2022-2024

UiT The Arctic University of Norway is pleased to announce the funding scheme to support activities within the cooperation framework of UArctic.

Only UArctic member institutions from Norway can apply on behalf of the project partners. This cover letter and the enclosed guidelines and application form are written in English to facilitate the involvement of project partners in the application preparations. Please read the enclosed documents carefully and note that the application form has to be forwarded as a word document.

The total allocation sum will be in the area of NOK 2,5 million. Projects may be funded with a maximum total of NOK 400 000. Only applications for two-year support are eligible for funding.

The applications and its overall application quality will be assessed by two external specialist committees. UArctic will safeguard that the intentions and outcomes of the project proposals are in line with the values, objectives and strategic priorities of UArctic, see [UArctic Strategic Plan 2030](#).

The application deadline is **April 19, 2022 by 23:59 (CEST)**. Complete project applications have to be submitted by email to Ingvild Svestad at ingvild.svestad@uit.no. Project applications must be endorsed by the Head of the appropriate institution level. In case of more than one application from the same department/faculty/institution, a priority list must be signed by either the Head of Department, the Dean or Rector. An email-message to Ingvild Svestad will suffice.

Please note that incomplete applications and applications without a total financing plan and a detailed budget will not be handled. Inquiries can be addressed to Ingvild Svestad.

Yours sincerely

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This document is approved electronically - no signature is required



Call for Applications: 2022 UArctic Project Call for Networking Activities on UArctic Research and Education

The University of the Arctic (UArctic) call is now open for applications for networking projects in Arctic research and education.

Who can apply?

UArctic encourage engagement between Norwegian UArctic member institutions and other UArctic member institutions for UArctic activities. The main applicant has to come from a UArctic member university in Norway. A complete and updated [list of member institutions](#) can be found on the UArctic website. The main applicant and project lead institution need to be a UArctic member.

Amount of funding

The funding is targeted to support new cooperative projects on networking activities related to Arctic research and education, across all fields of science. Projects may be funded with a maximum total of NOK 400 000. In total NOK 2,5 million has been allocated for this call by UiT The Arctic University of Norway.

Funding cannot be applied retrospectively and you cannot apply for funding for activities already carried out at the time when the funding decision is made.

Duration of the project

Projects can have a maximum duration of two years within the timeframe September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2024.

Priorities will be given to the projects which fulfil the following criteria:

1. Have a minimum of three UArctic partners (at least one UArctic member from Norway). However, it is beneficial to have more than three countries involved (there is no limit to the maximum **number** of partners). The majority of the project partners will have to come from UArctic member organizations. Including partners from other Arctic organizations such as International Arctic Social Sciences Association (IASSA) and International Arctic Science Committee (IASC) and all UArctic member regions (North America, Nordic countries, Russia, Asia and Europe) will be considered an asset. Unilateral (national) projects are ineligible for funding.

2 a) Involve activities within existing UArctic Thematic Networks or UArctic Institutes. The linkage to the Network or Institute needs to be clearly defined by an established contact to the Network or Institute in question. The activities need to be highlighted and specified. For a list of existing networks and Institutes please see: <https://www.uarctic.org/organization/thematic-networks/>

or

2 b) Develop a new Thematic Network or an UArctic [Institute](#). A description of the developmental-process and preparations needs to be clearly elaborated.

3. Activities that meet the UArctic values. All applications are evaluated based on the guidelines and most importantly on how the project meets the UArctic's six values. Fulfilling all the six values is

regarded as excellent, but addressing minimum four out of six is sufficient. In case the project addresses only some of the six values, please describe the reasons for it.

UArctic values:

Circumpolar

UArctic promotes northern voices and a circumpolar world view.

Inclusive

UArctic embraces and respects cultural diversity, language plurality, and gender equality.

Respectful

UArctic promotes relationships of respect, trust, and partnership, and embraces the perspectives and knowledge of northern Indigenous Peoples.

Collaborative

UArctic is committed to supporting participatory approaches to the production and sharing of knowledge.

Open

UArctic is a university network without walls, committed to reducing all barriers to cooperation - across borders, cultures, and academic systems, embracing transparency and openness.

Influential

UArctic provides decision-makers with knowledge-based advice that supports sustainable development in the Arctic.

Activities eligible for funding:

- Establishment and development of a UArctic Thematic Network or a UArctic Institute
- Development of joint courses or joint degree programs on topics with northern relevance at bachelor's, master's or PhD level
- Development of flexible education, especially online-based programs or courses
- Networking activities related to research activities conducted by the UArctic Thematic Networks. A full list of the Thematic Networks can be found on the UArctic [website](#).
- Education or research activities focusing on Indigenous issues.

Eligible costs:

- Meeting and workshop expenses (e.g. venue, meals, accommodation and travels of the participants)
- Teaching fees or payments and per diems. Please note that you cannot cover the permanent salaries for scientific/academic or technical/administrative staff.
- Costs for online conference platforms and tools
- Consumables related to research work
- Overhead costs cannot be covered
- Applicants should document funding of at least 25% of the total budget from in kind and/or other sources.

Application deadline and procedures

Applications have to be submitted by email to ingvild.svestad@uit.no by **April 19, 2022, by 23:59 (CEST)**. **Applications received after the deadline or incomplete applications will not be evaluated.** The funding decisions will be made by the end of June 2022, and the grants need to be accepted by successful candidates by August 15, 2022, at 16:00 (CEST). We encourage to supplement mobility costs by using the north2north programme for [student](#) or [researcher mobility](#), if relevant.

Applications have to include:

- A filled-in application form
- A project plan in a separate document
- A detailed budget in a separate document - specify applied UArctic funding and funding from other sources separately
- The applying institution must provide an endorsement letter from the appropriate leadership level
- If project focuses on research, please attach also the main applicant's CV (max two pages) with a list of relevant publications.

Project plan (maximum of 5 pages) has to be attached to the application form and needs to include:

1. The purpose and overall goal of the project
2. List and descriptions of the concrete deliverables
3. Description of the project activities (could be divided into work packages).
4. Description of how the project fits in with the [UArctic strategic plan](#), and how each of the six UArctic values are met. If some values (e.g. Indigenous representation) are not included, please explain the reason.
5. What are the planned project outputs (activity results), outcomes for the target group(s) and impacts on the target group(s) wider society, e.g. how will the outcomes benefit the circumpolar world?
6. Internal project evaluation and communication plan, including measuring impact of the activities and how the sustainability of the project will be ensured.

UArctic evaluation

UArctic evaluation focuses on three dimensions of excellence:

- UArctic values: relevance to the North as expressed through six UArctic values. How the project contributes to circumpolar cooperation, its inclusiveness and openness and diversity of partners and is relevant to Northern communities and peoples, also contributes to policy making.
- Academic excellence and feasibility of the applied project (education and/or research), its interdisciplinary and inclusion of Indigenous knowledge and other knowledge systems. The experience and scientific merits of the lead applicant.
- Project's management: communication plan, internal and external risk management, sustainability plans for the activity, long-term impacts and internal evaluation. Budget must reflect the project activities in a realistic manner.

The grant is managed and administered by UiT The Arctic University of Norway in accordance with the recommendations from the Ministry of Education and Research in Norway.



Application Form

UArctic Project Grants 2022. Deadline: April 19, 2022 at 23:59 (CEST)

Please read the call text before submitting the application

1. Applying institution

Name of institution:	
Contact person:	
Address:	
Phone:	Email:

2. Project details

Title:	
Start date:	End date:
Amount applied:	

3. Summary of the project

Describe shortly the project's objectives, milestones, target audience and main deliverables/activities. This summary will be published on UArctic website, if the project is successful. Max. 1000 characters (about 12 lines).

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4. Project lead institution and project coordinator. Note the role and relevance of [UArctic values](#) has to be clearly described.

Lead institution:	
Name of project coordinator:	
Please specify clearly the role of partner in this project:	
Describe how project lead partner addresses the UArctic values:	
Address:	
Phone:	Email:

5. UArctic Project Partner(s). Please list all the UArctic member partners that are involved or benefit from the project. Note, the role and relevance of [UArctic values](#) has to be clearly described for each project partner.

Name(s):
Organization and Country:
Please specify clearly the role (tasks and responsibilities) of partner in this project:

Describe how project partner addresses the UArctic values:

Name(s):
Organization and Country:
Please specify clearly the role (tasks and responsibilities) of partner in this project:
Describe how project partner addresses the UArctic values:

(copy as appropriate)

6. Non-UArctic Project Partners. Please list all individuals and organizations who you partner with.

Name(s):
Organization and Country:
Please specify clearly the role (tasks and responsibilities) of partner in this specific project:

Describe how project partner addresses the UArctic values:

(copy as appropriate)

7. Management of the project: steering committee, reference group etc.

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8. Does the project link to existing Thematic Networks or UArctic Institutes?

Yes, which one?:

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No, but we will establish a new one with the tentative title:

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9. Academic field - please tick categories of existing fields or name a new field if new project

	Business, Politics & Law
	Culture & Social Sciences
	Engineering & Technology
	Health & Education
	Humanities & Arts
	Natural Sciences
	Other:

10. The type(s) of eligible activity applied for

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11. Sustainability

UArctic's strong priority is the project's ability to find other/supplementary means for long-term sustainability.

a. How will long-term sustainability of the project activities and results be secured?

b. What actions will be taken to ensure long-term benefit from the investment?

c. How will this project secure future funding (if relevant)?

12. Risks

List any foreseeable risks and what can be done to mitigate them:

a. Internal risks (project implementation risks)

b. External risks

13. Time frame – Activity calendar

Main activities:	Starting month/ year	Ending month/ year

14. Budget (A detailed and realistic budget reflecting the project activities is mandatory and to be attached separately)

Financing plan

Total budget expenses	NOK
Consumables related to research work	
Salary-related expenses	
Costs for online conference platforms and tools	
Per diem and travel expenses	
Other (if relevant, please specify)	
Financing:	
Lead institution	
Partner(s)	
Other sources* (please give the names of sources)	
Applicant and partner contribution (should be at least 25% in-kind)	
Total amount applied for the UArctic funding scheme	

*for instance, expected North2North-mobility: <https://education.uarctic.org/mobility/about-north2north/>

15. Are you applying for other funding resources?

a. Name the other funding schemes for this project

b. The title of the proposal, responsible applicant and amount applied for

16. Relations to previous and/or ongoing projects

Is this project application a continuation of or a supporting project to any other activity that has already received or is presently receiving funding from UArctic?

a. Yes No

b. Name of project

c. Name of institution and project coordinator

d. When and where was a report submitted? Attach a copy if relevant.

e. Please explain how this project is related/linked to other projects that are not funded by UArctic.

17. Project plan

Please attach the project plan with the following items (maximum 5 pages):

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