

## Cooperation Programme with Russia 2011-2016



### Call for proposals 2013

SIU invites Norwegian higher education institutions to apply for funding of cooperation with institutions in Russia within the Norwegian Cooperation Programme in Higher Education with Russia.

The programme is funded by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and managed by SIU.

#### Who may apply?

Eligible participants in the programme are Norwegian universities, specialised university institutions and university colleges as well as university colleges with individual study programmes accredited by NOKUT. For Russian institutions, all fully accredited higher education institutions – private and public – are eligible, provided that they can offer education at a level comparable to what is offered at the Norwegian partner institution.

#### Priority will be given to proposals with potential for contributing to the following goals

- To increase cooperation on the development of sustainable study programmes in sectors, which are of high priority at the educational institutions in question as well as at national level.
- Sharing of Norwegian experiences with regard to the Bologna process.
- To enhance the quality of education in the educational institutions involved in the projects
- To increase academic cooperation and relations between Norway and Russia.
- To increase mutual knowledge of each others' language and culture.

#### Eligible areas of support

- Humanities
- Social sciences
- Business development
- Petroleum
- Maritime studies
- Climate and energy
- Environmental sciences and sustainable use of resources
- Health

The academic areas also apply for professional studies.

#### Application categories

The programme has two project categories; long-term project cooperation and limited cooperation activities. Both categories will be considered for support in this call.

**Long-term project cooperation** may be conducted during the period 2013-2016. All project activities must be completed by **June 30, 2016**.

A total of NOK 18,000,000 is available for long-term project cooperation. The total sum applied for should not exceed NOK 3,000,000 for projects involving two institutions, or NOK 3,500,000 for network projects with three or more partners.

Support may be given to the following activities:

- Development of joint courses, study programmes and degrees
- Training/competence-building of academic staff
- Training/competence-building of technical and administrative staff
- Student grants
- Publication and dissemination
- Infrastructure
- Travel

**Limited cooperation activities** must be completed by **December 31, 2014**.

A total of NOK 2,200,000 is available for limited cooperation activities. The total sum applied for should not exceed NOK 200 000 for projects involving two institutions, or NOK 300 000 for network projects with three or more partners.

Support may be given to the development of relations and cooperation between higher education institutions in Norway and Russia through limited joint activities, such as:

- Networking/workshops/seminars/study visits
- Development of joint courses, study programs and degrees
- Intensive courses
- Joint teaching and supervision
- Mobility of students and faculty
- Other activities may also be supported

Such activities may, but do not have to, aim for further development into a long-term collaborative project.

Calls for proposals for limited cooperation activities are expected annually during the programme period. Calls will be announced at [www.siu.no/russia](http://www.siu.no/russia)

### How to apply?

Please consult the **Programme Document 2011-2016** for details regarding application procedures and other relevant information. The Programme Document is available at: <http://www.siu.no/russia>.

Interested Norwegian and Russian institutions should prepare and submit joint applications through SIUs online application facility, <http://espresso.siu.no>.

In addition to the online application, a **signature form** must be signed and submitted to SIU by e-mail or regular mail. This page is automatically created in Espresso when applications are submitted, and must be signed by the project coordinator and the rector (or a person authorized to sign on his/her behalf) at each of the main participating partner institutions. Additional network partners are not required to sign the signature form.

**Final deadline for submitting applications is June 7, 2013 at 15:00 hours CET (UTC+1)**

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