

## **THE FUNDING SCHEME FOR COOPERATIVE PROJECTS WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY OF THE ARCTIC (UARCTIC)**

### **APPLICATION GUIDELINES 2017-2018**

Institutions of higher education in Northern Norway are granted annual funding for cooperation activities within the framework of UArctic.

UiT The Arctic University of Norway is responsible for the management and administration of the grant scheme in accordance with the recommendations from the Ministry of Education and Research and the priorities of UArctic.

#### **Main principles and guidelines**

##### *On the project partnership*

- Only project groups including institutions of higher education in northern Norway can apply.
- Only a UArctic member institution in northern Norway can act as the applying institution whereas a non-Norwegian UArctic partner or a south Norwegian UArctic partner can be the project lead institution.
- The applying institution must provide an endorsement letter from the appropriate leadership level.
- Non-UArctic institutions may be partners, but cannot receive monetary support from this funding scheme.
- The project must involve a minimum of two UArctic partner institutions, but there is no limit to the maximum number of partners.
- Unilateral (national) projects are ineligible.

##### *Basic funding principles*

- This funding scheme was established to facilitate the development of new and innovative projects for institutions in northern Norway within the framework of UArctic.
- The application must contain a description of how the applicant plans to maintain and sustain the activity after the project period.
- Funding will ordinarily not be granted for mere updates, revisions or regular continuation of projects that have already been granted funding.
- Regular salaries cannot be funded, although a minor part of the project costs can be used for temporary staff hours.
- Overhead costs cannot be covered.
- A total financing plan and a detailed budget must be presented in the application.
- Applicants should document funding of at least 50 % of the total budget from in kind and/or other sources.
- A full account of the expenditures must accompany the textual report, including expenditure from in-kind and/or other sources of income.

#### *Prioritized areas of cooperation in 2017-20168*

- Establishment and development of thematic networks
- Development of joint courses or joint degree programs in northern studies/studies of northern relevance at higher education level (bachelor's, master's and PhD level)
- Development of flexible education, especially internet based programs or courses, whether wholly or partly online delivery
- Indigenous subjects/topics
- Academic staff mobility (faglig mobilitet), see separate guidelines
- Other areas of importance to UArctic <http://www.uarctic.org/about-uarctic/strategic-plan/>

#### *Allocation sums and project periods*

- Each project team can apply for a maximum of NOK 250 000 per academic year.
- Projects may in special circumstances be granted support up to a maximum of NOK 500 000 per year.
- A follow-up application for a second project year may be supported provided satisfactory progress during the first year is well documented and a second year is deemed highly valuable to the overall outcome and sustainability.
- Pre-projects (pilot studies, feasibility studies) may be supported.
- Projects may in special circumstances be granted support for a period of three consecutive years.

Incomplete applications will not be handled.

#### *Application and reporting process*

- Application deadline April 18, 2017
- The applicants will be notified by end of June 2017
- The project funding will be transferred to the institutions at the beginning of the autumn semester
- Deadline for the annual report August 31, 2018