

Recruit a Ukrainian researcher to an ongoing Researcher project

FAQ

What is meant by researcher project? Does this have to be funded by the Research council of Norway?

The researcher project must be funded by the Research council of Norway and must have started in the period 1.8.24 – 31.10.25.

Researcher project is a specific project type, see more information here: [Application types](#)

Who is expected to submit the completed application — the Norwegian partner?

How to join a project? Should documents be submitted to the NRFU directly, or is it first necessary to contact the Norwegian partners at the email address indicated in the call and agree with them on the project description?

Applications may only be submitted by the Norwegian Project Owner (i.e., the Norwegian organisation that owns the existing Researcher Project). The Norwegian Project Owner / project manager is responsible for preparing and submitting the application. The Ukrainian side does not submit documents directly to the NRFU or RCN, but must establish contact with the Norwegian partner, agree with them on the conditions and project budget, and provide the necessary information for the application. The NRFU will receive all the necessary documents from the RCN.

The email address indicated in the call goes to the Research council of Norway, that can answer questions about the call, but is not a potential project partner.

Am I correct in understanding that the Collaborating Partner refers to the scientific institution where the Ukrainian researcher is employed?

Yes, Ukrainian researcher must be employed at a public Ukrainian research organization or higher education institution, and this Ukrainian organization acts as the Collaborating Partner in the project.

The call states "Ukrainian researcher" in the singular form, whereas one might expect the plural. Is it possible to combine efforts of several Ukrainian researchers from the same Ukrainian institution to work on the same project?

Does one researcher from Ukraine participate in only one project or can he participate in several? Can one organization from Ukraine participate in several projects, provided that the researchers participate in only one project?

Cooperation partners are the institutions, not the individuals. Each Ukrainian institution can only participate as cooperation partner in one project, and so each Ukrainian researcher can also only participate in one project.

The call does not exclude the possibility of more than one Ukrainian researcher to work on the same project, and in this case more than one Ukrainian researchers from the same institution can work on the same project. The upper limit of 1.5 mill. NOK cannot be increased.

Does the “resident in Ukraine” requirement allow temporary academic stays abroad?

Are there exceptions for researchers abroad due to displacement or academic mobility?

For this call resident in Ukraine means that the researcher must currently live in Ukraine. There are no exceptions for researchers abroad due to displacement or academic mobility.

During the project, however, stays at the Norwegian cooperation partner is encouraged.

Is there a possibility to apply for projects in the field of Literary studies?

The call is open for all disciplines and thematic areas.

Shall the researcher be a graduated PhD or in the process will be valid?

The Ukrainian researcher must have academic qualifications that provide added value for the project, and a minimum of a Ph.D, so cannot be a PhD student.

For the use of funds, is all the funds to be spent in Ukraine, or could some be used for researcher related costs for the project in Norway (locked to the Ukrainian researcher)?

Some of the funds can be spend in Norway but must be necessary to carry out the project and connected to the Ukrainian researcher.

Regarding the budget: under which expense category should Consumables and Reagents be included? Would this fall under Other operating expenses?

Costs for consumables, reagents, and other materials that do not qualify as equipment (and are not subject to depreciation rules for major equipment) should be listed under Other operating expenses.

If the rules allow, is it possible to allocate the entire budget to personnel payroll?

The call does not prohibit allocating the entire budget of the Ukrainian researcher to personnel payroll. However, please note that indirect costs must be grouped together with payroll costs in the project budget in the grant application form.

Can we apply for personal costs both for the Ukrainian researcher and for the Norwegian PI?

Personal costs will only be covered for the Ukrainian researcher.

What is the deadline for the application?

The call will remain open until all available funds have been allocated, but no later than the end of the current year.

If funding is granted, when would be the earliest or last possible start date for a Ukrainian researcher?

The Ukrainian researcher can start as soon as the funding is granted and the contract signed. The project should start as soon as possible when the contract is signed.

Is there an age limit for this project?

Not really, other than that the Ukrainian researcher must have a PhD. There is no upper age limit, as long as the institutions involved do not have an age limit.

Will National Research Foundation of Ukraine assist/control the administrative aspects of the project implementation in Ukraine? Any reporting?

The project owner will be the Norwegian institution and will have to follow the usual reporting routines in Norway. They report for the whole project, also the part that involves the Ukrainian researcher.

If you're interested in reading about reporting: [Submitting progress and final reports](#)

In which section of the application system should we upload the scanned diplomas? Should each diploma be uploaded as a separate file, or can we combine all diplomas into a single file?**Is it necessary to upload all diploma or the latest/highest is enough?**

How to upload the attachments is explained in the call text and in the template for applications and is the responsibility of the Norwegian applicant.

Attachments other than those that are required in the call text will not be considered. And the only diploma required for the Ukrainian researcher is a Copy of the Ukrainian researcher's PhD diploma or equivalent Doctoral diploma.

If two projects are applied from one Institution. How do you choose which one should be considered?

The applications will be processed in the order in which they are received by the research council of Norway, so the one received first will be considered for funding. It might happen that this application does not follow all requirements in the call, if so the second application will be considered for funding.

How to find an ongoing Researcher project?

How can a Ukrainian researcher identify eligible Norwegian host organisations?

The best might be to contact a Norwegian research institution, a University, University college or a research institute, or even better: a researcher/research group in your field.

We don't have a list of eligible projects, but we do have a list of all projects funded by the research council of Norway: [Forside - Prosjektbanken](#)

As you can see on the first page here, there are some opportunities to find projects in certain thematic areas. In the list here the duration of the project is shown, with projects starting in 2025 at the top of the list.

At the link for each project, it is possible to find the Application type. Only projects with Application type Forskerprosjekt (the Norwegian word for Researcher project) are eligible. This is how it looks like:

Application Type:	Forskerprosjekt ,
Project Period:	2025 - 2028

In addition, only projects that have a starting date in the period 1.8.24 – 31.10.25 can apply.

In the link for each project also name and affiliation of the project manager can be found, but unfortunately not the exact starting date of the project.

Is the list of all current calls at the Norwegian Research council available at the following link, or is there another (additional) list? [Current calls for proposals - apply for funding](#)

Yes, all current calls can be found at the link above.