



Vastavusnõuded NordForski ühiskonkurssidel Eesti riigieelarvest toetuse taotlejatele

National Eligibility Criteria for applications involving Estonian applicants in NordForsk Calls

While the calls are being managed and administered by NordForsk, Estonian applicants are still bound by National Eligibility Criteria defined by the Estonian Research Council (hereinafter ETAg).

ETAg funds basic and applied research. Applied research shall be funded only to the extent that it does not refer to product development with commercial value and for marketing purposes.

1. Participants of the Project

- 1.1. **Host Institution** (Project Owner and/or Project Partner) is the institution to which the grant will be allocated. Eligible Host Institution is positively evaluated research institution established in Estonia. The list of evaluated institutions is available on the website of the Estonian Research Information System <https://www.etis.ee/Portal/Institutions/Index?lang=ENG>.
- 1.2. **Principal Investigator** (Project Leader) is the researcher who submits the project proposal and who will be responsible for the use of the grant and for the implementation of the project.

The Principal Investigator:

- 1.2.1. must hold a doctoral degree or an equivalent qualification. The degree must be obtained at the latest by the application deadline.
- 1.2.2. must have an updated public profile in the Estonian Research Information System (ETIS);
- 1.3. **Senior research staff** of the project participates in the substantial performance of the project. They must have at least a master's degree or an equivalent qualification.

2. Eligible costs

- 2.1. **Personnel costs** are monthly salaries with social security charges and all other statutory costs of the participants of the project calculated according to their commitment and proportionately to their total salary cost at their Host Institution.
- 2.2. **Scholarships** equal to the state doctoral allowance may be paid out of the grant to doctoral students not receiving any salary from the Host Institution. Should a doctoral student participate in several projects financed by ETAg, the total amount of the scholarship from these projects may not exceed the nationally determined amount of doctoral allowance.
- 2.3. **Travel costs** may cover expenses for transport, accommodation and daily allowances (for the participants of the project). For the international participants, only travel and accommodation costs can be covered.
- 2.4. **Other costs (research- and project-related):**
 - 2.4.1. costs for publication and dissemination of project results, Open Access charges;
 - 2.4.2. costs for organising meetings, seminars or conferences;
 - 2.4.3. fees for participation in scientific forums and conferences;
 - 2.4.4. all other costs that are identifiable as clearly required for the implementation of the project.
- 2.5. **Subcontracting** costs should not be included in the overhead calculation and should cover only additional or complementary research related tasks (e.g. costs for translation, analyses, etc.) performed by third parties. Core project research tasks should not be subcontracted. Subcontracting costs may not exceed **20%** of the total costs.
- 2.6. **Overhead** may not exceed **25%** of the total eligible direct costs (excluding costs for subcontracting) and should cover general expenses of the Host Institution. Costs for equipment and services intended for public use (copying machine or printer publicly used, phone bills, copying service, etc.) should be covered from the overhead.
- 2.7. Double funding of activities is not acceptable.

3. Grant Agreement

ETAg shall enter into a grant agreement with the Host Institution and the Principal Investigator.

4. Research involving human subjects or animal tests

If human research or animal tests are intended in the project, a positive resolution by the Human Research Ethics Committee or the Authorization Committee for Animal Experiments must be submitted to Estonian Research Council by the start of the relevant activities.

5. Nagoya protocol

By applying for funding by Estonian Research Council the applicants agree to consider the relevance of Nagoya protocol for their research, and to submit the Due Diligence Declaration if applicable.

6. Data management plan

Host institutions receiving a grant must submit to ETAg a detailed data management plan within the first six months. The data management plan shall describe if and which data will be created, managed, or collected; which methods and standards will be applied; will the data be shared or made public and in which way; how the data will be stored during the project period and preserved after the end of the project.

The guidelines for compiling a data management plan can be found on the webpage of the University of Tartu Library: https://sisu.ut.ee/rdm_course1/data-management-plan. When composing the data management plan, ETAg recommends using the following form: [“The recommended form for the data management plan”](#).