

Call for proposals – Limited activities 2013 – Eurasia Programme

SIU invites Norwegian institutions of higher education to apply for **funding of limited cooperation activities** with institutions in the Eurasia countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan).

The Eurasia Programme is funded by The Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and managed by SIU.

The aim of the programme is to contribute to the following goals:

- Increase relevance of higher education in the cooperating countries by joint development of sustainable study programmes in fields of high priority at institutional and national level.
- Enhance quality of education.
- Contribute to increased internationalisation of higher education in the cooperating countries and in Norway, and to share Norwegian experience from the Bologna reform process to institutions in the cooperating countries.
- Increase academic connections and cooperation between Norway and the cooperation countries.

Who may apply?

Eligible main partners are all accredited Norwegian universities, specialised university institutions and university colleges as well as university colleges with individual study programmes accredited by NOKUT. For institutions in the Eurasia countries, all fully accredited higher education institutions – private and public – are eligible. Other institutions and organizations may be included in the project as network partners.

Applications are accepted from all academic areas.

Projects which have been allocated Eurasia Long-term funding in 2010, 2011 or 2012, may apply for Limited Activities as a supplement to the existing project. The planned activities must present a clear added value. Projects which due to delays in implementation have major unspent funds will not be considered for funding of Limited Activities.

What is a limited cooperation activity?

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

- Networking/workshops/seminars/study visits
- Development of joint courses, programs and degrees
- Joint teaching and supervision
- Mobility of students and faculty

Other activities may also be supported.

Projects should mainly target educational cooperation, not research activities. The activities may, but do not have to, aim for further development into a long-term collaboration.

The activities must be completed no later than December 31st, 2014.

Administration costs should not exceed 7 percent of the total budget.

The sum applied for should not exceed NOK 250 000. A total of NOK 3 000 000 is available through the call.

For further details and background information, please consult the Eurasia Programme Document, available at www.siu.no/eurasia.

How to apply?

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

In addition to the online application, a Cover page 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 institutional legal representative.

Final deadline for submitting applications is June 20th, 2013 at 15:00 hours CET (UTC+2).

The Cover page should be received by SIU no later than July 4th, 2013.

For further information, please contact:

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