



Norwegian  
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## Call for Applications – NORSTIP Scholarship

The Norwegian University of Life Sciences (NMBU) and the Norwegian Directorate for Higher Education and Skills (HK-dir) are pleased to announce a call for applications for the NORSTIP scholarship for higher education. The scholarship is exclusively intended for employees or students from some of our partner universities<sup>1</sup> in lower and middle-income countries who wish to pursue a master's degree in certain fields of study at NMBU. The scholarship is only valid for studies starting in autumn 2025.

NMBU's mission is to contribute to the well-being of the planet. We have a strong focus on biosciences, environmental sciences and sustainability. The university is committed to providing education that effectively merges research and teaching, preparing its students to tackle global challenges related to health, environment and sustainable food production.

NMBU has received funds for approximately 21 scholarships that may be awarded to staff, current or former students from select partner universities to complete a 2-year master's degree at NMBU.

Please see <https://www.nmbu.no/en/studies/norstip-scholarship-scheme> for more about the eligible masters' programs offered at NMBU.

### Who can apply?

To be eligible for the scholarship, you must fulfil the following criteria:

1. Be an employee, current or former student of a selected partner university.
2. Have a bachelor's degree.
3. Be between the ages of 20-30.
4. Be a citizen of and reside in a selected partner country (see footnote 1).
5. Not hold a master's degree.
6. Female students will be prioritised.

To be awarded the scholarship, you must also be formally accepted to a master's degree program at NMBU.

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<sup>1</sup> Mekelle University, Dilla University, Hawassa University, Universidad del Valle de Guatemala, Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Comsats, La Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, Sokoine University of Agriculture, Kwame University of Science and Technology, Luanar University, Universidad Industrial de Santander, United States International University-Africa, Université des Lettres et des Sciences Humaines de Bamako, Islamic University of Gaza, La Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, Makerere University, Universidad Mayor de San Andres, MUBS, Universite Officielle de Bukavu, Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala, Tribuvan University, Kathmandu University, Birzeit University, Mogadishu University, Universidad nacional mayor de San Marcos, Moi University and Gulu University.

### **Admission to a master's programs at NMBU will require:**

1. A first degree (a bachelor's degree) in a relevant field.
  - a. To be admitted to most programs of study, applicants must have a relevant bachelor's degree with a grade point average of at least A or B [First Class or Second Upper Division].
  - b. See Admission - <https://www.nmbu.no/en/studies/how-apply-masters-programs-international-applicants> - NMBU for specific academic requirements.
2. Documentation of English language proficiency according to [NMBU's requirements](#).

### **How to apply**

Applicants should apply by contacting **[INSERT CONTACT DETAILS FOR PARTNER UNIVERSITY]**. Please attach the following documents:

- University Degree Transcripts and Certificate
- English proficiency test documentation
- Curriculum vitae (CV)
- Letter of motivation which should include proposed research interest(s)
- Documentation of employment<sup>2</sup> at partner university, if applicable
- NORSTIP nomination letter signed by your institution

The application deadline to formally apply to NMBU for admission is 1 December 2024 through [SøknadsWeb](#).

### **The Scholarship**

The scholarship amounts to 920,000 NOK per student for the two years of studies. It covers your tuition fees, visa fees, travel costs to/from Norway before your studies/after graduation (max 30 000 NOK), funding for field work where relevant, and reasonable costs for living and studying in Norway. The candidate is personally responsible for ensuring that the scholarship payments satisfy their various monetary obligations (housing, fees, etc.) and general living costs.

The NORSTIP start-up grant (15,000 NOK) and the scholarship amount for the first four months will be paid out to the candidate upon their arrival at the Institution's campus in Norway. The candidate will receive these funds on a cash card (kronekort) which may be used as a regular debit card. This card cannot be used online or to pay invoices. The rent for student housing may be paid using the cash card in SiÅs's housing office. Subsequent monthly payments will be made out to the candidate's cash card on the date set by the Institution for such pay-outs.

Upon acquisition of their Norwegian identification number, the candidate will be required to open a personal bank account in a Norwegian bank and provide the account details to the contact person at the Institution. Upon receipt of the candidate's Norwegian banking details, the Institution will make all subsequent payments to the Candidate's Norwegian bank account.

The scholarship will not cover expenses for family members/children in the home country or in Norway or costs associated with sending extra luggage to/from Norway.

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<sup>2</sup> Employees of partner universities who have an agreement with their employer to return to their position after the completed master's degree will be prioritised.

## **Conditions for entitlement after having been awarded the scholarship**

To become and remain entitled to the Scholarship, the candidate must:

- a) Obtain and continuously uphold a valid residence permit from UDI<sup>3</sup>.
- b) Accept enrolment into the Master's program provided by the Institution, and continuously meet the requirements set by the Institution for upholding his/her student status and right to study the Master's program;
- c) Arrive at the Institution's campus in Norway and commence their studies in accordance with the Master's program and within the deadline set in the admission letter;
- d) Keep the study progression set by the Institution for the Master's program.

After completing the master's program in Norway, the candidate is expected to return to her/his home country.

For additional questions about the NORSTIP scholarship program, please contact:

1. **[INSERT CONTACT DETAILS FOR PARTNER UNIVERSITY]**
2. **[INMBU - FACULTY CONTACT DETAILS]**
3. Norstip Institutional Coordinator – Tendai Chella Bengtsson, Department of Academic Affairs, NMBU: [sit@nmbu.no](mailto:sit@nmbu.no).

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<sup>3</sup> UDI is the Norwegian Directorate of Immigration. Please see <https://www.udi.no/en/> for more information.