



Norwegian Agency for  
International Cooperation  
and Quality Enhancement  
in Higher Education



# Norwegian-Russian Scholarship Scheme 2020-2021

This announcement of scholarships is based on the Agreement between the Norwegian Ministry of Education and Research and the Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation, dated 27th April 2010.

Norwegian scholarship schemes are normally closely tied to institutional collaboration, preferably with strong linkage between cooperation in research and education. Since the Ministry of Education and Research cannot instruct the institutions to accept a candidate within a specific field, this scheme is based on pre-agreements with defined institutions. The institutions retain their right not to accept a specific candidate.

A total of 30 student grants are available annually: 15 within Norwegian language and literature, 15 within other subjects. The grants can be awarded to students and academic staff at Russian institutions of higher education for one or two semesters<sup>1</sup>.

The scholarship is granted to Russian students<sup>2</sup> for the purpose of studying in Norway and cannot fund exchange stays to other countries<sup>3</sup>.

Students should be enrolled in courses equivalent to 30 ECTS each semester<sup>4</sup>.

Please note that it is not possible to extend the duration of the grant once the grant has been awarded.

Grants are offered at the following Norwegian higher education institutions:

- **Oslo Metropolitan University**
- **UiT -The Arctic University of Norway**
- **University of Bergen**
- **Nord University**
- **Norwegian University of Science and Technology**

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<sup>1</sup> Up to two students may be accepted for the Master's Programme in Nordic Language at UiT -The Arctic University of Norway

<sup>2</sup> To be eligible the applicant must be a holder of Russian citizenship

<sup>3</sup> This regulation also applies to students enrolled in full degree studies.

<sup>4</sup> This does not apply to the summer schools

## General study grants

A total of 15 grants will be offered annually. The grants include 6 weeks summer school and open studies for 1 or 2 semesters.

### Oslo Metropolitan University

Courses can be found at <http://www.hioa.no/eng/Studies/Search-for-Courses-Taught-in-English> (tick off for Faculty of Education and International Studies).

**Please note** that all applicants to courses at OsloMet must, in addition to the regular application, submit an electronic application at <http://www.hioa.no/eng/Studies/How-to-apply-for-exchange> no later than **15 April 2020** for the autumn semester. Students are encouraged to apply earlier if possible.

- Studies at Oslo Metropolitan University on conditions equal to those of an exchange student.
- Only in the autumn semester (August-December) 2020 and spring semester (January-May/June) 2021.
- Limited to undergraduate courses at the Faculty of Education and International Studies.

Academic requirements and application deadlines:

Please see:

<http://www.hioa.no/eng/Studies/Admission/How-to-apply-for-exchange>

<http://www.hioa.no/eng/Studies/English-requirements-for-incoming-exchange-students>

## Norwegian University of Science and Technology

Students can find courses in English on the following website:

<https://www.ntnu.edu/studies/exchange/courses>

**Please note** that studies within Architecture, Psychology and Medicine (Medical Doctor Programme) are not available for application.

**Please note** that all applicants to courses at NTNU must, in addition to the regular application, submit an electronic application at [http://www.ntnu.edu/studies/exchange\\_students/how\\_to\\_apply](http://www.ntnu.edu/studies/exchange_students/how_to_apply) no later than **1 April 2020**. Students are encouraged to apply earlier if possible.

### Academic requirements:

- For studies at bachelor level, minimum 1 year of studies in relevant academic subjects at university level. Within Engineering, courses on a bachelor's degree level will be mainly instructed in Norwegian and will hence require Norwegian proficiency. Students within engineering on a bachelor level without Norwegian proficiency are not eligible to apply.
- For studies at master level, bachelor's degree or equivalent.
- Additional requirements depending on the courses selected (students must meet with the recommended and required previous knowledge for each course)

All students must meet with our English proficiency requirements:

<http://www.ntnu.edu/studies/langcourses/languagerequirements>

- TOEFL IBT: 90
- IELTS: 6.5

## UiT - The Arctic University of Norway

UiT has an extensive number of English taught courses in most subject areas.

The applicants must identify relevant courses from the UiT's course catalogue <https://en.uit.no/education/courses> and check at which campus they are taught. It is possible to apply for one or two semester studies. Since the distances between the campuses are essential, it is not possible to combine courses offered at different campuses unless the courses are virtual.

### Academic requirements:

- Minimum 1 year of completed studies in academic subjects at university level documented by an official transcript of records for bachelor courses. For admission to master courses, a 4-year bachelor's degree diploma from the corresponding field of studies is required.
- A good command of English, level B2 in accordance with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).
- Course selection form (Learning Agreement – can be downloaded from [UiT homepage](#)) approved by the home university

## University of Bergen

Applicants can apply for courses listed under “Courses for Exchange Students”: [www.uib.no/en/exchange-courses](http://www.uib.no/en/exchange-courses).

### Academic requirements:

- Applicants must have completed a minimum of 60 ECTS credits (equivalent to 1 year of full-time studies) at university level by the time they apply.
- Additional requirements may apply, depending on the courses selected. Such requirements will be listed in the course descriptions online.
- English proficiency at level B2 or higher according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). NB! Students applying for courses in English language and literature (course code ENGxxx) must possess English proficiency at CEFR level C1.

### Documentation of English language proficiency:

**Category A:** Applicants enrolled in partner universities of UiB may normally submit a confirmation issued by their home university as proof of English proficiency. Special requirements apply to students planning to take courses in English language and literature (course code ENGxxx). Please see [www.uib.no/russut](http://www.uib.no/russut) for more information.

**Category B:** Applicants who are NOT students at a partner university of UiB may submit one of the following as proof of English proficiency:

- Tests:
  - TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) with a minimum score of 87 for an internet-based test (iBT), IELTS (International English Language Testing Service), academic test with a minimum score of 6.0.
  - Pearson PTE Academic test with a minimum score of 54 points.
- University of Cambridge examinations:
  - First Certificate in English (grade B or C)
  - Certificate in Advanced English (45 to 59)
  - Certificate of Proficiency in English
- Proof of having completed one year of studies in Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, United Kingdom or USA with English as the language of instruction.
- Proof of enrolment in a university programme in English language and literature
- English (140 hours) from Norwegian upper secondary school: written and oral exam

Special requirements apply to students planning to take courses in English language and literature (course code ENGxxx).

### Additional information for applicants:

[www.uib.no/russut](http://www.uib.no/russut)

## Nord University

- Studies at Nord University for 1 or 2 semesters on conditions equal to that of a free mover or exchange student.
- Students may choose from the available courses in the course catalogue [www.nord.no/en/studies/programmes-courses/english-study-offers/](http://www.nord.no/en/studies/programmes-courses/english-study-offers/)
- Please note that all applicants to Nord University must, in addition to the regular application, apply directly to Nord University within the deadlines given on the university website. For information see: [www.nord.no/en/studies/admission](http://www.nord.no/en/studies/admission)

### Academic requirements:

- It is the applicant's responsibility that he/she is qualified for the courses to which he/she applies.
- For studies at bachelor level, the applicant must document minimum 1 year of studies in academic subjects (minimum 60 ECTS credits) at university level at the time he/she applies.
- All applicants must satisfy the requirements for English language proficiency:

**Category A:** Applicants nominated from institutions that Nord University has an exchange agreement with, can document their English proficiency by a confirmation from the home institution that the student has level B2 or higher in English.

**Category B:** Applicants who are *not* students at an institution that Nord University has an exchange agreement with must document their English language proficiency according to the requirements on the university website: [www.nord.no/en/studies/admission/](http://www.nord.no/en/studies/admission/)

## How to proceed?

### Application

The application deadline is **6 March 2020**.

All applicants **must submit two sets of application documents**: One to Diku and one to the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation.

**To be considered for a scholarship, all applicants must meet the requirements of both the Norwegian and Russian side.**

#### To apply, please make the following steps:

- Fill in the electronic application form through Diku's [online application and reporting system Espresso](#).
- Upload the required attachments from the Norwegian side (see below).
- Print a PDF copy of your application. A PDF of the application is available in section "Submit" under "Preview" in the online application form.
- Submit the electronic application form by 6 March 2020.
- Send the printed PDF copy of your application together with a set of required documents from the Russian side, as listed on the website <http://im.interphysica.su> to the Ministry of Science and Higher Education by 6 March 2020.

All documents in the application to Diku must be submitted in English or Scandinavian, in PDF format.

All applicants must submit a **Statement of Purpose** (motivation letter) in English together with the application which describe the personal motivation for choice of studies.

If the original language of the record is not English or Scandinavian, an official translation must be attached to the original document. The records in the original language must accompany the translation.



The application to Diku must be delivered electronically, through Diku's [online application and reporting system Espresso](#).

The set of documents to the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation must be submitted in paper and the documents must be provided in Russian language.

**Mandatory attachments for the application to Diku:**

- Upper secondary/high school certificate or transcript of records.
- Copy of passport personal information page.
- Bachelor's and/or master's degree diploma and transcripts of records or equivalent.
- Proof of proficiency in English, e.g. IELTS or TOFEL report (if applicable)
- Proof of proficiency in Norwegian, e.g. results from Norskprøven or Test i Norsk etc. (Documented proficiency in Norwegian is only relevant if you apply for credit courses in Norwegian language and literature.)

**Eligibility**

Both students who are currently enrolled at a Russian higher education institution *and* academic staff/teachers at Russian higher education institutions are eligible for grants. All applicants must be Russian citizens to be eligible for grants.

Applicants must fulfil the announced language and educational requirements corresponding to the requirements set by each higher education institution.

Please contact Diku or the contact point at the relevant institution if you have any questions regarding eligibility.

### What does the grant cover?

- The students will receive a monthly grant equivalent to the rate for Norwegian students at the Norwegian State Educational Loan Fund (“Lånekassen”). For the academic year 2020-2021, this is 11 020 Norwegian kroner per month.
- The students will normally be offered student accommodation, for which they pay the rent out of their grant (usually 2 500 – 4 500 Norwegian kroner monthly).
- The students will not pay tuition fees (except a semester fee of approximately 600 Norwegian kroner per semester).
- Travel and visa costs are not covered (ref. Article 6 in the agreement).
- For participants at the International Summer School at University of Oslo there are special rates, where accommodation, meals, travel card for Oslo and book support are included.

### Assessment procedure

- The Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation assesses the documents required by the Russian side and nominates candidates for scholarships.
- Diku processes the applications submitted electronically in Espresso and the list of nominated candidates.
- The applications from nominated candidates are forwarded to the respective higher education institutions in Norway for final assessment and decision.
- The respective higher education institutions in Norway will inform you about the results of the selection process.

**For further information, please contact:**

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