

# International Joint Initiative for Research Harnessing Disruptive Technologies to Address Global Challenges



NordForsk webinar – 22 January 2026



# International initiative



- Initiated by New Frontiers in Research Fund (NFRF) Canada.
- NordForsk represents the Nordic national research funding organisations in the initiative.
- Confirmed participating countries next to the Nordics: Brazil, Canada, Ireland, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Taiwan and UK.



# Nordic funding partners

- The Research Council of Norway
- The Research Council of Finland
- The Swedish Research Council
- Independent Research Fund Denmark
- Innovation Fund Denmark
- Rannís Iceland
- NordForsk



# Full call text

- The call is announced on the [NFRF website](#).
- Applications are submitted to NFRF.
- NFRF is responsible for the management of the call and the proposal evaluation process.
- Applicants must ensure that they fulfil the general eligibility criteria described in the NFRF call text.
- NFRF will organise information webinars in February.



# Application process

Submission always by  
08:00 p.m. Eastern Time

- To apply to this call, teams must [submit an NOI](#) by March 3, 2026. This is a mandatory step in the application process. The NOI is used for administrative purposes and is not assessed.
- Once the NOI deadline has passed, the research team will immediately be able to work on their LOI. The team must [submit their LOI](#) by June 9, 2026.
- Submitted LOIs will be evaluated for the purpose of identifying teams to be invited to the [full application stage](#). Deadline November 3, 2026.



# This webinar is about the Nordic funding

- This webinar is about the NordForsk eligibility criteria.
- Questions regarding the call as such must be directed to NFRF.
  - Be it about the thematic framework, the general terms and conditions, the application form, the evaluation process, etc.
- Questions regarding the criteria for applying for funds from any of the other national funding agencies must be directed to these agencies.



# Minimum three funding organisations

- Each project team must be eligible to receive funds from at least three participating funding organizations.
- To fulfill this requirement, the project team must include a minimum of three co-principal investigators (co-PIs), and each must be eligible to receive funding from a different participating funding organization.
- One co-PI must be eligible to apply to the New Frontiers in Research Fund.



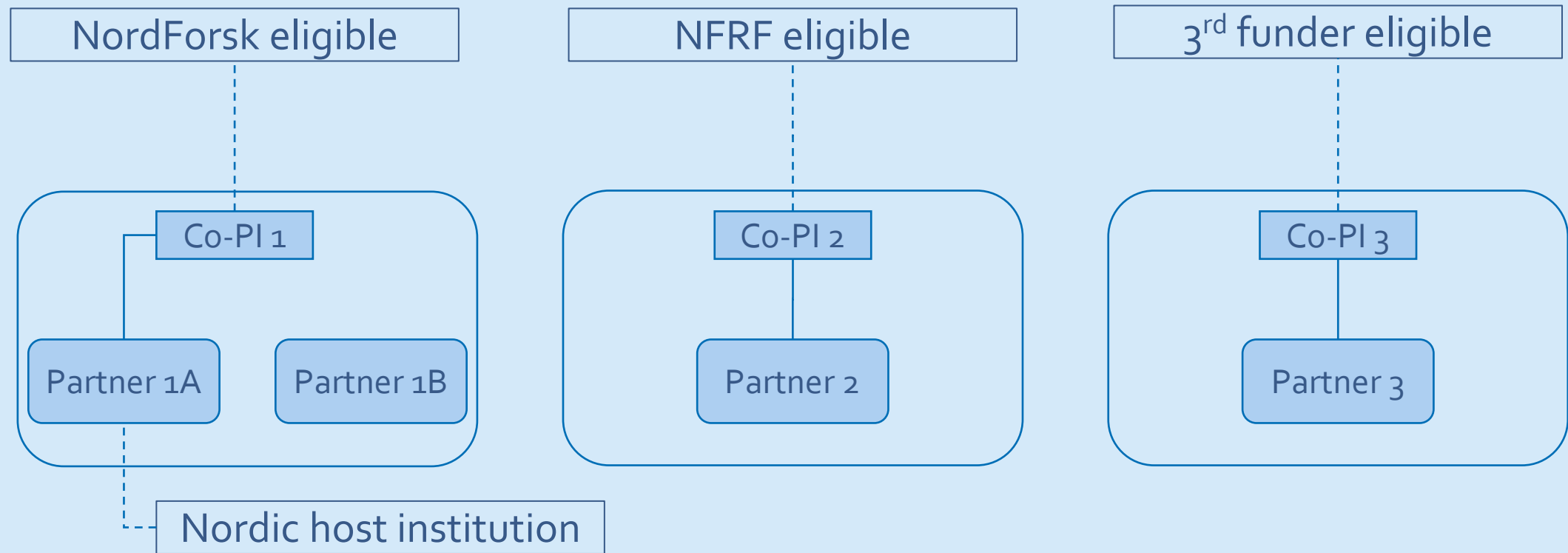
# Minimum two Nordic countries

- Funding from NordForsk requires Nordic cross-border research collaboration.
- The Nordic part of the international consortium must include eligible partners from minimum two different Nordic countries.
- One of the Nordic partners must be the host institution for the Nordic part of the consortium.
- One team member from the Nordic host institution must have the role of Co-PI in the international project team.
  - The Co-PI can be the project lead for the international research project





# Consortium with Nordic participation

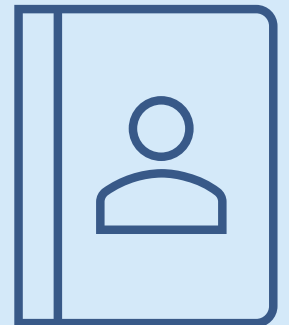


Any of the three Co-PIs can be project lead

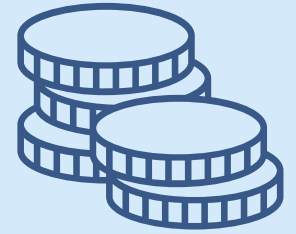


# Contact list

- If you would like to connect with other researchers interested in this call, we invite you to join our contact list.
- Complete [this survey](#) before February 9, 2026, and you will be added to a list where your contact information will be shared with others interested in participating in this call, and their information will be shared with you.



# Available Nordic funding



- The international initiative is co-financed by national research funding agencies from seven countries next to the Nordics.
- NordForsk funds the Nordic consortium partners that are eligible to apply for funding from NordForsk.
- Total available Nordic funds: NOK 210 million.
- The Nordic partners of one project can apply for up to NOK 17,1 million in total. Own funding is optional.
- The intention is to fund Nordic participation in 12 research projects under this call



# NordForsk eligibility criteria 1/3

- The research consortium must include research performing organisations in at least two different Nordic countries. Nordic countries are defined here as Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Faroe Islands, Greenland, and Åland Islands.
- One of the Nordic partners must be the host institution for the Nordic part of the consortium. The host institution of a funded project will enter the financial agreement with NordForsk on behalf of the Nordic part of the consortium and manage the funds on behalf of the Nordic partners.



# NordForsk eligibility criteria 2/3

- The host institution for the Nordic part of the project must be an established research performing organisation based in one of the Nordic countries co-funding the call: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden.
- The principal investigator (i.e., the leader of the Nordic part of the project and the Nordic contact person) must be a qualified researcher with a PhD and employed by the host institution throughout the duration of the project.



# NordForsk eligibility criteria 3/3

- The Nordic principal investigator will have the role of one of the minimum three required co-PIs of the international project team.
- Nordic project partners that apply for funding from NordForsk must be research performing organisations.
- NordForsk cannot co-fund projects that collaborate with the Russian Federation or Belarus under this call.



# Eligible costs

Funding may be used for costs that are necessary for the implementation of the Nordic activities in the project, such as:

- Salaries of researchers corresponding to the person's activity level in the project
- PhD and post-doctoral positions corresponding to the person's activity level in the project, and not covering salary during teaching or other departmental duties
- Running costs (data collection and analysis, consumables, minor equipment, premises)
- Mobility and research stays, travels
- Dissemination, outreach, and knowledge exchange activities (including open access charges)
- Stakeholder involvement/activities
- Indirect costs and overhead



# Indirect costs and overhead

- NordForsk does not apply any fixed rate or model for calculating indirect costs for research projects.
- Such costs should be determined by the participating institutions according to their own rules and models, and applicants are advised to consult these for further guidelines.





# Check also other funding agencies

- Nordic institutions that are not eligible to apply for funding from NordForsk may be eligible to apply from some of the other national funding agencies.
- NFRF, for example, might fund members of project teams who are not eligible to receive funds from, or be supported by, another participating funding organization.



# Q/A session



