

# NOVA 2016

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**NOVA Secretariat** 

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### PLAN



### 1. NOVA 2016 - STATUS



The Nordic Forestry, Veterinary and Agricultural University Network (NOVA) is a university cooperation aimed at supporting the understanding of major global challenges in a Nordic context. Our main task is to initiate, administer, promote and financially support cooperation between the Nordic universities in postgraduate education.

NOVA provides a platform for networking between Nordic postgraduate students through facilitating high quality, international level education for these students.

NOVA's main acitivty is intensive PhD courses.

WHAT IS NOVA?



- ▶ University of Copenhagen, Faculty of Science, KU-SCIENCE
- Aarhus University, Science and Technology, AU-ST
- University of Helsinki, Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry, HU-AF
- University of Helsinki, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, HU-V
- University of Eastern Finland, School of Forest Sciences, UEF-F
- ▶ The Agricultural University of Iceland, LBHI
- ▶ The Norwegian University of Life Sciences, NMBU
- The Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, SLU

### MEMBER INSTITUTIONS



	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15
Courses	17	13	16	14	14	17	19	19	21	16	11	8	12
NOVA PhD students	270	186	162	200	197	264	301	331	317	265	193	145	149

### NOVA PHD COURSES 2003-2015





http://www.nmbu.no/en/students/nova/students/phd-courses/phd-2016

## NOVA PHD COURSES 2016



### 2. EXPERIENCE WITH NOVA



# General feedback from teachers who have been responsible for NOVA courses:

- Applying for NOVA funding has been done in addition to normal work
- High quality courses
- Motivated and satisfied students
- NOVA courses give students and teachers good networking possibilities

The application and course adminsitration processes have been simplified during the last two years.

### EXPERIENCE



### 3. POSSIBILITIES FOR FUNDING



### Intensive PhD and Master's Courses

Single courses, course series and combined PhD and Master's courses

### Other Projects

- Projects that facilitate Nordic cooperation in PhD and Master's education
- Planinng of courses, programmes and other educational projects, e.g. support for application writing to other funding bodies

# WHICH TYPES OF PROJECTS DOES NOVA SUPPORT?



- Requirements for courses/projects: Nordic cooperation and course planning, Nordic dimension and added value
- Collaboration with the Baltic Forestry Veterinary and Agricultural University Network (BOVA) is encourraged
- Minimum no of students on courses: 12 students from NOVA's member institutions
- Requested course topics: Nordic food, agriculture in the Artic and bioinformatics
- Other course topics are also welcome

### requirements and requests



# Types of expenses that can be covered in accordance with the NOVA rules (for Master's courses, some of the expenses are covered by Nordplus instead of NOVA)\*

- Travel
- Accommodation
- External, non-NOVA teacher/scientist
- Meals
- Miscellaneous
- Administration (10% of the granted amount)
- ▶ PhD courses: + 2500 EUR incentive money to cover administration

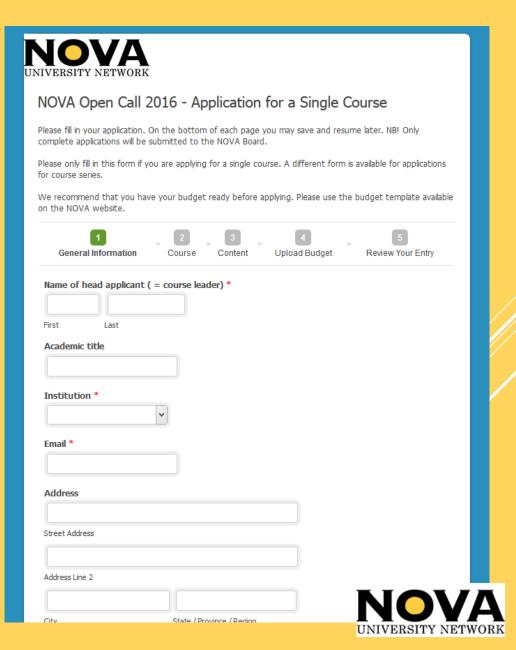
## WHICH TYPES OF EXPENSES CAN NOVA COVER?



<sup>\*</sup>There are restrictions/limitations on some of these expenses. Please see the call for more information.

- Easy to apply
- First, the applicant should fill in the application in NOVA's online application system
- Then, the applicant's home institution will evaluate the application for course financing and forward it to NOVA

### APPLICATION PROCESS



#### PHD COURSES, AND MASTER'S COURSES > 5000 EUR

Round	deadline to	Application deadline to	Board's approval	Course implementation		
	home institution	NOVA				
1	10 Feb.	24 Feb.	16 Mar.	Autumn 2016 or 2017		
2	3 May	17 May	7-8 Jun.	2017		
3	13 Oct.	27 Oct.	17 Nov.	2017		

#### MASTER'S COURSES AND OTHER PROJECTS < 5000 EUR

No application deadline. Applications are presented for approval continuously.

## **APPLICATION DEADLINES 2016**



- Easy to apply for support for courses and projects with Nordic dimension
- Good chances to receive funding
- NOVA's goal: 25-30 PhD courses each year
- Still possible to apply for funding for other projects in 2016, e.g. support for planning of NOVA courses and application writing to other financing bodies
- There is a local NOVA coordinator at your institution who can help you with questions on NOVA funding

### WHY APPLY FOR NOVA FUNDING?



### Information on NOVA:

- www.nova-university.org
- NOVA's news letter
- Local NOVA coordinator at your home institution

