



NOVA 2018

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NOVA Secretariat

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PLAN

1. NOVA 2017 - 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 activity is intensive PhD courses.

WHAT IS NOVA?



- ▶ 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



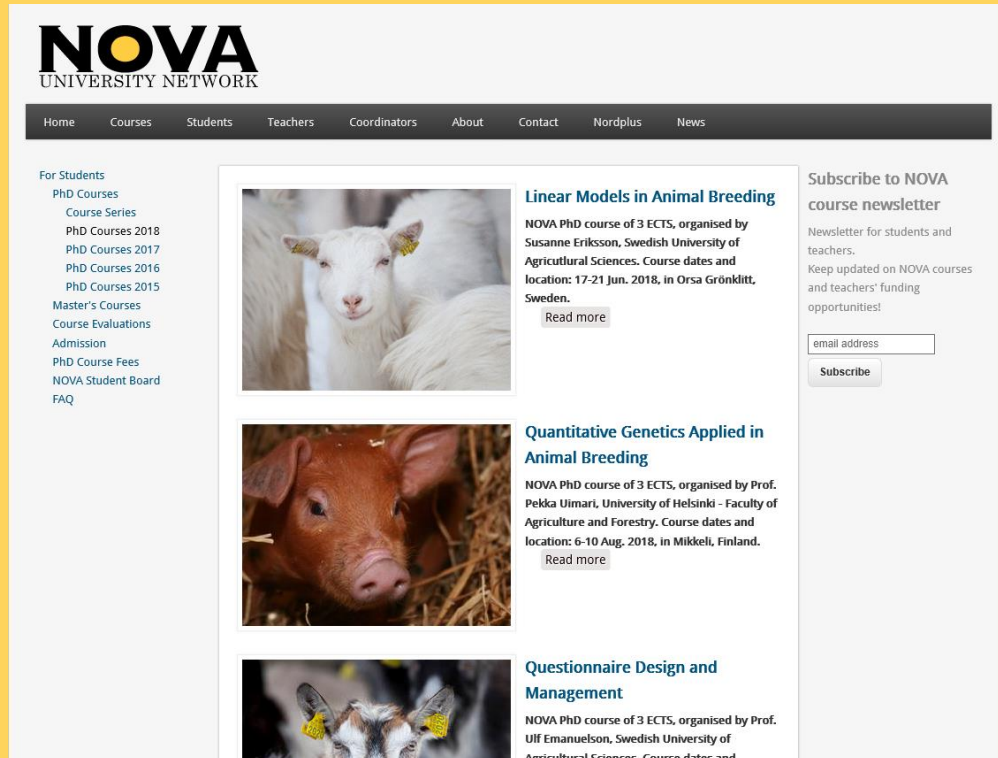
- ▶ New NOVA Strategy for 2018-2021:
 - ▶ funding possibilities for more types of courses/activities
- ▶ New regulations:
 - ▶ revision of the regulations: more streamlining, less administration
 - ▶ 2-year pilot from 2018 with a simplified application system and financing model for courses

NOVA STRATEGY 2018-2021 AND NEW REGULATIONS FROM 2018

	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Courses	17	13	16	14	14	17	19	19	21	16	11	8	12	15	15*
NOVA PhD students	270	186	162	200	197	264	301	331	317	265	193	145	149	221	187*
Total no. of students	402	282	366	346	355	391	382	444	398	355	236	175	198	288	261*

NOVA PHD COURSES 2003-2017

*In total, 17 courses were held in 2017. 2 of them had not reported to NOVA by 23 Feb. 2018.



NOVA PhD Courses

- [2018](#)
- [Course series](#)

NOVA Master's Courses

- [2018](#)
- [Course series](#)

NOVA COURSE CATALOGUES

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 administration processes have been simplified during the last years. In 2018, NOVA is starting a two-year pilot with a simplified funding model for new courses.

EXPERIENCE

3. POSSIBILITIES FOR FUNDING

- ▶ PhD courses
 - ▶ Intensive courses, digital courses (new)
 - ▶ Single courses, course series, PhD activities (new), competence-enhancing courses for PhD students and other scientists (new)
- ▶ Master's courses exceeding and not exceeding €5,000
 - ▶ Intensive courses, digital courses (new)
 - ▶ Single courses, course series
- ▶ Combined PhD and master's courses
- ▶ Other projects < €5,000
 - ▶ Projects that facilitate Nordic cooperation in PhD and master's education
 - ▶ Planning of courses, programmes and other educational projects, e.g. support for application writing to other funding bodies

WHICH TYPES OF PROJECTS DOES NOVA SUPPORT?

- ▶ There shall be **joint Nordic planning** of NOVA courses/activities and a **clear added value** of organising courses/activities in the NOVA Network. All activities financed by NOVA must be **research based**.
- ▶ NOVA strongly encourages that NOVA activities are **sustainable and environmentally friendly**.
- ▶ Total minimum number of students: **10 qualified and registered NOVA and BOVA students**. If not obtained, the course should be cancelled.
- ▶ The course must have **qualified and registered students from at least two NOVA institutions or at least one NOVA institution and one BOVA institution**.
- ▶ Collaboration with the **Baltic Forestry Veterinary and Agricultural University Network (BOVA)** is encouraged.
- ▶ In March 2018, the Board will decide **thematic priorities** for the Open Call 2018. The priorities will be published on the NOVA website. Applications in other fields are also welcome.

MAIN REQUIREMENTS AND REQUESTS

- ▶ As a two-year pilot, approved courses that meet the criteria regarding number of students, will receive a **total lump sum of €10,000, which is a flat rate**, plus **€1,000 to cover administration**. All administration must be covered within that amount. In addition, courses in **fields prioritised by the NOVA Board** in the Open Call, will receive an **incentive grant of €2,000**. If there are **teachers employed at Nordic higher education institutions teaching the course from at least four different Nordic countries**, the course will receive an **incentive grant of €2,000**. The amount is to be spent freely on the project with the exception of administration.
- ▶ On PhD courses, **50% of the course fees** for non-NOVA or non-BOVA students will be subtracted from the final disbursement from NOVA.
- ▶ If there are available resources remaining from the NOVA grant, it is encouraged to use them towards **networking** in connection with the course (in line with the NOVA Strategy 2018-2021).

FUNDING MODEL FOR PHD COURSES AND MASTER'S COURSES > €5,000

- ▶ As a two-year pilot, approved courses that meet the criteria regarding number of students, will receive a **total lump sum of €4,500, which is a flat rate**, plus **€500 to cover administration**. All administration must be covered within that amount.
- ▶ If there are available resources remaining from the NOVA grant, it is encouraged to use them towards **networking** in connection with the course (in line with the NOVA Strategy 2018-2021).

FUNDING MODEL FOR MASTER'S COURSES < €5,000

- ▶ If there are **available resources remaining** from the NOVA grant, it is encouraged to use them towards **networking in connection with the course**.
- ▶ NOVA continues as a **platform for networking** for students, teachers and researchers, and thus ensures **Nordic competitiveness** in research and education within and outside the Network. NOVA has increased focus on fostering networks for the creation of new and existing PhD courses. With a view to enhancing the utilisation of NOVA as a vehicle for increased research activity and cooperation, at both the Nordic and the global level, the organisation of researcher meetings, workshops or seminars in connection with courses is encouraged. Course organisers can invite international experts to teach courses and facilitate NOVA courses in cooperation with other international groups. (NOVA's Strategy 2018-2021)

NETWORKING

- ▶ Easy to apply
- ▶ First, the applicant fills 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

NOVA
UNIVERSITY NETWORK

NOVA Open Call 2018 - Application for a Single Course

1 General Information > 2 Course > 3 Content > 4 Finances > 5 Review Your Entry

Please fill in your application. On the bottom of each page you may save and resume later. NB! The NOVA Board will only review complete applications that meet NOVA's requirements and are in accordance with NOVA's regulations.

Please only fill in this form if you are applying for a single course. A different form is available for applications for course series.

Name of head applicant (= course leader) *

First Last

Academic title

Institution *

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Email *

Address

Street Address

PHD COURSES, AND MASTER'S COURSES > 5000 EUR

Round	Application deadline to home institution	Application deadline to NOVA	Board's approval	Course implementation
1	3 May	17 May	8 Jun.	2019
2	25 Oct.	8 Nov.	29 Nov.	2019

MASTER'S COURSES AND OTHER PROJECTS < 5000 EUR

No application deadline. Applications are presented for approval continuously.

APPLICATION DEADLINES 2018

- ▶ **Easy to apply** for support for courses and projects with Nordic dimension
- ▶ **Good chances** to receive funding for complete applications
- ▶ NOVA's goal: more than 13 NOVA PhD courses/year in 2018-2021
- ▶ **Good networking possibilities** for students and teachers
- ▶ Still possible to apply for funding for master's courses and other projects not exceeding €5,000 in 2018, 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
- ▶ www.facebook.com/novauniversity.org
- ▶ [NOVA's news letter](#)
- ▶ [Local NOVA coordinator at your home institution](#)