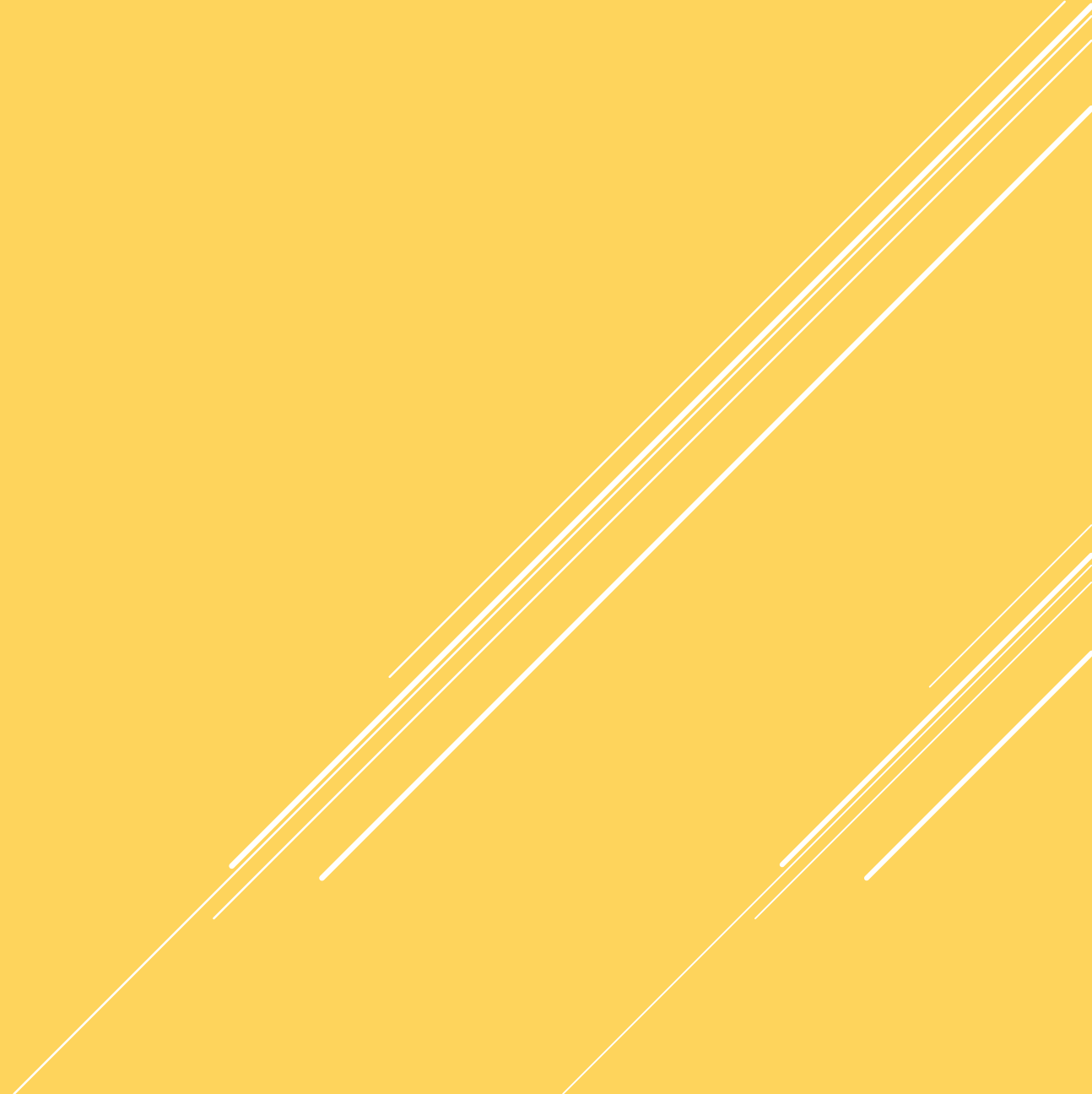




NOVA 2019

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NOVA Secretariat



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PLAN

1. WHAT IS NOVA?

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



- ▶ 1995 – establishment of NOVA - cooperation between the Nordic veterinary and agricultural universities to develop courses on bachelor's, master's and PhD level
- ▶ 1996 – establishment of the Baltic Forestry, Veterinary and Agricultural University Network (BOVA)
- ▶ 1996-2000 – NOVA-BOVA programme, lead by the NOVA side, focused mainly on short MSc courses in BOVA member institutions
- ▶ 1998-2000 – Intensive courses in the NOVA and BOVA institutions, including partners from Russia and Poland
- ▶ 2002-2004 – K&A Wallenberg Foundation project «Development of Nordic-Baltic academic collaboration in Forestry, Veterinary and Agriculture (NOVA-BOVA)»
- ▶ 2005-2008 – Collaboration with BOVA: activities carried out by academic networks within Nordplus project frames in the form of intensive courses
- ▶ 2007-2008 – New Nordplus programme launched, NOVA and BOVA utilises this programme for intensification of common activities (e.g. mobility support for students and teachers, and intensive courses on bachelor's and master's level)
- ▶ 2014 – NOVA Strategy for 2014-2018: slimming and streamlining of NOVA, focus on PhD courses
- ▶ 2015 – University of Copenhagen, Faculty of Health and Medical Science left NOVA from 1 Jan.
- ▶ 2016 – University of Copenhagen, Faculty of Science left NOVA from 1 Jan.
- ▶ 2018 – NOVA Strategy for 2018-2021: continued focus on PhD courses - opening up for funding of digital courses, PhD activities, competence enhancing courses for PhD students and other scientists
- ▶ 2018 – new and simplified regulations for NOVA courses, introduction of a two-year pilot with simplification of the funding model for NOVA courses

HISTORY

- ▶ NOVA Strategy for 2018-2021:
 - ▶ funding possibilities for more types of courses/activities
- ▶ Regulations:
 - ▶ revision of the regulations in 2018: more streamlining, less administration
 - ▶ 2-year pilot from 2018 to 2019 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	17
NOVA PhD students	270	186	162	200	197	264	301	331	317	265	193	145	149	221	219
Total no. of students	402	282	366	346	355	391	382	444	398	355	236	175	198	288	306

NOVA PHD COURSES 2003-2017

For Students

- PhD Courses
- Course Series
- PhD Courses 2019
- PhD Courses 2018
- PhD Courses 2017
- PhD Courses 2016
- PhD Courses 2015
- Master's Courses
- Course Evaluations
- Admission
- PhD Course Fees
- NOVA Student Board
- FAQ



Biological Consequences of Selection

NOVA PhD course of 5 ECTS, organised by Professor Peer Berg, Norwegian University of Life Sciences. Preliminary course dates and location: 19 -23 Aug. 2019, in Hafjell, Norway.

[Read more](#)



Keeping the hindgut and the horse healthy

NOVA PhD course of 5 ECTS, organised by Postdoc Rasmus Bovbjerg Jensen, Norwegian University of Life Sciences. Preliminary course dates and location: August 2019, in Hafjell/As, Norway.

[Read more](#)



Advances in Feline and Canine Nephrology and Urology

NOVA PhD course of 2 ECTS, organised by PhD Thomas Skjellum, University of Helsinki.

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NOVA PhD Courses

- [2019](#)
- [2018](#)
- [Course series](#)

NOVA Master's Courses

- [2019](#)
- [2018](#)

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. From 2018 to 2019, there is a two-year pilot with a simplified funding model for new courses.

EXPERIENCE

3. POSSIBILITIES FOR FUNDING

- ▶ PhD courses
 - ▶ Intensive courses, digital courses
 - ▶ Single courses, course series, PhD activities, competence-enhancing courses for PhD students and other scientists
- ▶ Master's courses exceeding and not exceeding €5,000
 - ▶ Intensive courses, digital courses
 - ▶ 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.
- ▶ **Thematic priorities** for the Open Call 2019:
 - ▶ Soil science
 - ▶ One Health - animal science and veterinary medicine
 - ▶ Ecosystem services and bioeconomy
 - ▶ Sustainable resource managementApplications 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, there is no course fee for NOVA and BOVA students. From 2019, there is neither any course fee for non-NOVA and non-BOVA students, except that teachers/researchers and participants from the industry can be charged a course fee.
- ▶ 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

NOVA
UNIVERSITY NETWORK

NOVA Open Call 2019 - Application

1 > 2 > 3 > 4 > 5
General Information > Course > Content > Finances > 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.

Name of head applicant (= course leader) *

First Last

Academic title

Institution *

APPLICATION PROCESS

PHD COURSES, AND MASTER'S COURSES > 5000 EUR

Round	Application deadline to home institution	Application deadline to NOVA	Board's approval	Course implementation
1	18 Feb.	4 Mar.	25 Mar.	2019, 2020
2	29 Apr.	13 May	4 Jun.	2020
3	18 Oct.	1 Nov.	22 Nov.	2020

MASTER'S COURSES AND OTHER PROJECTS < 5000 EUR

No application deadline. Applications are presented for approval continuously.

APPLICATION DEADLINES 2019

- ▶ **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 for 2019, 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:

- ▶ Web site
- ▶ www.facebook.com/novauniversity.org
- ▶ NOVA's news letter
- ▶ Local NOVA coordinator at your home institution