Call for applications: Semester Grant spring term 2013



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Norwegian Centre for International Cooperation in Education (SIU) calls for application for Semester Grant autumn term 2013.

Semester Grants are primarily awarded to students at European universities with departments for Nordic or Scandinavian studies who have chosen a Norwegian topic for their Bachelor/Master/PhD degrees. The grant may also be awarded to younger Norwegian teachers overseas or candidates wishing to take exams to qualify them to teach Norwegian as a foreign language. The grant shall be used for studies or fieldwork in Norway.

SIU asks the lecturers to inform the students about the opportunity.

The Semester Grant is awarded for 1, 2 or 3 months in the period August - December 2013. The timing of the applicant's stay in Norway must be agreed by the applicant and the tutor in Norway in co-operation.

The grant is NOK 9,250 per month. Applicants studying at locations outside Oslo will also receive a travel grant. The travel grant is NOK 1,000 for stays in southern Norway (south of Trondheim) and NOK 1,500 for stays in northern Norway (north of Trondheim). The grant covers accommodation, board, local transport, any tuition fees, study materials, pocket money and similar. Grants for travel to and from Norway are not awarded.

The Semester Grant is a one-way offer, not dependent on cultural agreements, and is awarded without the participation of authorities in the home country.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND DEADLINES:

- 1. The application must prepare at project description and make contact with a tutor in Norway.
- 2. The application must be submitted online through Espresso. Application deadline is March 15th, 2013.
- 3. After the application deadline, the tutor in the home country will be asked to evaluate/recommend and, if appropriate, rank applicants from that institution. The evaluation of the applications should be carried out in co-operation with the management at the educational institution (the person(s) responsible for the overall education of the applicant). The tutor must log in to Espresso to get access to their student's application and submit their assessment. Deadline for tutor's assessment is April 1st, 2013.
- 4. The applications will be assessed by the Advisory Council for the *Scheme for Norwegian studies at higher education institutions abroad*.
- 5. The applicants will be informed about the outcome of their application.

It is important to read the guidelines for Semester Grant before starting the application. Guidelines and more information about the application process are available at SIU's webpage: <u>http://siu.no/eng/Front-Page/Global-menu/Study-in-Norway/Semester-Grants</u>

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