



Norwegian Agency for
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UTFORSK Brazil Joint call between Diku and CAPES

Call for applications 2019

Additional funding period only

Projects supported through the joint call between the Norwegian Agency for International Cooperation and Quality Enhancement in Higher Education (Diku)¹ and the Brazilian Federal Agency for Support and Evaluation of Graduate Education (CAPES) in 2017 are invited to apply for financial support from Diku for an additional two-year period.

In 2017, Diku and CAPES granted support to six cooperation projects between higher education institutions in Norway and Brazil through a joint call, at the time called UTF-2017-CAPES-SIU. The call for applications stated that the projects selected for support might have the possibility of applying for financial support for an additional two-year period, but only if the necessary funding was made available by both Diku and CAPES. Funds have now been made available, and the six projects supported through the joint call in 2017 are invited to apply for financial support for an additional two-year period.

In order to be eligible for support, two applications must be submitted. The main partner in Norway must submit an application to Diku, while the main partner in Brazil must submit an application to CAPES. More info about the applications can be found at the websites of Diku and Capes at:

1. <https://diku.no/en/programmes/utforsk-brazil>
2. <http://www.capes.gov.br/bolsas-e-auxilios-internacionais/pais/211-noruega/9620-programa-capesutforsk-projetos-conjuntos-de-pesquisa>

Diku and CAPES will jointly decide which projects will be granted financial support for an additional two-year period.

The maximum allocation from Diku per project is NOK 600 000.

Projects granted financial support for an additional two-year period must be completed by 31 March 2022.

The final deadline for submitting applications to Diku is 12 November 2019, at 12:00 (Norwegian time).

¹ The Norwegian Centre for International Cooperation in Education (SIU) has changed name to Diku. SIU will consequently be referred to as Diku in this document.

About UTFORSK-Brazil

From the Norwegian side, the call is funded through the UTFORSK programme and relates to [the Panorama strategy](#), the Norwegian government's strategy for cooperation in higher education and research with Brazil and five other priority countries in the period 2016-2020.

Objectives

Projects awarded funding shall contribute to:

- Strengthened cooperation between higher education and research institutions in Brazil and Norway
- Increased mobility of students and academic staff between Brazil and Norway
- A close integration between higher education and research activities in the cooperation between Brazil and Norway

Project funding and activities

Each project may be awarded up to 600 000 Norwegian *kroner* (NOK) from Diku, while CAPES will grant successful applicants financial support for up to 2 work missions (7 to 21 days) and 2 study missions (3 to 12 months) in Norway per year, in addition to 10 000 Brazilian *reais* (BRL) per year to be spent on research related items and services.

The project budget included in the application to Diku should only include funds applied for from Diku.

Support from Diku may be granted to activities that contribute to fulfil the objectives of the call.

The following list contains illustrative examples of activities eligible for support:

- international project meetings
- development of joint curriculum, courses, study programmes or degrees
- development of new educational materials and methods, including digital content and tools
- dissemination activities
- student mobility
- student participation in research activities/projects

- joint teaching and supervision, including guest lecturing
- joint project assignment for students
- intensive courses, field courses and summer schools
- workshops and seminars
- courses/training/study visits for academic and administrative staff
- student work placements, internships or trainee arrangements
- involvement of private or public enterprises in student projects
- guest lecturing, workshops and seminars involving lecturers, supervisors or advisors from the public or private sector

Research activities *not clearly linked to* educational activities cannot be supported. Projects should mainly target educational cooperation, not research activities.

The project may include funds for salaries, remuneration of consultants and indirect expenses (including administration and overhead), limited to maximum 20 per cent of the total allocation. The funds may be shared between the partner institutions.

Please note that, as a general rule, travel expenses and mobility grants for Brazilian project participants (students and staff) should be covered by funding from CAPES.

For more information on and specification of eligible project activities, please see the appendix (“Budget guidelines”).

Eligibility criteria

Only the main partner institutions in Norway in projects which were granted funding through the joint call between Diku and CAPES in 2017 are eligible applicants for the funds available for allocation from Diku.

It is a prerequisite for support from Diku that the Brazilian project partner is approved by CAPES for a two-year extension.

Applications to Diku must be written in English and be submitted fully completed, including attachments, through Diku’s online platform for applications and reporting ([Espresso](#)) within the call’s final deadline.

Selection criteria

All applications must describe results achieved and activities completed in the first funding period, as well as activities, goals and expected results for the new funding period. Projects will be selected based on the quality of the applications and on the extent to which they meet the following criteria:

- The proposed activities for the new funding period contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the call.
- The partners have successfully implemented their planned activities in the first funding period.
- The proposed project sets ambitious goals for the second funding period and brings a high level of added value to the activities in the first funding period.
- The project design is well prepared, demonstrating consistency between project objectives and activities, and the distribution of responsibilities and tasks between the partners.
- The proposed project strengthens cooperation within higher education between the partners, not just through mobility of individual students, but through joint education activities, e.g. joint teaching and supervision, curriculum development, development of joint courses, study programmes, etc.
- The proposed project links higher education and research activities, and actively involves students in research activities, leading to improved quality of education.

Diku's complaint regulations and guidelines concerning right of appeal can be found [at Dikus webpage](#).

Assessment of applications and response to applicants

Each application to Diku will be assessed by Diku on the basis of its individual merits with regard to the selection criteria set out above and its relative standing to competing applications.

Each application to CAPES will be assessed by CAPES and will be subject to CAPES' eligibility requirements and selection criteria.

The selection of projects to be supported will take place in a joint meeting between Diku and CAPES, scheduled for December 2019.

Please note that it is the consolidated assessment of Diku and CAPES that will be decisive with regard to which projects are granted support.

All applicants will be notified of the outcome of the application process. Decisions are estimated to be announced in December 2019.

Contract and reporting obligations

Successful Norwegian applicants will be required to enter into a contract with Diku. The contract will be subject to Diku's standard terms and conditions and must be signed by an institutional representative holding the requisite authority to legally bind the Norwegian applicant institution. The obligations on part of the applicant include a duty to submit progress reports and a final report on completion of the project.

Contact information

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Appendix: Budget guidelines

Project budgets will be assessed on basis of its cost-effectiveness and reasonableness. The official Norwegian travel regulations (*Statens reiseregulativ*) will be used as a starting point in Diku's assessment of the reasonableness of budgeted travel and accommodation costs. Where available, moderately priced alternatives for travel and accommodation must be chosen.

The budget shall only include the funds you apply for from Diku for your project. Please specify each of the budget items. Be as specific as possible, detailing how you plan to spend the funds you apply for and how you have estimated the costs.

Student mobility

The tables below describe eligible costs that may be included in project applications with regard to incoming/outgoing student mobility related to each of the eligible levels of education (Bachelor/Master/PhD).

The rates for student accommodation and living costs are based on rates and net amounts paid out to students from the State Educational Loan Fund (Bachelor/Master) and the Norwegian Research Council (PhD). The rates cover the individual student's costs, and additional funding for dependents/family members may not be included in the budget. As the relevant rates are adjusted annually according to the retail price inflation, the rates may be adjusted accordingly for coming years.

Travel, visa and insurance costs incurred in connection with student mobility may be supported if not covered by funding attainable from the State Education Loan Fund or other external funding sources.

As a general rule, travel expenses and mobility grants for Brazilian students should be covered by funding from CAPES. Costs that constitute an exception to this rule must be clearly justified in the application to Diku.

Student mobility up to 4 weeks

	Bachelor, Master and PhD
To/from Norway	Project applications may include accommodation and living costs for students related to the planned project activities (e.g. intensive courses, field work, workshops, supervision, research activities, excursions, work placements, etc.).

Student mobility exceeding 4 weeks

	Bachelor/Master	PhD
To Norway	<p>Project applications may include scholarships to students.</p> <p>The scholarships are meant to cover accommodation and living costs in Norway. The scholarships may not exceed the applicable rate set by the Norwegian State Educational Loan Fund (<i>Lånekassen</i>). In 2019/-20, the monthly rate is NOK 11 020.</p>	<p>Project applications may include accommodation and living costs associated with the PhD students stay in Norway up to the applicable monthly rate set by the Norwegian Research Council (Overseas Research Grants) for individuals. In 2019, the rate is NOK 18 000. Additional grants for dependents are not given.</p>
From Norway	<p>Project applications may include scholarships to cover costs which are not covered by student funding attainable from the State Educational Loan Fund. Such extra costs are limited to NOK 6 000 per student per month. These rates also apply to international mobility for work placements.</p>	<p>Project applications may include specified cost items which are not covered by other external funding, up to the applicable monthly rate set by the Norwegian Research Council (Overseas Research Grants) for individuals. In 2019, the rate is NOK 18 000. Additional grants for dependents are not given.</p>

Travel costs for staff

Projects may include reasonable travel costs and expenses for academic and administrative staff related to the project activities.

As a general rule, travel expenses and mobility grants for Brazilian staff should be covered by funding from CAPES. Costs that constitute an exception to this rule must be clearly justified in the application to Diku.

Equipment

Limited costs for equipment, literature and software necessary to carry out the project activities may be included in the project budget. Such costs must be clearly justified and clearly linked to educational activities at Master and PhD level.

Salary and indirect costs

The aggregate cost of salaries, remuneration of consultants, honorariums and indirect costs involved in a project may not exceed 20 per cent of the total project budget. The amount may be shared among the project partners. Please specify how these costs have been calculated and how many months of work will be carried out by whom on basis of the costs budgeted.