NORDIC MASTER 2019

Information session for applicants
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CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2019

- DL 31 October 2019
- Support for 4 Nordic Master programmes
- Up to 1,5 MDKK (appr. 200 000 €)/programme
- For developing and preparation max 375 000 DKK (appr. 50 000 €), the rest for implementation
- 4(5) -year contract
BACKGROUND

• NCM’s globalization initiatives started in 2007, Nordic Master as a pilot programme one of many initiatives

• Since 2007, 9 calls and 34 programmes funded, covering many different subject areas. 19 programmes still active.

• Evaluations, students surveys and working committee: permanent programme + more focus on implementation and complementarity with Nordplus

• NCM made a final decision on a more permanent programme period for the years 2017-2021

• EDUFI acts as the responsible administrator
OBJECTIVES (1/2)

• to internationalise higher education in the Nordic Region through collaboration between Nordic and non-Nordic students from Europe and beyond

• to develop and facilitate cooperation between higher education institutions (HEIs) in the Nordic Region through systematic attention to solving hindrances and challenges in organising joint programmes

• to offer support to joint master programmes that are based on excellence and high quality
OBJECTIVES (2/2)

• to support joint programmes that are research-based and offer good opportunities for graduates to careers in research as well as in non-academic working life

• to develop collaboration between HEIs, industry and labour market in the Nordic Region

• to reach good and measurable results in students’ learning outcomes (knowledge, competences, skills)

• to help students and other participants to create useful networks
WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

- HEIs in the Nordic Countries and Faroe Islands, Greenland and Åland
- Recognised by competent national authorities
- Offer research-based education at second-cycle level (scientific and artistic research)
- At least 2 HEIs from 2 different programme countries
- “Old” Nordic Master programmes, i.e. programmes that received support from the programme 2007-2013 may apply and are recognized as new programmes.
FORMAL CRITERIA

- Comply with current national (institutional) regulations (accreditation)
- Research based, 120 ECTS
- Min. 30 ECTS/HEI
- Mobility, 30 ECTS, can be partly virtual
- Joint Degree or Multiple Degrees, fully recognised by national authorities in countries of the degree awarding HEIs
- Cooperation regulated by an agreement
SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

• Development and preparation: all necessary activities in order to develop and start the joint programme
• Implementation
FUNDING RULES

• Development/preparation: signed contract -> max. 375 000 DKK (appr. 50 000 €), regardless of the size of the consortium

• Implementation: list of students (1st instalment: in addition a copy of signed agreement) max 375 000 DKK/academic year.
QUALITY / ASSESSMENT CRITERIA (1/5)

Relevance

• With regard to the objectives of the Nordic Master set by the NCM
• Added value of the joint programme
• Learning Outcomes, employability/possibilities for graduates on PhD level
• Innovative features
• Nordic added value
• Links to Nordic research entities/PhD programmes/working life
QUALITY / ASSESSMENT CRITERIA (2/5)
Joint curriculum design

• Based on Learning Outcomes
• Relevant teaching and assessment methods
• Each partner contributes to the joint curriculum
• Strong commitment from all partners
QUALITY / ASSESSMENT CRITERIA (3/5)
Joint Management

- **Joint** programmes are **jointly** managed
- Joint bodies (coordination, Admission/selection, academic affairs, QA, etc.).
- External and internal QA systems and procedures
- Tuition fee policy!
- Agreement
- Coordination in all participating institutions (local coordinators)
QUALITY / ASSESSMENT CRITERIA (4/5)

Students

• Students as target group: well defined
• Plan for marketing the programme
• Relevant information and support to the students
• Study environment: interaction
QUALITY / ASSESSMENT CRITERIA (5/5)

Sustainability

• Strategy/plan for time after external funding (NM)
A PIECE OF ADVICE (1/2):

• there are cases of successful joint programmes running with Nordic Master funding

• the programme needs not to be fully planned and ready to start (start 2020/21 or 2021/22): flexibility

• If you feel that your programme is too far away to meet the criteria now or your application is not successful: apply support for developing from Nordplus Higher Education (annual calls, DL 1.2)

• Extension of partnership to Baltic countries: additional funding for them can be applied from Nordplus Higher Education
A PIECE OF ADVICE (2/2):

- Implementation: use Erasmus + for mobility, limited possibilities also for Nordplus funded mobility
- Sustainability: after Nordic Master -> Erasmus Mundus: a possibility
MORE INFORMATION

• Ask your colleagues at your institution!

• Website: www.nordicmaster.org

• Email: nordicmaster@oph.fi

• Subscribe to the Nordic Master e-mail list (EDUFI_nordicmaster_highered): https://lista.edu.fi/sympa/subscribe/edufi_nordicmaster_highered
Thank you!

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