

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Nordic Research Initiative on Sexual Harassment at Work – Open Call 2

### General questions

**Question:**

Does the principal applicant need to be a researcher, or could it be a working life actor?

**Answer:**

The principal applicant requirements are as follows:

- affiliated with a university, university college or research institute receiving public funding, and located in a Nordic country/area
- have fulfilled all requirements for a doctoral degree no later than the day the call closes
- acts as project leader and is responsible for the scientific quality
- is responsible for collaboration, reporting, administration and project finances

The grant must be administered by the university, university college or research institute of the principal applicant.

**Question:**

If we want to study the education sector, for example a university, do we need to compare it with another sector?

**Answer:**

The education sector including universities are examples of industries/branches that are part of the labour market and therefore can be in focus. But you still need to have practitioners involved in your application – that might be employers organisations, unions etcetera. Projects can focus on ONE sector or compare different sectors.

**Question:**

Do the projects have to be interdisciplinary and have an intersectional approach to get funding?

**Answer:**

It's not required, but proposals are encouraged to address the diversified and complex reality of working life, in order to contribute to well-targeted and effective prevention and new methods of intervention.

**Question:**

How do you measure the criteria “Scientific quality” of the project?

**Answer:**

Scientific quality is assessed through five different aspects:

- Relevance
- Theory
- Originality
- Method
- Implementation

You can read more about these aspects in [the guidelines for applicants](#).

**Question:**

Who will assess the applications and how is the decisions made? And when?

**Answer:**

We will have three external experts with academic background assessing the applications in accordance with the criteria for the call. The final decision will be made by NIKK, in dialogue with the Nordic Council of Ministers. Our ambition is that the decision will be made by December 2021.

## Questions about partners

**Question:**

You demand partners from minimum three Nordic countries/areas of the Nordic region – is it enough to have a partner with activities in three countries, for example a Nordic organisation?

**Answer:**

One partner count as one country – independently of how their activities are spread geographically. You need minimum three partners based in three different Nordic countries/areas of the Nordic region.

**Question:**

Is it possible to have a research partner and a working life actor from the same country, with partners from two other countries?

**Answer:**

Yes. There are many possible combinations as long as you have at least three Nordic countries/areas of the Nordic region involved, as well as at least one applicant representing working life actors.

**Question:**

What is an “working life actor”? Could it be a hospital or even a non-governmental organization (NGO)?

**Answer:**

A working life actor represents practitioners in the project. That is an institution or organisation involved and with influence on daily matters in working life. A hospital or NGO are possible partners, for example as representatives for employers. The call explicitly asks for co-operation between partners representing research and working life.

[The guidelines](#) defines working life actors as, for example:

- employer organisations
- employee organisations
- interest organisations for specific industries
- specific workplaces, public/private/third sector-NGO:s
- government authorities
- other working life actors

## Questions about funding

**Question:**

About the 20 % co-funding: Can we count working hours for the different applicants as co-funding or is this possible only for the main applicant?

**Answer:**

The budget is for the whole project including all partners in the application. The 20 % co-funding of the total sum can add up from several partners involved, or other sources available.

**Question:**

The budget for funding seems small compared to the ones from National Research Councils. Who have contributed to the funding of this call?

**Answer:**

Behind the call are collaborative sectors within the Nordic Council of Ministers: gender equality, culture, working life and the Nordic Committee for Children and Young People.

The aim is to **initiate** research that can be continued with funding from other sources, such as National Research Councils.

## Questions about the application form

### Question:

The detailed project plan to be attached to the application form – what do you want to see in that document? Is it an extension of the sections in the application form or are there other things that could/should be included and that could benefit the application?

### Answer:

The detailed project plan gives a possibility to elaborate on your plans and include aspects of relevance for your proposal that do not fit into the fields in the application form. Information usually included here are, for example, the rationale of the project in terms of problem to be solved, what activities that are planned in order to reach the objectives as well as the overall timetable (what is to be done by whom and when).

### Question:

In the application, can we mention plans for future funding as part of the project's longer-term outcomes?

### Answer:

Open Call 2 aims to **initiate** practice-oriented research, therefore a long-term goal such as applying for future funding may be relevant to include in the application.

### Question:

Are the maximum of 7000 characters reserved for every individual CV or the total amount of characters for all attached CVs?

### Answer:

Maximum 7000 characters per CV, not the total.