

## SFU 2016

### Economic framework conditions

A support team has been established in the Rector's staff to assist with the creation of application budgets. Contact [Senior Executive Officer Øyvind Toldnes](#) to request support.

2016 Candidates at the SFU stage can apply for NOK 8 million from NOKUT. In addition to the grant from NOKUT, the faculties and the Rector will contribute financially.

In 2013, the candidates could apply for NOK 3 million from NOKUT. The Rector's financial support to Centres of Research Excellence (SFF) was a natural place to start when calculating the support offered to possible SFUs. In 2013, this meant that the financial support from the Rector to SFU candidates was set at NOK 700,000 per year per centre. The sum of NOK 700,000 was calculated as follows:

- **Cash grant:** SFFs receive a cash grant of NOK 1.67 million each, per year. On average, this amounts to approx. 10 per cent of the grant from NFR given to NTNU's four current SFFs. 10 per cent of the annual grant to SFUs of NOK 3 million equals NOK 300,000 per year.
- **Positions:** Today, each SFF has 2 PhD positions and 1 Postdoctoral Fellow. Converted to money, this amounts to approx. NOK 2 million per centre. The average SFF size is an NFR grant of NOK 15 million. In other words, an SFU grant amounts to 20 per cent of this. Converted to cash grants, this equals NOK 400,000 for an SFU per year.

Potential SFU candidates should consider adding a PhD Candidate to successful NTNU applications, considering the fact that SFFs are given PhD positions. The SFF PhD positions are assigned from the Rector's PhD pool. Unlike with an SFF, however, a PhD candidate at an SFU should not do research within the subject itself, but contribute to the academic environment's research on their own teaching methods. How can a potential SFU PhD scheme be financed?

In 2013, two NTNU candidates progressed to the final stage: TRANSark from AB and 2IT from IME. The finalists were invited to apply for up to NOK 500,000 per year for a maximum of two years to strengthen their candidature for the next stage. A prerequisite for the financial support being granted was that the faculties matched the amount granted by the Rector at a minimum.

### [The entire SFU 2016 process](#)

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