

Nordic Gender Fund



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The purpose of the Nordic Gender Fund is to strengthen the infrastructure for research in a broad, interdisciplinary and power-critical field. Historically, gender research has been strong in the Nordic countries, and many universities now have departments for gender studies or equivalent. Over time, studies of other power structures have also been included in gender research. Simultaneously, power-critical research is being developed in an interdisciplinary manner and across a number of subject areas.

Since the late 1990s, the Swedish Secretariat for Gender Research has followed up on important issues within the field of gender research, as well as on general policy issues relating to research infrastructure. The Nordic Gender Fund is a continuation of this work, through which we seek to enable active researchers to define their own needs and directions. Applications will be assessed by two independent expert researchers.

Information for applicants

The Nordic Gender Fund accepts applications for infrastructural support within a broad interdisciplinary field. The purpose of the fund is to strengthen infrastructures for producing knowledge within a broad field of critical studies of power. This may include research on norms, perceptions and structures that reproduce and maintain inequalities based on gender, race/ethnicity, sexuality, class, age, etc.

Funding is awarded for activities aimed at establishing or strengthening 1) scientific networks, 2) scientific conferences or 3) scientific journals. In addition to networks, conferences and journals, funding is available for 'other activities' as defined by the applicant.

Applications will be assessed by two independent, expert researchers. The key criteria for funding decisions are how well the purpose and research problem are formulated and how closely the proposed activities relate to the purpose and research problem. Feasibility and the applicant's plans for the long-term sustainability of the proposed activities will also be assessed.

Are you eligible to apply?

To be eligible to apply for funding from the Nordic Gender Fund, applicants must be either a doctoral student or a researcher with a PhD and be affiliated with an institution of higher education in one of the Nordic countries or the three autonomous territories of the Faroe Islands, Greenland and Åland.

What can you apply for?

The Nordic Gender Fund supports activities that contribute to developing infrastructures for research on gender, sex, race/ethnicity, sexuality, class, age, etc.

Funding is provided for activities aimed at establishing or strengthening 1) scientific networks, 2) scientific conferences or 3) scientific journals. In addition to networks, conferences and journals, funding is available for 'other activities' as defined by the applicant.

When can you apply?

The Nordic Gender Fund accepts funding applications once a year. The application window opens on 15 October and closes at 23:59 CET on 15 November.

How do you apply?

Applications must be submitted in English using the application form available on nordicgenderfund.se.

How will your application be assessed?

Applications will be assessed by two expert researchers, including at least one international expert who is not affiliated with an institution of higher education in the Nordics.

The key criteria for funding decisions are how well the purpose and research problem are formulated and how closely the proposed activities relate to the purpose and research problem. Feasibility and the applicant's plans for the long-term sustainability of the proposed activities will also be assessed.

We do not provide justifications for funding decisions.

What are the terms and conditions?

Applications must be related to activities starting on 1 January and lasting until 31 December 2025.

Successful applicants will be notified in early December. Funds will be allocated in December 2024.

For funds granted in December 2024, a report on the proposed use of funds must be submitted no later than March 2026. A reporting form will be included with the notification of funding.



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