PRE-ANNOUNCEMENT

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS:

JOINT NORDIC USE OF RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE 2007

NordForsk is announcing a call for applications for funding of joint Nordic use of research infrastructure. The application deadline is 4 September 2007. NordForsk will fund up to 15 projects and each research project may receive a frame grant of minimum 0.5 and maximum 1 million Norwegian Kroner (NOK).

Research infrastructures are defined as research facilities, resources or services of a unique kind. The definition covers both single-sited and distributed infrastructures and comprises major equipment or sets of instruments, e-infrastructures and knowledge resources such as collections, archives and databases, including the associated human resources needed to exploit the services.

Proposals may be submitted within any scientific field provided the criteria to qualify as a research infrastructure in this call are met. Funding will be awarded to projects where the importance of joint Nordic planning and use of research infrastructure is evident i.e., where the investment in research infrastructure will offer significant added value when realised in a Nordic setting.

The call will be announced on 15 May. For further information, please visit the NordForsk website <u>www.nordforsk.org</u>.

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