

Funding young scientists Arctic Frontiers Emerging Leaders 2016

The Research Council of Norway funds the participations of 10 young scientists in Arctic Frontiers Emerging Leaders 2016. January 20-26 2016 30 participants from academia, business and the public sector will embark the Norwegian Coastal Express Hurtigruten for a northbound journey from Bodø to the Arctic Frontiers conference in Tromsø. Emerging Leaders will provide the participants with a broad knowledge base on the High North – as well as valuable networks for the future.

30 candidates from different countries will participate in a blend of technical, social and cultural events accompanied by mentors from business, politics and academia. The program starts in the city of Bodø, then continues on-board the Norwegian Coastal Express (Hurtigruten) and ends in Tromsø, “the gateway to the Arctic”. To explore the marine resources and potential in the Lofoten Islands, a stop will be made in Svolvær. This part of the program provides the participants with a possibility for a deeper understanding of development potential and challenges in one particular region.

The conference Arctic Frontiers 2016 takes place at the University of Tromsø January 24-29 2016. The first part of the conference program is devoted to policy, while the two following parts focus on business development and science.

The Emerging Leader program is linked to the topic of Arctic Frontiers 2016 "Industry and Environment" and includes the following sessions:

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| Session 1 | Politics and security in the High North |
| Session 2 | Industry and Environment in the Arctic |
| Session 3 | Technology development and transfer within seafood and offshore industries |
| Session 4 | Workshop, preparing a presentation |

Now young scientists are invited to apply for funding to participate in Emerging Leaders 2016.

Funding

Young scientists at university colleges, universities and research institutes working in fields related to the Arctic and/or the four chosen themes, are hereby invited to apply for funding to participate in Emerging Leaders 2016. The funding is made available by the Research Council of Norway and the application process is administrated by Arctic Frontiers Emerging Leaders.

The call for funding contains 10 scholarships of 30 000 NOK and covers:

- Accommodation (hotel accommodation for seven nights, including one night on-board Hurtigruten from Svolvær to Tromsø)
- Food and cultural activities (including RIB trip and Lofotr Viking Museum.)
- Registration fee for the two day policy section at the Arctic Frontiers 2016 conference

The scholarships do not cover expenses related to the participants' travel to Bodø and back from Tromsø.

Funding will be awarded based on application criteria, while securing diversity among the participants (field of science, institutional affiliation, geography, gender). Only complete applications will be evaluated. Complete applications are applications where all the criteria described are answered in a satisfactory manner.

Application criteria

1. The candidates are mainly Ph.D. students/post docs affiliated to Norwegian university colleges, universities or research institutes. Ph.D. students/post docs at research institutions abroad with a strong connection to Norway or within a research field of relevance for Emerging Leaders 2016 can, however, also be considered. Candidates with a technological focus of relevance for Emerging Leaders 2016 are especially encouraged to apply.
2. The candidates are borne in 1981 or later.
3. The candidate's application must be approved by her/his supervisor and a named administrative responsible at her/his research institution. This approval must be formatted as an official letter of support, which obligate the candidate and her/his research institution to Arctic Frontiers Emerging Leaders.
4. The following attachments to the candidate's application are mandatory:
 - A letter of motivation describing the candidate's field of interest, why the candidate wants to participate in Emerging Leaders 2016 and which expectations the candidate has for her/his participation in the program.
 - CV (including the candidate's date of birth)
 - Obligating letter of support from supervisor and named administrative responsible at her/his research institution
 - Summary of a scientific presentation (400 words maximum). Complete manuscripts or papers are NOT to be attached.

The summary for a scientific presentation will be used in the evaluation of the applications, as well as to invite some participants to give a presentation as part of the program for Emerging Leaders 2016. The summary must therefore contain adequate information to evaluate the presentation's relevance for Emerging Leaders.

The summary must therefore show how the candidate's presentation will:

- Contribute to communicating solid knowledge within the four chosen themes for Emerging Leaders 2016
- Be of high scientific quality
- Present new or recently published data
- Not be of commercial character or contain advertisement for specific companies, products or services.

Deadline

The call for funding is now open and applications will be received from August 1 2015. The call will be closed at October 15 2015 if the number of applications secures a satisfactory amount of qualified candidates.

To secure sufficient diversity in institutional affiliation and geography, there will be an initial limit of to participants from each research institution.

Send your application to kriss.rokkan.iversen@salt.nu.

Questions regarding Arctic Frontiers Emerging Leaders and the scholarships for young scientists can be directed to Kriss Rokkan Iversen by email or phone +4748220550.