

Funding young scientists Arctic Frontiers Emerging Leaders 2017

The Research Council of Norway funds the participations of 10 young scientists in Arctic Frontiers Emerging Leaders 2017. January 18-24 2017 30 participants from academia, business and the public sector will come together for a northbound journey from Bodø via Lofoten and continue 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 2017 takes place at the University of Tromsø January 22-27 2017. The first part of the conference program is devoted to policy, while the two following parts focus on business development and science.

The Emerging Leaders program is linked to the topic of Arctic Frontiers 2017 “White Space – Blue Future” and includes the following sessions:

- Session 1 Politics and Security in the High North
- Session 2 New Conditions for Blue Growth
- Session 3 Technology Development and Arctic Business
- Session 4 Workshop, preparing a presentation

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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 2017. Funding of the scholarships is made available to Arctic Frontiers Emerging Leaders by the Research Council of Norway.

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

- Accommodation (hotel accommodation for six nights) and transport Bodø – Tromsø
- Food and cultural activities (including boat trips and Lofotr Viking Museum.)
- Registration fee for the two-day policy section at the Arctic Frontiers 2017 conference

The scholarships do not cover expenses related to the participants’ travel to Bodø and return 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 2017 can, however, also be considered. Candidates with a technological focus of relevance for Emerging Leaders 2017 are especially encouraged to apply.
2. The candidates are born in 1982 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 2017 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 2017. The summary must therefore contain adequate information in order 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 2017
- 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 and applications is now open and will be accepted until November 1st 2016, 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 two participants from each research institution.

Send your application to Laura Johanne Olsen by e-mail: laura@salt.nu

Questions regarding Arctic Frontiers Emerging Leaders and the scholarships for young scientists can be directed to Laura Johanne Olsen by email or phone +47 90751275.