

The Centre for Peace Studies Fund for Research and Meetings

The Centre for Peace Studies has two core activities, (1) research, and (2) administrating the Master Programme in Peace and Conflict Transformation. With the CPS Research Fund, CPS seeks to engage new affiliates in its mission and to promote higher education peace studies research. The research fund is administered by the Research Committee of the Centre for Peace Studies.

The main research goal of the Centre for Peace Studies is to facilitate research that examines the mechanisms underlying how peace may be achieved and maintained by peaceful means and how conflict may be managed and resolved without the use of violence. CPS supports the study of positive peace and non-violent conflict management empirically and comparatively with a special interest in multi-disciplinary, pluralistic approaches (see <http://uit.no/cps/3294/> for the CPS Policy Statement).

Peace studies often concentrate on the avoidance or resolution of conflict in inter-state relations, but also on a wide range of other topics such as gender, generation, culture, class, race, ethnicity and nation, as well as the balance between society and nature. Methodologically, peace studies span theoretical, empirical, critical and applied work.

Information about other projects that have been initiated, coordinated or carried out by other affiliates of CPS can be found here: <http://uit.no/cps/3775/>.

Invitation to Apply for Funding

The Centre for Peace Studies invites proposals to fund research projects that seek to advance our understanding of (1) the achievement and maintenance of positive, sustainable peace, and/or (2) non-violent forms of conflict management and resolution.

The purpose of the funding is to promote research activity at the University of Tromsø that can benefit the research goals of the Centre for Peace Studies. Therefore, all projects must be connected to a member of the faculty or staff at the University of Tromsø.

Application Deadlines

The CPS research committee will review applications 3 times annually –with the 20th of September, January and March as the deadline for submission of applications. If the 20th is a public holiday, the first following working day is the deadline for submission. The research committee will review all applications and makes a recommendation to the CPS board that then gives formal approval to the projects.

The maximum amount that may be applied for in a research proposal is NOK 100.000 and the maximum amount that may be applied for in a meeting proposal is NOK 50.000. However, the amounts awarded will be considered in terms of the total amount of funding available.

Part A: Applications regarding Research Proposals

Consideration of research proposals will be given to (in no particular order):

- Projects with clear relevance to the CPS Policy Statement and research profile (i.e., related to ways of creating peace by peaceful means or non-violent conflict management).
- Projects with a clear research plan and timeline.
- Projects that can involve students in the 2-year Masters for Peace and Conflict Transformation program.
- Projects with a specific plan for the dissemination of results (e.g., publications, talks and the like).
- Projects that fit into a larger program of research.

Application

Applicants must include the following in their application:

1. Project title.
2. Information about affiliation and research background of the principle investigator and primary collaborators.
3. A brief summary statement of the project purpose and goals (maximum 200 words).
4. A presentation of the project that includes its theoretical base, key questions and methodologies as well as the project's relationship to CPS policy (maximum 2000 words).
5. A research plan and timeline.
6. Information about any applications being prepared for or considered by relevant human subjects review boards for this project.
7. A budget (with the contributions of other funders specified). Budget items should include any or all of the following:
 - Personnel and overhead expenses.
 - Purchases of research services.
 - Equipment.
 - Travel
 - Other.
8. A statement of how the project can involve students in the Masters for Peace and Conflict Transformation program.
9. A plan for the dissemination of results (e.g., targeted publications, conference presentations, public talks and the like as well as a targeted deadline for each).

Obligations of CPS and the Funded Parties

A letter with the outcome of the application process will be sent to the principle investigator within one week of the final decision from the CPS board.

Funded projects will be posted on the CPS web site. The posting will include the 200 word summary of all funded projects, the names and affiliations of the principle investigator and primary collaborators, and the timeline for the research.

Principal investigators of successful applications must ensure that

- Action taken is consistent with the award terms.
- Resources are effectively utilized.
- All expenditures are documented and in accordance with the award terms.

- No significant project changes occur without consultation with the CPS board (e.g., change in the project's objectives or scope, change in the principle investigator's involvement, change's in the project budget).
- Funding for projects under the jurisdiction of a human subjects review board will not be released until documentation of review board approval has been provided to the CPS research committee (see http://www.etikkom.no/REK/skjemaer/skjema_01/Etikkom/REK/regionNord for more information). All biomedical research as well as research that deals with the physical or mental health of human beings is relevant for this consideration.
- All public dissemination related to funded projects must include information about the project's affiliation with the Centre for Peace Studies at the University of Tromsø.

Principal investigators will be invited to present their findings to CPS and MPCT at least once during the project period. A brief report about the project's outcomes is expected within 3 months of the project's official completion. This report and an overview of resulting publications and presentations related to the project (with direct links to them as allowed by copyright laws) will be posted on the CPS web site.

Part B: Applications regarding Meeting, conferences or workshops

Considerations for proposals for gatherings will be given to (in no particular order):

- Gatherings with clear relevance to the CPS Policy Statement and research profile (i.e., related to ways of creating peace by peaceful means or non-violent conflict management).
- Gatherings with a clear agenda for the promotion of research.
- Gatherings that can include students in the 2-year Masters for Peace and Conflict Transformation program and other CPS affiliates.
- Gatherings that promote a larger program of research.

Application

Applicants must include the following in their application:

1. Meeting title.
2. Information about affiliation and research background of the key participants.
3. A brief summary statement of the purpose and goals of the gathering (maximum 200 words).
4. A presentation of the theoretical or empirical value the gathering will have in light of CPS policy (maximum 2000 words).
5. A clear plan and timeline.
6. A budget (with the contributions of other funders specified). Budget items should include any or all of the following:
 - a. Personnel and overhead expenses.
 - b. Travel, food and lodging
 - c. Gathering-specific expenses
 - d. Other.
7. A statement of how the project can involve students in the Masters for Peace and Conflict Transformation program.

8. A plan for how the contents of the gathering will be summarized (e.g., in a report) and disseminated.

Obligations of CPS and the Funded Parties

A letter with the outcome of the application process will be sent to the principle organizer within one week of the final decision from the CPS board.

Funded projects will be posted on the CPS web site. The posting will include the 200 word summary of all funded projects, the names and affiliations of the principle investigator and primary collaborators, and the timeline for the research.

Principal organizers of successful applications must ensure that

- Action taken is consistent with the award terms.
- Resources are effectively utilized.
- All expenditures are documented and in accordance with the award terms.
- No significant changes occur without consultation with the CPS board (e.g., change in the gathering's objectives or scope, change in the principle organizer's involvement, change's in the budget).
- All public dissemination related to funded projects must include information about the project's affiliation with the Centre for Peace Studies at the University of Tromsø.

Principal organizers will be encouraged to invite the greater CPS and MPCT community to be involved in the gathering. A brief report about the gathering's outcomes is expected within 3 months of the gathering's official completion. This report and an overview of any resulting publications and spin-off presentations related to the gathering (with direct links to them as allowed by copyright laws) will be posted on the CPS web site.