

Funding

PhD students have several possibilities for financing their studies, i.e., cover their costs of living and research expenses (the tuition fee is nominal):

- 1. Quota scholarships:** There is a government-sponsored programme for students from developing countries (and Eastern Europe outside the EU). Most of the current PhD students from developing countries are quota students. [More information](#)
- 2. Project support:** A few students are funded through research or development projects. Among the current students this has two forms: (a) PhD students that are part of development aid projects supported by NORAD or other development agencies. (b) PhD students that are attached to research projects, typically funded by the Norwegian Research Council. These positions are announced when available.
- 3. Self-financed or other sources of funding:** PhD students may also provide their own funding for their studies, although this is rare. Note that developing country students have to document their financial support in advance to the Norwegian immigration authorities.