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## General guidance

The application form for Det Norske Veritas Foundation (hereafter the 'Foundation') research funding is based on the Norwegian Research Council template, and together with the budget and CVs, is structured to address the four elements of the evaluation criteria for proposals: excellence, impact, implementation, and relevance and fit. Applicants are advised to familiarize themselves with the call text and the evaluation process by reading the instructions for expert review and the review and decision process document.

This template consists of the sections and subsections that make up the electronic grant application form, with guidance for each field to be completed.

The proposed research should be presented clearly, using language that is understandable to individuals with a general scientific understanding of the field. Please note that the reviewers in the panel where your application is reviewed may not necessarily work in precisely the same area as you.

The project description must be written in English.

## Application form template

### About the project

#### Project title

Free text (100 characters)

#### Summary

Free text (1500 characters)

#### Which call and theme are you applying for?

- Autonomous systems
  - Emergence in autonomous systems
  - Alignment of autonomous systems
  - Quantifying risk and uncertainty in autonomous AI systems
- Critical raw materials
  - Resource potential
  - Sustainable and secure material supply chains
  - Recycling and recovery of critical raw materials from end-of-life objects
  - Alternative raw materials and substitute technologies
- Societal risks
  - Identification of climate-related physical vulnerabilities in critical infrastructure
  - Cyber vulnerabilities and digital risk amplification
  - Holistic and integrated risk modelling
  - Societal resilience

## 1. Excellence

This section should provide a description of the planned project to enable an assessment of its excellence, i.e. the novelty/originality and quality/soundness of the proposed work. Make sure that the theoretical approach and/or choice of methods are well accounted for and described, and that it is clear how these methods are adequate for addressing the research questions, hypotheses and project objectives.

### 1.1 State of the art, knowledge needs and project objectives

- Summarise the state of the art of the research area and describe the knowledge needs and challenges that justify the initiation of the project.
- State the overall project objectives and aims in the context of the state of the art and knowledge needs.

Free text (5000 characters)

### 1.2 Novelty and ambition

- Describe the potential for development of new knowledge beyond the current state of the art, including significant theoretical, methodological, experimental and/or empirical advancements.
- Highlight any particularly novel, original or ambitious aspects of the project, e.g. in the objectives, research questions/hypotheses, approaches and/or methodology.

Free text (5000 characters)

### 1.3 Research questions and hypotheses, theoretical approach and methodology

- Describe in detail the research questions and/or hypotheses.
- Describe thoroughly the theoretical approach and/or methodology chosen to address the project objectives, research questions and/or hypotheses.
- If relevant, specify why an interdisciplinary approach has been chosen.
- If there are ethical issues to consider, describe how these will be dealt with.
- If relevant, describe how potentially undesirable effects from carrying out the project on human and animal health, climate and the environment and society at large can be avoided.

Free text (5000 characters)

### 1.4 List of references

List the 10 most important references supporting the project objectives and knowledge needs.

	Title	Year of publication (YYYY)	Link to publication (300 characters)
1			
2			
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## 2. Impact

This section should describe the importance of the anticipated results in terms of the potential scientific impact, and, if relevant, the potential societal impact of the research in both the short and long term. The section should also specify the planned measures for exploitation, communication and dissemination of the project results. The description of the potential impact should be project-specific and related to the proposed research. General elaborations on the benefits of research in a wider context should be avoided.

### 2.1 Potential impact of the proposed research

- Building on the description of project objectives and novelty in Section 1, describe clearly why and how the project outputs may address important present and/or future scientific challenges and have an impact on the research area/field, if successful.
- If relevant, building on the description of knowledge needs and challenges in Section 1.1, describe why and how the project outputs, if successful, have the potential to answer which specific questions in the call.

Free text (5000 characters)

- Describe how you will ensure reproducibility and the potential to reuse the project outputs through open science practices such as FAIR data, software, models, algorithms etc.

Free text (2000 characters)

### 2.2 Measures for communication and exploitation

- Describe the target audiences and stakeholders/users of the project results and outputs, both in and beyond the scientific community. Outline briefly the scope and plan for communication and engagement activities.

Free text (2500 characters)

- Provide a brief description of planned activities that will contribute to the realisation of the potential impacts of the project results and outputs, both in and beyond the scientific sphere.

Free text (2500 characters)

- Describe open science practices to ensure early and open sharing and wide distribution of research outputs.

Free text (2500 characters)

### 2.3 Scientific publications

Number of scientific publications

Register the estimated number of publications reporting original research results in international peer-reviewed scientific journals resulting from this grant. Please be aware that all publications must be gold open access.

Number

Publication plan

Provide a list of the most important planned scientific publications (up to five).

Article number	Title (150 characters)
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	

### 3. Implementation

This section should provide a description of the project team, organisation, management, work plan, task allocation and deliverables. For the project team, avoid repeating information already contained in the CVs. Focus on the concrete roles and tasks, and how the project team, including key collaborators, is suitable and adequate for the research project. The work plan, work packages, tasks and deliverables should present a realistic and feasible approach to using the methodology and achieving the objectives presented in the first section. The ambitions and workload should be realistic in terms of resources such as personnel, expertise, research infrastructure, etc.

#### 3.1 Researcher and project team

- Describe the expertise and experience of the principal investigator in the context of the proposed project to complement the information in the CV.
- Describe briefly the project team, including collaborators, to complement the information in the CVs. In particular, describe the complementarity of the participants in the context of the proposed project.

Free text (3000 characters)

Collaborating institutions

If applicable, list the five most important collaborating institutions.

#### 3.2 Project organisation and management

- Describe the organisation and management structure.
- Provide a brief overview of research infrastructure and other resources that will be essential for carrying out the proposed project.

Free text (3000 characters)

Describe the overall objectives of each work package. Break down the work to be performed into tasks. Give each task a title and briefly describe it.

##### List of tasks

Summarize all the tasks from the individual work packages in this list, listing the work package number, lead participant, and start and end dates for each task.

Task no.	Task name (100 characters)	WP No.	Lead participant	Start date (MM/YY)	End date (MM/YY)

### List of deliverables

Summarize all the deliverables for from the individual work packages in this list, listing the work package number, lead participant, and delivery date for each deliverable.

Deliverable no.	Deliverable name (100 characters)	WP No.	Lead participant	Delivery date (MM/YY)

### 3.3 Budget

All amounts are in thousand NOK.

The minimum amount that can be sought from the Foundation over the project period (in thousand NOK) is 5000.

The maximum amount that can be sought from the Foundation over the project period (in thousand NOK) is 12000.

Note that grant recipient bears the risk for any fluctuations in currency exchange rate.

#### 3.3.1 Personnel costs

List personnel costs in thousand NOK *excluding* indirect costs, which the Foundation does not fund.

Use your institution's normal salary rates, including statutory salary scales and mandatory employer contributions, in line with national rules. Personnel costs must reflect actual costs and applicable statutory rates incurred for work on the project.

Personnel costs (excluding indirect costs*)	Det Norske Veritas Foundation	Own financing	Public funding	Private funding	Total
Project manager	0	0	0	0	0
Senior researcher	0	0	0	0	0
Post-doctoral researcher	0	0	0	0	0
PhD student	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total personnel costs in thousand NOK</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

#### 3.3.2 Other costs

List other costs in thousand NOK under the categories listed in the table.

The procurement of services (for example specialized laboratory tests, analyses or technical services) is eligible for reimbursement, provided that these are justified, procured transparently, documented, and limited to supporting tasks. Only the actual invoice cost is eligible; no overhead or mark-up may be added.

Other costs	Det Norske Veritas Foundation	Own financing	Public funding	Private funding	Total
Procurement of services	0	0	0	0	0
Equipment/material costs	0	0	0	0	0
Other project costs	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total other costs in thousand NOK</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Table 3.3.3 Total budget**

Total budget in thousand NOK	Det Norske Veritas Foundation	Own financing	Public funding	Private funding	Total
	0	0	0	0	0

The amount sought as a percentage of the total project total budget = \_\_\_\_\_%

The amount sought must constitute at least one third of the total project budget.

**Table 3.3.4 Annual budget**

List costs per project partner per year, in thousand NOK.

Costs per project partner per year	2027	2028	2029	2030	Total
Host institution	0	0	0	0	0
Partner 1	0	0	0	0	0
Partner 2	0	0	0	0	0
Partner 3	0	0	0	0	0
Partner 4	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total costs in thousand NOK</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### Budget justification

Specify all the items you have included in the budget, in particular under the 'Other' category.

Free text (3000 characters)

### 3.4 Risk management

Give a brief account of possible risks that might endanger achieving the project objectives and describe how to mitigate these risks, including critical points and alternative ways to implement the research plan.

Free text (3000 characters)

### 3.6 Work packages

Detail the work packages (maximum 10) with title, start and end dates, lead and contributing participants, as well as the objective and tasks under each work package.

Title (100 characters)

Duration Start and end MM/YY

Lead participant, contributing participants

Work package description (2000 characters)

## 4. Strategic relevance and fit

This section should provide a description of the relevance of the proposed project to the Foundation's purpose, and how the proposal responds to the call topic specifically.

### 4.1 Alignment with the Foundation's purpose

- Describe how the proposed research contributes to the Foundation's purpose of safeguarding life, property and the environment.

Free text (1500 characters)

### 4.2 Alignment with call topic

- Describe how the proposal advances basic scientific research within the call's theme.

Free text (1500 characters)

## 5. Suggested reviewers

Please suggest up to 3 reviewers who you believe have the expertise to review your proposal according to the criteria listed.

The Foundation reserves the right to freely assign reviewers to applications.

Name	Affiliation	ORCID ID

## **Attachments**

### **1. Gantt chart (PDF, maximum one page)**

Include a Gantt chart that clearly outlines your project plan. The chart should show:

- the project's work packages (WPs),
- the tasks in each WP by sequence,
- the deliverables and when they will be produced, and
- the timeline (e.g. months or quarters) with start and end dates for all WPs, tasks, and deliverables.

Ensure consistency with the project description and cover the full project duration.

### **2. Project figure (PDF, maximum one page) (optional)**

Proposals may include a figure that provides a high-level overview of the project structure and organization. The figure should clearly show the main work packages, their relationships and dependencies. Keep the figure simple, readable, and consistent with the project description.

### **3. Letter of commitment (PDF)**

Upload a commitment letter from the host university confirming institutional support, signed by the head of faculty (or equivalent authorized representative).

### **4. Principal investigator's CV (PDF, maximum 3 pages)**

### **5. Additional researchers' CVs (1-5) (PDF, maximum 3 pages each) (optional)**