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IN EDUCATION



## Finnish International Educator's Days 2013

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## About SIU

- Established in 1991
- Public agency since 2004 under the auspices of the Norwegian Ministry of Education and Research
- Contribute to fostering quality in Norwegian education through internationalisation at all levels
- Target groups: public and private education institutions and educational authorities
- Located in Bergen
- Staff: Approx. 70



## SIU - a national centre of competence

- SIU promotes internationalisation, intercultural dialogue and international mobility at all levels of education and coordinate efforts on national level in line with national policies
- SIU is Norway's agency for international programmes and measures related to education
- SIU provides analysis, advisory services and information
- SIU is responsible for promoting Norway as an attractive destination for studies and collaboration in education

# The key objectives of Norway's High North Policy are:

- to safeguard peace and stability and provide predictability
- to ensure an integrated, ecosystem-based management regime that safeguards biodiversity and provides a basis for sustainable use of resources
- to strengthen international cooperation and the international legal order
- to strengthen the basis for employment, value added and welfare throughout the country by means of a regional and national effort in cooperation with partners from other countries and relevant indigenous groups





# Knowledge - at the core of our High North Policy

- Total annual Norwegian High North budget is doubled since 2010, from about 130 up to 260 million Euros.



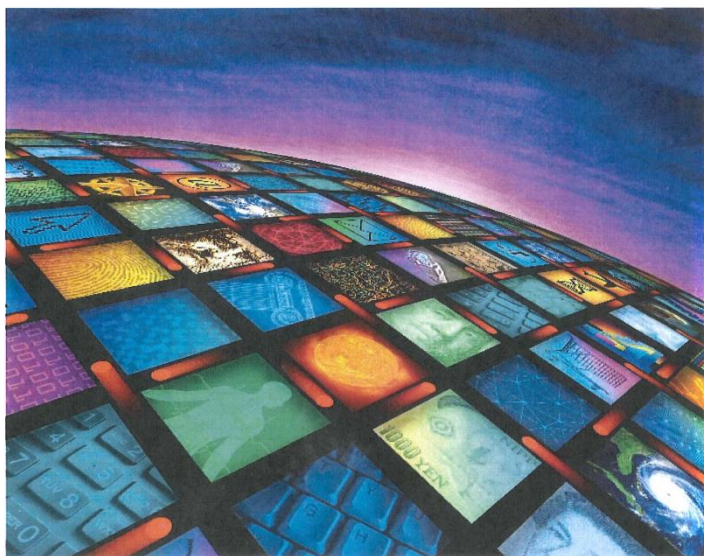
# Norwegian internationalization policy



## St.meld. nr. 14

(2008–2009)

Internasjonalisering av utdanning



«Internationalization is not just about student and teacher mobility; it is also about integration of an international perspective in all areas of activity»

*Report to the Storting nr. 14 (2008-2009)*



# Relevant programmes and instruments

- The Cooperation Programme with Russia
- The Nordic-Russian Cooperation Programme in Education and Research
- The Fellowship Programme for Studies in the High North
- Project funds for increased collaboration with North America
- UTFORSK
- International Joint Degrees
- The Quota Scheme



# The Cooperation Programme with Russia

- Programme period: 2011-2016
- Total funding: € 8,5 million
- Priority areas:
  - Petroleum
  - Climate and energy
  - Environmental sciences and sustainable use of resources
  - Business development
  - Health
  - Humanities
  - Social sciences
  - Maritime studies

# Nordic-Russian Cooperation Programme in Education and Research

- Programme period: 2012-2015
- Total funding: € 1,2 million
- Priority areas:
  - Shared Nordic-Russian challenges regarding environment and climate and common or shared resources
  - Social inclusion and exclusion
  - Area studies – including the languages, literature and culture of Russia and the Nordic countries
  - Higher education aimed at strengthening long-term cooperation in the field of industries and innovation
  - Reform of higher education structures with regard to the aims of the Bologna Process

## UTFORSK 2013 -2015

- Linking higher education and research cooperation in institutional partnerships
- Project funding over three years
- Workshops, seminars, mapping, etc.
- Funding: € 650 000 in 2013
- Developed by the Research Council of Norway (RCN) and SIU
- Administration by SIU in cooperation with RCN

# Strategy for increased collaboration with North America

- Strategy from the Norwegian Ministry of Education and Research
- Promote collaboration with North America, and Canada in particular
- Goals:
  - Increase institutional partnerships
  - Stronger collaboration between higher education and research collaboration
  - Increase mobility of students and staff
- Total funding: € 5 million (2012-15)

# Strategy for increased collaboration with North America

- Measures:
  - Partnership Program for North America (2012-2015) (€ 260 000 over four years/per project)
  - Project Funds for collaboration with North America (€ 20 000 over 1-2 years/per project)
  - Scholarship program for studies in the High North
  - Meeting places for institutions:
    - Conferences in the US and Canada
    - Delegations to visit partners
    - Meetings and seminars



# Project funds for North America

- Funds for higher education collaboration between institutions in Norway and the US and Canada
- Funds for new or existing collaboration
  - up to € 20 000
  - Project period: 18 months
- Annual calls for applications in March with a deadline in September: Next deadline 4 September 2013
- More information on our webpage:  
[www.siu.no/northamerica](http://www.siu.no/northamerica)

# International Joint Degrees

- Initiative by the Ministry of education and research
- Two calls for proposals in 2012
  - A program to be developed by at least two institutions
  - The proposed study program must represent an added value for the involved institutions and their students
  - Primary target groups: “own students”
  - Master- and PhD level
  - Funding: € 65 000 over two years/per project
  - Support for development, not for implementation
  - Open to all academic disciplines and countries

## Grant scheme for studies in the High North extended

“Grant scheme for studies in the High North to include students from Japan and South Korea in the 2013–16 period,” Norwegian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Espen Barth Eide says. Students from Canada, Russia and the US were already included in the scheme.



Andrea Bozman, from Vancouver Island University, Canada, is one of many exchange students who came to Norway under the scheme. This experience gave her a taste for more, and she decided to return to Norway after completing her studies at the University of Nordland. Photo: Svein-Arnt Adelsten Eriksen



## More information...

- ...on studies in Norway:

[www.studyinnorway.no](http://www.studyinnorway.no)

- ... on SIU's programmes:

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