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Innovation Scholarship 2023

Additional funding to facilitate innovation based on results from our PhD education

Target group:

PhD candidates who have identified innovation potential in their project may, together with their supervisor, apply for an innovation grant. The grant is transferred to the department, which employs the candidate in a research position to further develop his innovation idea after the thesis has been submitted.

Amount:

The scholarship is worth NOK 500,000.

Background

Innovations based on research projects are an increasingly important performance factor in the Research Council of Norway and HEU. The industry also demands innovation expertise in the recruitment of highly qualified employees.

Many of our PhD candidates uncover results with innovation potential in their projects, but unfortunately the candidates have limited time and resources to work with innovation in parallel with the completion of the PhD thesis. When the PhD period is over, the candidate often moves on to a position outside academia, and the expertise the candidate has built up around the innovation potential of the project may have been lost to NTNU and the candidate.

Purpose

The aim of the scheme is to increase the degree of innovation from our PhD projects. The purpose of the grant is to provide financial framework conditions for the candidate to be appointed to the department to work further with the development of the innovation idea.

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Close cooperation with NTNU TTO and innovation managers will be facilitated to further develop the idea, prepare business and financing plans.

Criteria

The project must be based on PhD work from the Faculty of Engineering, and the public defence must be less than one year in the future at the time of application. Candidates who defended their thesis up to one year ago at the time of application may also apply.

The project idea must be submitted to NTNU TTO via their standard idea registration form ("DOFI") before the application deadline. The TTO must have made an initial assessment of the idea and concluded positively, commercial potential, feasibility and ownership of IP rights in order for the idea to be eligible for the innovation grant.

Applications must be approved by the supervisor and head of department at the department where the candidate is intended to be employed during the innovation period.

Application

The application must consist of

- completed DOFI
- a brief summary of TTO's idea assessment (TTO) ensures this.
- a description of the plan for the work during the grant period, what the candidate will work on and what is the goal of the project during the period. This description should briefly explain the idea, market potential nationally and internationally, business model and possible sources of funding, maximum 2 pages.

Applications must be submitted via ePhorte no. 2023/13095

All applications are treated confidentially and we encourage you to use access code F.

Application deadline 01.06.2023

Applications are processed by a committee with representatives from the innovation committee at the Faculty of Engineering. Candidates who go to the final must be prepared to pitch their idea to the committee at a specific time.

If you have any questions, please contact the research section by Astrid Vigtil.