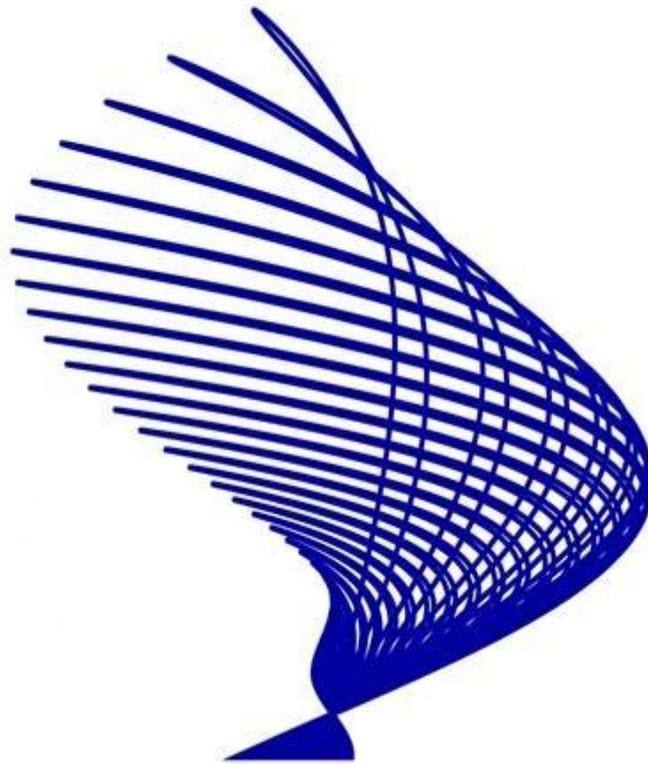


**NORFACE
Research Programme**

**Dynamics of Inequality Across the Life-
course: structures and processes**

Call for Proposals



**NORFACE
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1. Introduction

1.1 Background to this call for proposals

Existing and rising inequalities pose fundamental challenges to European societies and economies. The increasing gap between rich and poor, exacerbated by the recent financial and economic crises, is a key concern. The sources of inequalities in contemporary societies are complex and highly intertwined and they and their consequences can only be understood by comprehensive research activities.

It is for this reason that NORFACE (the New Opportunities for Research Funding Agency Cooperation in Europe) network launches a major transnational programme on the topic of Dynamics of Inequality Across the Life-course: structures and processes (Acronym: DIAL).

This programme has three major objectives:

- To advance globally excellent theoretical and methodological research on dynamics of inequality across the life-course which may be multi-disciplinary, inter-disciplinary and comparative, and which builds synergistically on a pan-European basis.
- To motivate and support excellence and capacity building for research on dynamics of inequality across the life-course on a cross-national basis throughout the NORFACE countries.
- To develop understanding and promote research-based knowledge and insight into dynamics of inequality across the life-course for issues of societal, practical and policy relevance, with theoretical foundations but worked on jointly with relevant users and experts.

The programme is structured around four themes that reflect transitions and trajectories at four stages of the life course, described in detail in the programme text accompanying this call for proposals. These four themes are:

- 1) early life influences and outcomes;
- 2) early adult transitions into tertiary education, vocational training and economic activity;
- 3) labour market and family trajectories and the growth of inequality; and
- 4) labour market participation in later life and retirement.

The themes for the programme have been prepared by an international, multi-disciplinary Theme Expert Group, which prepared the programme text.

The NORFACE Network Board invites proposals for innovative research addressing one or more of these themes. The description of the four themes gives a clear indication of areas that are considered priorities. However, it is expected that applicants will develop and add to these areas. In addition, applicants are encouraged to consider linkages across these four life stages, and linkages across different dimensions of inequality.

Applicants are encouraged to take full advantage of existing data sources, exploiting the strong data infrastructure for social, behavioural and economic research that exists across several European countries.

The funding available for this major trans-national programme over a period of three years has been set at a minimum of 15 M€. EC support may also be available for this programme. More information about this additional funding will be available before the evaluation of the Full Proposals. The technical aspects of the call are described in this document.

2. Eligibility

2.1 Who can apply

Each project team must be composed of at least three research teams consisting of eligible researchers based at universities or research institutes in three or more different NORFACE countries participating in this Call, who have the interest and competence to undertake social science research within the specified topic of Dynamics of Inequality Across the Life-course: structures and processes. For the eligibility of researchers, national eligibility rules apply ([see appendix 1](#)). In case of doubt, the relevant partner agency can advise on eligibility. If one of the research partners in a consortium is not eligible then the whole consortium is not eligible and the proposal will not be evaluated.

Researchers can only participate in two applications, and submit only one application as Main Applicant.

Each project team should strive to include researchers early in their careers, including post-doctoral and PhD students, as participants in the project. NORFACE strives to promote gender equality, and encourages female researchers in particular to apply.

Applicants

Each project team consists of three or more national teams. There must be one Main Applicant, and two or more Co-applicants. In addition, there can be other Team Members and Co-operation partners, whose role is described further on. All applicants (Main Applicant and Co-applicants) and Co-operation partners may participate in a maximum of two proposals, and only in one as Main Applicant. In the Full Proposal stage, applicants who are involved in two applications will be asked to show how they are going to distribute their time between different projects they participate in. Teams must convincingly justify the participation of all researchers involved in their application.

Only researchers employed in the following NORFACE countries are eligible to apply as Main Applicant or Co-Applicant, irrespective of their nationality: Austria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Lithuania, Ireland, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland and United Kingdom. [More information on the participation of France in this call will be posted on the NORFACE website as soon as possible](#). Researchers from other countries may participate as a Co-operation partner.

Teams that have submitted an Outline Proposal invited to the Full Proposal stage are not allowed to make changes to the core of the proposal. However, in case of force majeure, changes in the consortium are allowed in case that (a) a Main or Co-applicant changed her/his national affiliation and after consultation with the Coordination Office or (b) following an explicit recommendation by the evaluation panel and in line with (national) eligibility requirements. You are advised to consult NORFACE Coordination Office and representatives of national funding agencies if you have doubts relating to this matter. Adding Co-operation partners to the Full Proposal is allowed. The eligibility of all partners of your proposal with the national funding organisations will again be checked in the Full Proposal phase.

Main Applicant's role

The Main Applicant will be a researcher responsible for carrying out and managing the project. S/he will be the contact point for NORFACE on behalf of all the applicants and responsible for the administrative and financial management of the overall project, should this be funded. In addition, the Main Applicant is responsible for leading the project activities at her/his own institution. The Main Applicant must be based at an institution eligible to the funding of a NORFACE participating agency. Main Applicant status is not limited to researchers at any specific career stage, though national eligibility rules apply.

Co-applicants' role

Each Co-applicant is responsible for leading the project activities at her/his own institution. S/he will be responsible for the administrative and financial management of her/his national part of the project, should this be funded. Co-applicant status is not limited to researchers at any specific career stage, though

national eligibility rules apply. Each Co-applicant should be based at an institution eligible to funding of a NORFACE participating agency.

There may be more than one Co-applicant from one country but only one Co-Applicant per University/Research Institution. Other project team members at the University/Research Institution should be listed under the heading 'Other research team members' in the Outline Proposal template. If there is more than one applicant from a country, one of them needs to be identified as the national contact point. Communication from NORFACE, the Co-ordination Office or the NORFACE partners, may be sent to this contact point, who will be responsible for distributing the information to the other partners in the country.

Co-operation partners

Researchers from non-NORFACE countries and non-academic partners are invited to participate in the projects as Co-operation partners. However, no funding can be applied for them from the NORFACE programme. The applicants invited to submit a Full Proposal will be asked to demonstrate the sources from which the participation of the Co-operation partners will be funded. Contributions by external partners can be either cash or in-kind. NORFACE accepts personnel input and the material contributions as in-kind co-funding on the condition that these are capitalised and that they form an integral part of the project. This should be made clear in the description and planning of the research.

The Luxembourg National Research Fund (FNR) has decided to allocate funding to the researchers based in Luxembourg and participating as a co-operation partner in a NORFACE proposal. For more information, please contact FNR (for contact details, please visit chapter 4.5).

2.2. Eligible funding

Available funding

Small and large projects are equally welcome. The total funding requested from NORFACE must not exceed € 1,500,000 across all participating partners. A justification of the requested budget will be required.

Eligible costs

All costs must be eligible according to the national eligibility rules available under "National Eligibility Requirements" (see [appendix 1](#)). Each applicant may request funding for personnel costs, consumables, travel costs, equipment and subcontracting in accordance with the relevant national research funding rules. Please read the "National eligibility requirements" to verify the eligibility of specific budget items according to the rules of your national funding organisation. In case of doubt, applicants should consult their respective national agency or the NORFACE Coordination Office who can advise on funding rules.

Projects will be expected to engage in knowledge exchange activities regarding the outcomes of the project, and engage stakeholders as early on in their project as possible. Costs for these activities can be included in the requested budget in addition to the costs for research.

The estimated budget must be given in Euros only and be tabulated according to the application template provided. For applicants from countries outside the Euro-zone, please transfer your budget to Euros and indicate the exchange rate used. In the Outline Proposal form only estimated costs need to be specified, but these should still be as realistic as possible.

Project duration

Projects can be proposed that last up to 36 months. Projects can start September 1 2017 at the earliest, and must have started by March 1 2018 at the latest.

3. Submission of Proposals and Assessment Procedure

3.1 Procedure

Applications to the NORFACE research programme will be processed in two stages. In the first stage, Outline Proposals are invited with a deadline of **March 30 2016 13.00 Central European Time**. Applications received after the deadline will not be eligible. Only applications that meet all the conditions set out in the call documents are eligible and will be included in the assessment procedure. The eligible applications will be assessed in an "open competition", in which a selection of proposals that could be subsidised is made based on the programme's assessment criteria by an international panel of experts. Applicants invited to the second stage will receive a notification by July 2016 inviting them to submit a Full Proposal. Applications in the Full Proposal round are submitted for assessment to external expert reviewers. Applicants will be given the opportunity to comment on the reviews, after which an international panel of experts will assess the applications, the reviews and the rebuttals, arriving at a list of projects recommended for funding. The Network Board expects to make funding decisions in June 2017.

3.2 Outline Proposals

The project Outline Proposals are abridged versions of the Full Proposals. The project Outline Proposals should be in PDF format and must be submitted via the electronic application system ISAAC. Guidance on how to submit the proposal will be available on the [NORFACE website](#). Proposals received after the deadline, or failing to comply with the published requirements, will be rejected. All Outline Proposals must be completed in English and follow the proposal structure as set out in the application template available on the [NORFACE website](#). Incomplete applications and applications not using the form will not be evaluated.

Only one application form per Outline Proposal may be submitted and must contain information on the following items.

1. Title of the project and acronym

2. Name and address of the Main Applicant

Give the name, title(s) and postal address at which the Main Applicant can be reached during the whole application and assessment process. Give the telephone numbers, email address, the date when the Main applicant received her/his PhD and the percentage of the working time s/he will spend on the project. Specify if the Main Applicant is a participant in another proposal submitted to this programme.

3. Name and address of the Co-Applicants

Please state the Co-applicants per country. Please name only one Co-Applicant per University/Research Institution. Other project team members should be listed under heading 5 'Other research team members'. Give the names, title(s) and postal address at which the Co-Applicants can be reached during the whole application and assessment process. Give telephone numbers, email address, the date when the Co-applicants received her/his PhD and the percentage of the working time s/he will spend on the project. Specify if a Co-Applicant is a participant in another proposal submitted to this programme.

The Co-Applicant will be responsible for managing the NORFACE funds in her/his institution. Please note that the applicants who submitted the Outline Proposal should be the same for the Full Proposal stage. However, a team is allowed to add Co-operation partners to the consortium between the Outline and Full Proposal stage.

4. National Contact Point

In case there is more than one Applicant from a single country, please indicate who will act as National Contact Point. The Main Applicant should always be listed as the National Contact Point of that country. If this is not clear, the NORFACE Coordination Office will consider the first person named as National Contact Point.

5. Other project team members

Please give the details of project team members participating in the proposal. Give the name, institute, the percentage of the working time to be spent on the project and whether s/he participates in another Outline Proposal. Where the names of PhD students or Postdocs are not yet known, please include them as NN, but do include the other information available.

6. Co-operation partners

If applicable, please include here information about partners in the project who will be cooperating but are not eligible for NORFACE funding – such as researchers in other countries or at organisations not eligible for funding in the country in question and non-academic partners. These partners should provide their own funding and in the Full Proposal stage they will be asked to demonstrate this. Give the name, institute, the percentage of the working time to be spent on the project and the source of funding.

7. Summary of the project (max. 1500 characters, excluding spaces, add word count)

Please include the following information: relevance of the research topic to the call; objectives, potential outcome and impact of the project; explanation on how the project will be organised.

The summary will be made public if the project is funded by NORFACE. Make sure the abstract clearly describes what you are going to investigate, why you are going to investigate this subject and which results you expect to find.

8. Keywords (max. 8)

9. Discipline or disciplines of the project

10. Duration of the project

Please specify the date on which the project is intended to commence. Implementation of the research project must start within six months of the date of the award letter.

11. Have you submitted the same idea elsewhere or have you requested any additional grants for this project from any other institution?

Please specify should you have requested any additional grants for this project from any other institution.

12. Project description (max. 2500 words, excluding references, add word count) which is recommended to include the following:

- project description;
- references.

a) The project description should explain in clear language:

- Which research question does the proposal seek to answer?
- Why is this research question significant? How will it contribute to the theme or themes of the call? If applicable, how does the proposal cut across different themes of the programme?
- By what methods and work plans will the research question be tackled?
- In what ways is the project innovative? What are the main theoretical and conceptual innovations expected from the project?
- What added value will be gained by undertaking the research as a collaborative project with the proposed partners? What is the transnational added value of the project?
- How will the project participants contribute to the project? What research expertise and competence do the participants bring to the project proposal?
- What are the expected outcomes and impacts of the research project? How will findings be shared with interested parties?

- Please clearly delineates the strengths, weaknesses and suitability of secondary data sources and thoroughly justifies any new data collection to address the research questions. The programme may support the collection of new data, be that quantitative or qualitative, only where existing data does not exist to address key questions. If the research involves primary data collection or acquisition, please indicate how existing datasets have been reviewed and state why currently available datasets are inadequate for this proposed research.

b) References:

Please list the references used.

13. Timetable of the project (max. 500 words, add word count).

14. An estimated **budget** for the project.

Please include the total requested funding per participating national agency and the total budget requested from NORFACE. If a Co-operation partner contributes to the programme, please include their contribution in the budget. The application form contains two tables that must be used for the estimated budget. Please consider national eligibility requirements.

The budget in the Outline Proposal needs only contain an indicative funding request but this should still be as realistic and careful as possible. Applicants invited to submit a Full Proposal will be required to provide fully accurate, detailed and justification of resources at that stage. For applicants from countries outside the Euro-zone, please transfer your budget to Euro and indicate the exchange rate used.

15. Curriculum vitae of the research team including a publication list.

Provide a short CV of the Main Applicant and the Co-Applicants, and of Co-operation Partners if applicable. The Main Applicant's and Co-Applicant's CV may cite a maximum of ten relevant publications. Each Co-Operation Partner's CV may cite a maximum of five relevant publications. The CV of the Main Applicant should include the information on her/his experience leading national or international collaboration research projects. Each CV should be no longer than two pages.

Please mark key publications which are directly relevant to the proposed research with an S (the S stands for significant). Please only include manuscripts which have been accepted for publication or which have already been published as part of the recognised literature.

Evaluation of the Outline Proposals

Eligible Outline Proposals will be reviewed by an international independent evaluation panel, consisting of experts nominated by the NORFACE partners and appointed by the NORFACE Network Board. The composition of the NORFACE evaluation panel will be available on the [NORFACE website](#) after the evaluation of the Full Proposals is finished. Expertise in the panel aims to cover widely the disciplinary fields targeted in the call. The panel assesses the Outline Proposals comparatively, using the criteria (see paragraph 3.4) and subsequently prioritises these according to likelihood of funding, without making use of external referees. The panel will recommend to the NORFACE Network Board a shortlist of applicants to be invited to submit Full Proposals.

All applicants will receive notification in July 2016. The candidates whose proposal is shortlisted are invited to submit a Full Proposal by October 12 2016, 13.00 Central European Time. All applicants will receive a brief assessment of their proposal from the panel.

3.3 Full Proposals

All Full Proposals must be completed in English and follow the proposal structure as set out in the application template available on the [NORFACE website](#). The Full Proposals should be in PDF format and must be submitted via the electronic application system ISAAC. Guidance on how to submit the proposal will be available on the [NORFACE website](#). Proposals received after the deadline, or failing to comply with

the published requirements, will be rejected. Only the candidates who are invited by the Network Board to do so are eligible to submit a Full Proposal. Incomplete applications and applications not using the form will not be evaluated. If the stated maximum number of words and/or pages is exceeded, or if the necessary documents are not included, the application will be disqualified.

Only one application template per Full Proposal may be submitted and must contain information on the following items:

1. Title of the project and acronym

2. Name and address of the Main Applicant

Give the name, title(s), gender and postal address at which the Main Applicant can be reached during the whole application and assessment process. Give the telephone numbers, email address, the date when the Main applicant received her/his PhD and the percentage of the working time s/he will spend on the project. Specify if the Main Applicant is a participant in another Proposal submitted to the programme. If so, please elaborate and show how the Main Applicant will distribute her/his time between different projects if funded.

3. Name and address of the Co-Applicants

Please state the Co-applicants per country. Please name only one Co-Applicant per University/Research Institution. Other project team members should be listed under heading 5 'Other research team members'. Give the names, title(s), gender and postal address at which the Co-Applicants can be reached during the whole application and assessment process. Give telephone numbers, email address, the date when the Co-applicants received her/his PhD and the percentage of the working time s/he will spend on the project. Specify if a Co-Applicant is a participant in another Full Proposal. If 'Yes', please elaborate and show how they will distribute her/his time between different projects if funded.

The Co-Applicant will be responsible for managing the NORFACE funds in her/his institution. Please note that the applicants who submitted the Outline Proposal should be the same for the Full Proposal stage. However, a team is allowed to add Co-operation partners to the consortium between the Outline and Full Proposal stage.

4. National Contact Point

In case there is more than one Applicant from a single country, please indicate who will act as National Contact Point. The Main Applicant should always be listed as the National Contact Point of that country. If this is not clear in the applications, the NORFACE Coordination Office will consider the first person named as National Contact Point.

5. Other project team members

Please give the details of project team members participating in the proposal. Give the name, institute, the percentage of the working time to be spent on the project and whether s/he participates in another Full Proposal. If 'Yes', please elaborate and show how the team member will distribute the time between different projects if funded. Where the names of PhD students or Postdocs are not yet known, please include them as NN, but do include the other information available.

6. Co-operation partners

If applicable, please list the Co-operation partners participating in the proposal. Give the name, institute, the percentage of the working time to be spent on the project and the source of funding. In a project where a Co-operation partner is participating, a letter of commitment must be included as an annex to the proposal demonstrating the commitment of the Co-operation partner to the project and showing the source of funding.

7. Summary of the project (max. 1500 characters, excluding spaces, add word count)

Please include the following information: relevance of the research topic to the call; objectives, potential outcome and impact of the project; explanation on how the project will be organised.

The summary will be made public if the project is funded by NORFACE. Make sure the abstract clearly describes what you are going to investigate, why you are going to investigate this subject and which results you expect to find.

8. Keywords (max. 8)

9. Discipline or disciplines of the project

10. Duration of the project

Please specify the date on which the project is intended to commence. Implementation of the research project must start within six months of the date of the award letter.

11. Have you submitted the same idea elsewhere or have you requested any additional grants for this project from any other institution?

Please specify should you have requested any additional grants for this project from any other institution.

12. Project description (max. 7500 words, excluding references, with word count) should be uploaded and should explain in clear language:

a) Research proposal

- Which research question does the proposal seek to answer?
- Why is the research question significant? How will it contribute to the theme or themes of the call? If applicable, how does the proposal cut across different themes of the programme?
- What is the impact of the project on theoretical and methodological approaches in the field? By what methods and work plans will the research question be tackled?
- In what ways is the project innovative? What are the main theoretical and conceptual innovations expected from the project?
- What are the importance and relevance of the chosen comparative approach/methods?
- Please clearly delineates the strengths, weaknesses and suitability of secondary data sources and thoroughly justifies any new data collection to address the research questions. The programme may support the collection of new data, be that quantitative or qualitative, only where existing data does not exist to address key questions. If the research involves primary data collection or acquisition, please indicate how existing datasets have been reviewed and state why currently available datasets are inadequate for this proposed research.

b) International cooperation and composition of the research team

- What added value will be gained by undertaking this research as a collaborative project with the proposed participants? What are the advantages of a transnational project, in its comparative nature for instance?
- How will the project participants contribute to the project? What research expertise and competence do the participants bring to the project proposal?
- What is the work plan?
- What are the plans of the project for including early-career researchers / emerging researchers in the project activities?
- How is an equitable gender balance sought in the composition of the project team?

c) Potential impact of research¹

- What are the expected outcomes and impact of the research project?
- Who are the potential users, academic and non-academic, of the research?
- Which activities will be deployed to communicate the research activities and outcomes to potential users?

Applicants are expected to demonstrate consideration of who may be interested in the outcomes of the proposed work in their application. In projects where non-academic partners are participating, project leaders must submit meaningful and binding arrangements for the management of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) issues. In the case of research that does not lend itself to knowledge utilisation as described in the aforementioned terms, the researcher is requested to explain why s/he believes that knowledge utilisation is not applicable to the proposed research.

d) References

Please list the references used.

13. Timetable of the project (max. 500 words, add word count)

14. Communication and dissemination (max. 500 words, add word count)

- Plan of publications resulting from the research;
- Plan of dissemination: describe the main target groups, instruments and how knowledge will be embedded;
- Valorisation: describe how the valorisation of the developed knowledge will be realised;
- Plan for the storage of and access to data collected, if applicable.

15. Management and monitoring (max. 500 words, add word count)

Please describe how the project will be managed as a whole and how the monitoring of the progress against the objectives and anticipated results will be ensured.

16. Ethical issues & data storage (max. 500 words, add word count)

Please describe whether there are any ethical issues raised by the proposed research and storage of data and if so, how they are addressed appropriately and comprehensively by the research proposal and the project design.

17. A budget for the project.

Please include the total requested funding per participating national agency and the total budget requested from NORFACE. If a Co-operation partner contributes to the programme, please include their contribution in the budget. Please consider the national eligibility requirements and include the financial budget table of each participating country as an annex.

The proposal at this stage should include fully accurate, detailed and justified costs. For applicants from countries outside the Euro-zone, please transfer your budget to Euro and indicate the exchange rate used.

18. Justification of Resources (max. 1 page per NORFACE country)

Please provide a justification of resources (JoR) for each and all national agencies involved in the funding request (i.e. one per participating country). Justification should be provided for the overall level of funding requested in respect to the value added of the proposed research. The JoR should explain why the resources requested are appropriate for the research proposed taking into account the nature and complexity of the research proposal. The JoR should be no more than 1 page of A4 for each country.

¹ The 'impact' criterion should be understood in a broad sense, taking into consideration the project's impact on the development of science, civilization and society, and not merely its direct practical application or use.

Mandatory annexes to the Full Proposal

- **Curriculum vitae of the applicants and a publication list**

Provide a short CV of the Main Applicant and the Co-Applicants, and of Co-operation Partners if applicable. The Main Applicant's and Co-Applicant's CV may cite a maximum of ten relevant publications. Each Co-Operation Partner's CV may cite a maximum of five relevant publications. The CV of the Main Applicant should include the information on her/his experience leading national or international collaboration research projects. Each CV should be no longer than 2 pages.

Please mark key publications which are directly relevant to the proposed research with an S (the S stands for significant). Please only include manuscripts which have been accepted for publication or which have already been published as part of the recognised literature.

- Please include the **financial budget table of each participating country** as an annex.
- In a project where a **Co-operation partner** is participating, a **letter of commitment** must be included as an annex to the proposal summarising the commitment of the Co-operation partner to the project and demonstrating the source of funding.

Important note: when writing your proposal, take into account that it will be read by both experts and a broadly composed evaluation panel.

Evaluation of the Full Proposals

Full Proposals are submitted for assessment to external, independent referees for peer review. In this second stage each Main Applicant is invited to suggest names of two independent international referees for her/his proposal. If deemed fit, one of these suggestions may be used. There is also a possibility to submit a list of two non-referees. This is optional for every Main Applicant. The non-referees will NOT be asked to assess the application as referees. The suggestions can be sent to dial@nwo.nl before October 5 2016. Each Full Proposal will be evaluated by a minimum of three referees. The reviews by the referees will be sent anonymously to the Main Applicant for comments before the evaluation panel assesses the applications. The reports will be sent to the Main Applicant in February 2017 and s/he will only have a short time, namely five work days to respond. You will not be informed of the identity of the referees.

In addition, in the panel at least two assessors will be assigned as *rapporteur* for each Full Proposal. The assessments received from the external referees, the comments received from the applicant and the pre-assessment from the *rapporteurs* will form the starting point for a joint review carried out by an international evaluation panel consisting of experts in the field

The panel will prepare a consensus evaluation report on each Full Proposal based on the application, the external reviews, the comments by the Main Applicant and the panel discussion. The panel will summarise its assessment in a consensus report. The panel will make a funding recommendation to the NORFACE Network Board. The Network Board will take the final funding decisions by June 2017, which will be approved by national funding organisations where applicable. Main Applicants of awarded applications will be asked to draw up a cooperation agreement detailing the administrative arrangements in the project.

The applicants will receive the consensus report of the evaluation panel as feedback after the final funding decisions.

3.4 Criteria

All Outline Proposals and Full Proposals are assessed against three sets of criteria: (1) scientific excellence, (2) quality and efficiency of the implementation and the management, and (3) potential impact. All three sets of criteria will be taken into consideration and will be given equal weight. Each criterion will be scored

on a scale from one to five, with a minimum threshold of three on each criterion being necessary for the application to be considered for funding.

Scientific excellence - Quality of the transnational project

- Sound concept, and quality of objectives
- Progress beyond the state-of-the-art
- Quality and effectiveness of the scientific and technological methodology, data collection and associated work plan.

Quality and efficiency of the implementation and the management

- Appropriateness of the management structure and procedures
- Quality and relevant experience of the individual participants
- Quality of the consortium as a whole (including complementarity, balance)
- Appropriate allocation and justification of the resources to be committed (budget, staff, equipment).

Potential impact

- The scientific impact;
- The fit to objectives, key areas and priorities of the programme;
- The capacity of the project to address more than one theme of the call for research;
- The extent to which research is likely to be of value to stake holder communities;
- Appropriateness of measures for the dissemination and/or exploitation of transnational projects results, and management of intellectual property.

3.5 Tentative timeline

December 2015	Pre-announcement of the programme
January 2016	Launch of the programme
March 30 2016, 13.00 Central European Time	Deadline submission Outline Proposals
March-June 2016	Evaluation of Outline Proposals
July 2016	Applicants will be informed about the decision on Outline proposals
October 12 2016, 13.00 Central European Time	Deadline Full Proposals
November - February 2017	Peer-review of Full Proposals
February 2017	Rebuttal by applicants
April 2017	Evaluation Full Proposals
June 2017	Applicants will be informed about the decision on Full Proposals.
September 1 2017	Earliest start of Collaborative Research Projects

4. Other Information

4.1 Programme coordination

The scientific coordination of the programme Dynamics of Inequality Across the Life-course: structures and processes is seen as very important for creating added value to the researchers involved in the programme. The programme will be supervised and directed by an Scientific Programme Coordinator (SPC) appointed specifically for the purpose. The SPC will be responsible for promoting capacity-building and networking in the programme; bringing the various research teams together to work synergistically and to integrate the different perspectives for the benefit of developing their own work, and to integrate perspectives and ensuring the highest quality of publications from the research both in terms of scholarly and scientific articles in the most appropriate and highly regarded journals and monograph publications as and when appropriate, and other media aimed at appropriate professional audiences to enhance the visibility of the programme and use of its outputs

A Scientific Programme Coordinator is expected to be appointed in 2017.

The contract between NORFACE and the Main Applicant of funded projects will state that the Main Applicant of each funded project will co-operate with the Scientific Programme Coordinator, and participate in relevant NORFACE activities in the Programme.

4.2 Research Integrity

When preparing the proposal and carrying out the research project, the NORFACE Board expects applicants to adhere to rules of good research practice as outlined in [The European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity](#). The principles of integrity include, among others, fairness in providing references, giving credit, honesty in communication and impartiality and independence.

4.3 Open Access

Open access, is intended to improve and promote the dissemination of knowledge and the availability of data, thereby improving the efficiency of scientific discovery and maximising the return on public research funding bodies' investment in R&D. Beneficiaries funded are required to deposit data collected in the course of NORFACE projects, and peer-reviewed articles resulting from their projects to an institutional or subject-based repository. They are expected to make their best efforts to ensure open access to data and peer-reviewed articles as soon as possible, taking advantage of national or international arrangements where these are available, in line with the Horizon 2020 procedures.²

4.4 Avoid overlap with research commissioned on the topic

Applicants should pay due regard to the focus of and research commissioned under for instance the NORFACE programme *Welfare States Futures* and by the Joint Programming Initiative (JPI) "More Years, Better Lives – The Potential and Challenges of Demographic Change". Applicants are advised to explore the possibilities of synergies with these programmes and to ensure that this involves added value rather than duplication. Applications which display displaying significant overlap with research commissioned in other international networks or previous NORFACE programmes on the topic risk not to be taken into consideration in the evaluation

4.5 Further information

If you need additional information please contact the NORFACE Coordination Office (NWO, the Netherlands) or the NORFACE contact person at your national research council. The following contact

² For more information, please visit:
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