GUIDELINES FOR ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FROM NORDFORSK RESEARCHER NETWORK #29040

Register-Based Life Course Studies: Sociological, Economic and Demographic Perspectives

This document details the guidelines for allocation of funds from the NordForsk researcher network #29040.

§1 General

The network "Register-Based Life Course Studies: Sociological, Economic and Demographic Perspectives" (hereafter "the Network") was created to promote sociological, economic, and demographic research on human life courses with data drawn from administrative registers the Nordic countries. To accomplish this, the Network arranges and sponsors general seminars, workshops, other meetings on life course research on register data and sponsors researcher mobility through travel grants.

The network is planned to run until 2013. There will be three yearly allotments of money from NordForsk starting in 2010. The money is transferable to the next year if not spent in the year they were allotted.

§2 The Network

As of 1 November 2010, the network consists of the following members:

Denmark

Southern Denmark University: Mette Gerster
University of Aarhus: Anette Erlangsen, Tor Erikson and Mads Meier Jæger
University of Copenhagen: Mette Ejrnæs and Anders Holm

Norway

University of Oslo: Torkild Hovde Lyngstad and Øystein Kravdal
Norwegian Institute of Public Health: Anne Reneflot
The Frisch Centre for Economic Research: Bernt Bratsberg and Oddbjørn Raaum

Sweden

Stockholm University: Gunnar Andersson, Erik Bihagen, Anders Björklund, Juho Härkönen, Jan O Jonsson, Markus Jäntti, and Elizabeth Thomson
FINLAND

University of Helsinki: Marika Jalovaara and Pekka Martikainen

University of Turku: Jani Erola

Åbo Akademi: Eva Österbacka

Non-members may apply to the SG for membership. Membership will be granted on a case-by-case basis, depending on how potential members complement the current membership. Network members may leave the network by notifying the SG.

§ 2 Steering group

Decisions regarding funding of events and travel grants from the Network are made by the steering group (hereafter denoted the SG). The SG consists of one representative each from the countries Denmark, Finland, Norway, and Sweden. The SG members must be network members. If the SG members want to withdraw from the SG/network, they will be replaced by a person from the same country chosen by the remaining SG members.

The SG consists per 1. November 2010 of the following persons:

- Denmark: Mette Gerster (mgerster@health.sdu.dk)
- Finland: Jani Erola (jani.erola@utu.fi)
- Norway: Torkild Hovde Lyngstad (t.h.lyngstad@sosgeo.uio.no)
- Sweden: Juho Härkönen (juho.harkonen@sociology.su.se)

Lyngstad serves as the network administrator and leader of the SG.

§ 3 Allocation of funds for events

The network will organize several events during the project period. Planned events are:

- Stream of sessions for the Nordic Sociological Conference 2011 in Oslo, Norway
- Side meetings at the European Population Conference June 2012 in Stockholm, Sweden
- Side meetings at the Nordic Demographic Symposium 2012 in Oslo, Norway
- Separate network meetings

For each network event, there must be a local organizer that is a network member. This local organizer will provide a budget for the event and apply to the SG for funding. If granted by the SG, the funding will cover the specified event-related expenses (possibly incl. participants travel/accommodation costs). The local organizer’s institution will first cover the expenses and then
send a final reimbursement request to the network administrator and SG. If approved, the network administrator will reimburse the institution directly in one lump sum.

§4 Allocation of funds as travel grants

Travel grants can be allotted in several ways. Travel grants can be provided for network-internal travel and meetings or they can be used in order to pull international expertise into the network members’ activities.

The Network can sponsor costs (primarily travel and accommodation costs) related to researcher mobility that is done with the purpose for conducting life course research on Nordic register data. The Network can sponsor such visits done by the network members, researchers from network member’s institutions, and researchers from outside the network. The visits can be short-term (a few days) or longer-term (month or more). The Network does not cover any salary costs.

Network members

Travel grants are primarily awarded for travel needed for conduct of research with register data. Examples of such travel are visits to other cities and countries to conduct analyses with data not accessible to the applicant otherwise and travel to collaborate with other researchers on research with register data.

In specific circumstances, network money can be awarded for other travel that is linked to the general objectives of the network (e.g. conference participation).

Researchers from members' institutions

Network members may apply for travel-related funding also for other researchers from the members' institutions (such as PhD students). Naturally, the purpose of the trip has to comply with the general objective of the Network.

Outside experts

Network members can apply for funding for incoming visits for researchers outside the network (within or outside the Nordic countries) that wish to collaborate with network members on research that fits the network's objectives.

§5 Application procedure

An application has to be submitted by a network member and is sent to the SG. The application should include a brief (one-page) research plan, detailed budget (preferably with actual costs including copies of flight tickets, accommodation costs), and a CV of the person travelling (whether a
network member or sponsored researcher). The research plan should denote the aim of the research and how it fits into the objectives of the Network.

Upon approval, the awarded grant is paid in one lump sum. After the visit, the person awarded the grant writes a short report of how the visit met the aims set for it. In case of a project that requires multiple visits, the report can be done at the end of the project.

All publications (including working papers, reports, and the like) that come out of research sponsored by the Network should be communicated to the SG.

All projects (and resulting publications) sponsored by The Network will be announced on the Network homepage.