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## Scholarship Opportunity for Degree-Seeking Students

Dear Professor. P.B. Terney Pradeep Kumara,

Greetings from Stavanger, Norway! As a representative of University of Stavanger, I am pleased to inform you about an exciting scholarship opportunity available to students applying for a 2-year-long master's degree at University of Stavanger.

The **NORSTIP** scholarship scheme aims to support outstanding individuals from partner universities in selected countries. NORSTIP was established in 2024 after the introduction of tuition fees for degree-seeking students from outside the EU/EEA. NORSTIP recipients are granted tuition fee waivers and a moderate scholarship equivalent to the Norwegian State Educational Loan Fund's rates. The scholarship scheme is funded by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and is managed by the Norwegian Directorate for Higher Education and Skills (HK-dir).

The University of Ruhuna and the University of Stavanger has an ongoing collaboration, and we would like to offer your university the opportunity to nominate potential scholarship recipients to University of Stavanger.

### Eligibility criteria

NORSTIP scholarships are available for the following English taught master's programmes:

- [Biological Chemistry](#)
- [Business Administration – Economics](#)
- [Business Administration – Finance](#)
- [Business Administration - Management](#)
- [City and Regional Planning - Planning and Development](#)
- [Digital Society and Societal Transformations](#)
- [Energy, Environment and Society](#)
- [Energy, Reservoir and Earth Sciences](#)
- [English and Literacy Studies](#)
- [Environmental Engineering](#)
- [Marine and Offshore Technology](#)
- [Mathematics and Physics](#)
- [Petroleum Engineering](#)
- [Risk Analysis - Engineering and Technology](#)
- [Risk Analysis - Risk Governance](#)
- [Service Leadership in International Business](#)

The student must meet [the admission requirements](#) for the programme they are applying to. In addition, the nominated students must meet the following requirements:

- Be between 20 to 30 years old.
- Do not hold a master's degree prior to this scholarship.
- Citizen and resident of the country of the selected partner institution, meaning Sri Lanka.

The scholarship scheme aims to educate promising candidates for the workforce in their home country and it is expected that the students will return to their home country upon completion of the degree.

### **Available scholarships for the 2025 admission**

For the 2025 admission, the University of Stavanger has 22 NORSTIP scholarships available. We expect admission to the programmes and access to the scholarships to be highly competitive. Students must have an excellent academic record and documented proficiency in English to be considered for the NORSTIP scholarship.

Please note that the scholarship will be paid out only after arrival at the University of Stavanger, and applicants must budget to cover the initial expenses (e.g. flight tickets, insurance, visa costs etc) themselves.

### **Nomination and application**

According to the recruitment guidelines set by HK-dir, the universities share a joint responsibility for establishing procedures to recruit qualified students in accordance transparent and predictable criteria.

Qualified students whom you believe might benefit from pursuing a master's degree in Norway can apply by [registering their application in Søknadsweb](#) by December 1, 2024. (The application portal opens on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024). We kindly ask you/the university to provide the applicants with a nomination letter, which they upload in the application portal. Furthermore, applicants should insert the code "**NORSTIP25**" in the Comments section of the application, to facilitate easy filtering.

We hope this scholarship scheme can be beneficial for both institutions, and not least for the scholarship holder. If you think other colleagues should be informed about the scholarship scheme, please feel free to share this letter with them.

We would greatly appreciate your assistance in announcing information about NORSTIP to your students. [NORSTIP - scholarship scheme | University of Stavanger](#).

### **Further information**

If applicable, we would be happy to set up a digital meeting to discuss the NORSTIP scholarship scheme with you. If you have any questions, you may direct these to UiS's NORSTIP contact person, Siri E. Haug: [is-prosjekt@uis.no](mailto:is-prosjekt@uis.no).

We look forward to further strengthening the ties between our universities!

Yours sincerely,

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