

Call for proposals from The Renewable Nepal Program.

Increased cooperation on renewable energy between Nepal and Norway. Research as competence building in Renewable Nepal program - lessons learned.

Financing of travel expenses for 1 to 3 Norwegian and 1 to 3 foreign researchers and others willing to engage themselves.

SINTEF Energy and Kathmandu University have been cooperating over five years within the Renewable Nepal Program. The main goal has been to develop applied research as a way to increase research competence at Nepali Universities to boost the national industry production of renewable energy technologies. The program activities have been financed by NORAD.

1. The program wants to boost research cooperation between Norwegian and Nepali researchers. In order to initiate new cooperation and strengthen existing ones, the programme offers to finance travel expenses in addition to one week project hours (40 h NORAD – fees) for maximum 3 Norwegian researchers. The intention must be to develop renewable energy solutions in Nepal together with researchers or business leaders at Nepali universities and industry.

2. The program also wants to disseminate the lesson learned during the Renewable Nepal period. In line with this, the program offers the possibility to finance travel and accommodation expenditures for researchers from other selected countries; Uganda, Cameroun and Bhutan, that are motivated to learn from RN with the intention to implement similar activities in their own country.

The best period to visit the projects and connect to relevant people is week 47 (17. – 22. November 2014). During this week the projects will have their yearly meeting to report their activities and results. The Nepali hosts and the programme will arrange meetings with relevant people with the aim of establishing future research cooperation. At the same time the program will arrange a workshop in order to clarify and discuss lessons learned and the potential for implementing such programme schemes in other countries.

See program homepage for a description of programme. <http://www.ku.edu.np/renewablenepal>

Interested researchers and others are asked to send their CV and no more than ½ side of text describing their ideas and motivation and a budget to the steering committee chair Hans Otto Haaland (hoh@rcn.no) no later than **October 15th at 16.00** Norwegian time. Questions can be addressed to the same e-mail address.

The decision on who will be financed will be taken by the programme steering committee.

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