

Announcement, 6/24/2013

Travel and group grants for advancing research in digital visibility, 2013-14

Application deadline: 3 September 2013

The Nordic Network for Digital Visibility (NNDV) is accepting applications for **1) travel grants** and **2) group grants** for Nordic researchers and Ph.D. students working in this emerging research area.

Nordic refers to researchers and Ph.D. students located in Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, and Estonia, or at institutions abroad with strong connections to the Nordic area.

Digital visibility refers to the production and consumption of digitally mediated expressions of selfhood and society through visual and audio-visual interfaces. The network is funded by NordForsk, and brings together Nordic researchers and PhD students in the social sciences, whose work focuses on the following aspects of this field:

- Visuality and digital media as they intersect in everyday life
- Visual and multimodal research methods, including methodological reflections on visual and multi sensory methods of scientific inquiry
- Digital diversity, including comparative studies of digital visibility in different social and cultural contexts, global distribution and stratification of digital media.

Purpose of the travel grants

Travel grants are being offered to support and expand the aims of the network. The grants are intended to support a 3-5 day visit to another institution to carry out one or more of the following activities:

- Social scientific research on digital visibility.
- Education, such as academic advising, lectures, film viewings, workshops, research seminars

Purpose of the group grants

Group grants are being offered to support and expand the aims of the network. The grants are intended to support a 3-5 day meeting between various individuals (2–4 people) to carry out one or more of the following activities:

- Formulating joint applications for research funding.
- Planning NNDV collaborations and future activities.

Application procedures

Applicants are asked to submit the following material, no later than 3 September 2013:

- One page (A-4) description of the planned work to be done, including the institution(s) to be visited and contact persons at each, the purpose for a grant, the activities to be carried out, and the proposed dates.
- Brief description (1/2 page) of each applicant, including contact information (email and postal address), academic qualifications, institutional affiliation, and the applicant's primary area of research. The description should also include the applicant's NNDV network participation, providing places and dates of workshops or conferences attended.
- A budget specifying expenses for travel, lodging and a standard daily allowance (per diem) for the city/country. Additional expenses, such as costs for research materials may also be included. Note that the grant does not cover an honorarium.

Full applications are to be sent to NNDV steering group member Asko Lehmuskallio, Helsinki Institute for Information Technology HIIT, Aalto University, (asko.lehmuskallio[at]hiit.fi), no later than 3 September 2013.

Only electronic applications are accepted.

All applicants will be notified no later than October 1 of the outcome.

Conditions of the grant

1) Travel grants may not exceed €1,200.

2) Group grants may not exceed €1,000 per person (2–4 persons).

If the grant covers only partial costs of travel, other funding sources have to be specified.

Priority is given to researchers who have participated in one or more activities of the network, including workshops and conferences. This may include participation in the previous network, Nordic Network for Visual Studies.

Since a central aim of the network is to strengthen participation in all Nordic countries, special consideration may be given to applicants from underrepresented countries and institutions.

Important to note: Grant recipients receive travel funds AFTER the travel has been successfully completed. Reimbursement requires valid receipts documenting each expense. The exception is airline tickets, on the condition that these are booked through Via Egencia, the agency that holds the contract for NNDV travel.

Recipients are required to submit a brief report, summarizing the visit and its results, no later than two months after the travel is completed. Typically, the report would be completed and filed at the same time that the recipient submits valid receipts for reimbursement of the costs of travel.

The travel and group grants have to be used, billed, and reported before August 1, 2014.