Introduction to UArctic

University of the Arctic (UArctic) is a network of universities, colleges, research institutes, and other organizations concerned with education and research in and about the North.

Member Benefits

Thematic Networks form a natural framework for developing University of the Arctic (UArctic) education and research providing an optimal structure for increasing the knowledge generation and sharing across the North.

- Thematic Networks are independent networks with experts in specific areas of Northern relevance.
- Thematic Networks have the responsibility to report and publish news about their activities and received funding, as well as keeping the formal linkages to UArctic.
- The lead and host of the Network has to be from UArctic member institutions.
- Thematic Networks consist of experts from at least three UArctic member institutions, including the lead.

Funding: Stable long-term funding from governments is a central part of UArctic’s funding. National support varies from country to country, but it is typically targeted towards their own institutions’ engagement in UArctic Thematic Networks, UArctic-related projects, and mobility.

- Canada: The Global Arctic Leadership Initiative, funded by Global Affairs Canada, allows researchers to fund projects that focus on enhancing Canada’s leadership in the Arctic and fostering collaborations and mobility in the Circumpolar North. The three funding opportunities include the Indigenous and Northern Collaborative Research and Education Engagement Fund, Indigenous and Northern Relationship Development Fund, and the Travel Support Fund.
- Denmark: The Danish Agency for Science and Higher Education funds projects run by Danish, Faroese, and Greenlandic institutions, and provides north2north mobility funding and includes annual internship placements at the UArctic International Secretariat and the UArctic Thematic Networks and Research Liaison Office.
- Norway: The Ministry of Education and Research funds north2north scholarships for students and staff, and funding for project activities run by Norwegian institutions.

The Arctic Academic Action Award, a collaboration between UArctic and the Arctic Circle, seeks innovative ideas to combat climate change, offering recognition and €100,000 in unrestricted funds to support impactful projects announced at the Arctic Circle Assembly.

UArctic’s research fellowship program, in partnership with Lloyd’s Register Foundation, addresses challenges in maritime safety in the Arctic. Supported by a grant of £500,000, the program spans two academic years and invites researchers and Indigenous Knowledge holders from UArctic member institutions to apply.

Knowledge Mobility: The north2north Mobility Program aims to meet the needs of people in Northern communities with high-quality education by facilitating opportunities to study, teach, and carry-out relevant research in different parts of the North. Certain countries fund the mobility of administrative staff. Information can be found on the following page: UArctic – University of the Arctic – north2north for Staff and Faculty.

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