

UiT - The Arctic University of Norway joins YERUN!

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YERUN is delighted to announce that **UiT - The Arctic University of Norway** has officially become a YERUN member! By welcoming the northernmost university in the world, YERUN expands its representation to yet another country on the European map: Norway. UiT is a fantastic fit into YERUN: with its strong research profile and research-based teaching, it will contribute to strengthening YERUN's voice in European policies related to R&I and education. Therefore, a big welcome to UiT - The Arctic University of Norway into the Young European Research Universities Network!

Prof. Snježana Prijic-Samaržija
YERUN President



"As the recently elected President of YERUN, I am extremely pleased and honoured to welcome UiT The Arctic University of Norway into our network. Norway, as one of the EEA countries, is a key player in the advancement of R&I in Europe and we, in YERUN, are very eager to give our contribution by fostering research and education collaboration among our members, in a spirit of openness and inclusivity. A warm welcome to UiT, and my best wishes for a mutually fruitful cooperation."

Prof. Dag Rune Olsen
Rector of UiT -
The Arctic University of Norway



"UiT The Arctic university of Norway has set high ambitions for our participation in Horizon Europe, and we are continuously seeking to build our international network to foster high quality research- and education collaboration. I am both pleased and honored to see that UiT becomes a part of YERUN, and believe that we will contribute substantially to the network. We will add strong competences in all topics related to the development of the North of Europe and the Arctic into the network, and we are looking forward to collaborating with the members of YERUN in shaping the research and education policies of Europe."

Silvia Gomez Recio
YERUN Secretary General



"Welcoming UiT into the YERUN network is a very important milestone in the advancement of our work. This membership coincides with the very recent formal association of Norway to Horizon Europe and will open new windows of collaboration to all YERUN members. We look forward to working together with UiT colleagues in the advancement of the YERUN strategy and in strengthening the voice of young research universities".

About UiT - The Arctic University of Norway



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About

UiT The Arctic University of Norway (UiT) is a medium-sized young research university that contributes to knowledge-based development at the regional, national and international level. UiT is the northernmost university of the world, and Norway's foremost university in Arctic research – at the intersection of the High North's opportunities and the limitless science. We are in a region with rich natural resources, Arctic proximity, multicultural communities, scattered settlements and heavy export industries; in a world where research and education are increasingly internationalized.

UiT's location on the edge of the Arctic implies a mission. The Arctic is of increasing global importance. Climate change, the exploitation of Arctic resources and environmental threats are topics of great public concern, and which UiT takes special interest in. At UiT we can explore global issues from a close-up perspective. Life in the High North is shaped by wild nature, contrasting light and weather conditions, geographic distances and multiculturalism. Many of UiT's research centres and study programmes reflect the specific character of Arctic Norway.

UiT's key research focuses on the polar environment, climate research, indigenous people, peace and conflict transformation, telemedicine, medical biology, space physics, fishery science, marine biosprospecting, linguistics and computational chemistry.

The ARCTOS network at the Faculty for Biosciences, Fisheries and Economics, is a leader in research on marine arctic ecosystems and an important partner of the Norwegian Polar Institute in Tromsø. The Department of Physics focuses on northern lights and space research. All these institutes are of high international reputation.

The university is part of the FRAM – High North Research Centre for Climate and the Environment (Fram Centre) in Tromsø. Every January the international conference Arctic Frontiers invites researchers, politicians and business representatives to discuss Arctic issues across disciplinary borders. The Secretariat of the Arctic Council is located at the Fram Centre. Researchers from the University and Fram Center are involved in several international programmes of the Arctic Council.



17 000 students and 3700 staff study and work at UiT. The main campuses are located in Tromsø, Alta, Narvik and Harstad, with smaller departments in the towns of Bardufoss, Bodø, Hammerfest, Mo i Rana, Kirkenes, and Longyearbyen. Teaching is research-based. UiT's six faculties offer, in spite of a dedication to Northern issues, a broad range of study programmes. UiT's study portfolio covers all classical subject areas from Health Sciences, Social Sciences, Education and Humanities, Science and Technology to Economics, Law, Social Work, Tourism, Sports and Fine Arts.

The academic community in Tromsø is highly international. More than 20% of the academic staff and 10% of the student body are from abroad. The University offers more than 20 English taught master's degree programmes, and all faculties offer English taught courses at both bachelor's and master's level.

UiT is a founding member of the University of the Arctic, an international network of 160 study and research institutions of the circumpolar region. But the University cooperates with all parts of the world. 200 international agreements secure an active academic exchange of students and staff with partner institutions worldwide.

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The Young European Research University Network (YERUN) is a cluster of highly-ranked young universities in Europe that strengthens and facilitates cooperation in the areas of scientific research, academic education and services which benefit society. In this context, YERUN members consider that adequate support to human capital is essential to foster the next generations of (European) researchers and innovators. Strong support for excellent early-career researchers is therefore a priority for all YERUN members.

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