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Definitions, Acronyms and Abbreviations

Acronym/ Abbreviation	Title
B.Eng.	Bachelor of Engineering
B.Sc.	Bachelor of Natural Science
B.Sc. Eng.	Bachelor of Science in Engineering
CV	Curriculum Vitae
NTNU	Norwegian University of Science and Technology
EC	European Commission
ECTS	European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System
Eng.	Engineering
ESR	Evaluation Summary Report
HEIs	Higher Education Institutions
M.Sc.	Master of Science
R&D	Research & Development
SEPs	Specialised Education Programs

1. Introduction

This document sets out the guidelines for participating in the NTNU Open Call 2, part of the DigiWind project - a European initiative funded under the Digital Europe Programme, Grant Agreement number: 101122836, Call identifier: DIGITAL-2022-SKILLS-03 – Specialised education programmes in key capacity areas.

In addition to this document, applicants are invited to become familiar with the [DigiWind Website](#) and the additional documentation available.

2. About DigiWind

[DigiWind](#) is a programme designed to equip Europe's top talent with the advanced digital skills needed to drive innovation in wind and energy systems. Through fee waivers and/or scholarships (customised in each Open Call conditions), DigiWind aims to lower the barriers to high-quality education, enabling highly qualified learners to access learning experiences at European Higher Education Institutes (HEIs).

The programme provides financial support, ensuring that individuals can participate in the Specialised Education Programs (SEPs) offered by DigiWind's partners. DigiWind offers a dynamic and flexible learning environment, with Master of Science (M.Sc.) and Master courses available both in-person and/or through online/hybrid formats (customised in each Open Call conditions).

By connecting learners with educational opportunities in the wind energy and digital sectors, DigiWind fosters an ecosystem for collaboration, knowledge sharing, and career development. This initiative aims to build a skilled workforce ready to lead Europe's green transition and shape the future of renewable energy.

2.1 DigiWind Team

DigiWind brings together a consortium of five world-leading Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in the area of wind and energy systems (Technical University of Denmark, Delft University of Technology in the Netherlands, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Technological University Shannon and Gdansk University of Technology), two SMEs at the intersection of digital technologies and renewable energy (Whiffle and Cadpeople), a Large Enterprise in digital skills and education using augmented reality and virtual reality to scale up the acquisition of knowledge, skills, and competences (Irish Manufacturing Research Ltd.), and an experienced SME, representing a global community to drive impactful communication, dissemination, and exploitation (F6S Network Ireland Limited). To discover more about the team behind DigiWind visit the [partners section](#) on our website.

2.1.1 About Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU)

NTNU is an international oriented university with headquarters in Trondheim and campuses in Gjøvik and Ålesund.

NTNU has a main profile in science and technology, a variety of programmes of professional study, and great academic breadth that also includes the humanities, social sciences, economics, medicine, health sciences, educational science, architecture, entrepreneurship, art disciplines and artistic activities.

The university's root goes back to 1760 with the foundation of Det Trondhiemske Selskab (Trondheim Academy). A merger in 2016 made NTNU Norway's largest single university.

For more information refer to <https://www.ntnu.edu/about>

3. About DigiWind NTNU Open Call 2 offer

The **DigiWind NTNU Open Call 2** presents a valuable opportunity for students aspiring to advance their digital skills **through an exchange programme** in fields related to the digitalisation of wind and energy systems.

3.1 Funding and Awards

Through this call, **up to fifteen (15) selected candidates** will receive a scholarship to support their exchange stay in Norway during either **Spring or Autumn Semester of 2027**.

- **Award type:** Scholarships are provided as **stipend** to cover living and subsistence costs during the 6-months-exchange period.
- **Financial value:** Each selected beneficiary will receive a **stipend of EUR 6,940**.
- **Tuition fees:** Exchange students from NTNU's partner universities are exempt from tuition fees in accordance with [NTNU Regulations](#).
- **Welfare fee:** All students are required to pay a **mandatory welfare fee of approximately 70 EUR per semester**, which must be covered personally by the applicant. This one-time payment is due by February 1st for Spring semester and, September 1st for Autumn semester, and detailed instructions regarding the payment process will be provided by the NTNU International Office as part of the formal admission and enrolment procedure.
- **Payment mechanism:** Stipends may be distributed via **cash cards provided by NTNU's Unit for International Relations** for use within Norway. Disbursement is subject to signing the mobility agreement, confirmation of enrolment, and compliance with all eligibility and reporting requirements outlined in the Open Call.

3.2 Eligible NTNU Programmes/Courses

The call targets last year bachelor students or master students who wish to participate in the [placement students \(exchange\)](#) programme at NTNU for the **upcoming Spring or Autumn 2027 semesters**.

DigiWind scholarships are available for students undertaking a **6-month study period** at NTNU and enrolling in courses within the following eligible M.Sc. programmes:

- [M.Sc. Electric Power Engineering](#)
- [M.Sc. Marine Technology](#)

DigiWind Course Selection Requirements:

To fulfil DigiWind project requirements, applicants must select a total of 30 credits, typically equivalent to four (4) courses and comply with the following:

- **Core DigiWind Requirement:** At least **two (2) out of four (4) courses** must be designated DigiWind courses. The full list of DigiWind courses is available in Section 3.2.1 and 3.2.2.
- **Specialisation Requirement:** At least **one (1) additional course** must be an **Electric Power Engineering course**. This can be either a designated DigiWind course or another NTNU course within the curriculum. The full list of courses is available in Section 3.2.1.

Note: For last year bachelor students this selection requires approval from designated NTNU course advisor.

- **Flexible Choice:** The **final course** may be freely selected from [NTNU list of available courses](#), provided it aligns with the student's home university credit transfer requirements, is available at Trondheim location, is imparted in English and is available in the semester of studies (Spring 2027 or Autumn 2027).

Note: For Autumn 2027 you can check from the list of available courses of Autumn 2026.

3.2.1 M.Sc. Electric Power Engineering

Spring 2027:

2. [TET4215 Power System Protection and Control](#)
3. [TET4185 Power Markets, Resources and Environment](#)
4. [TET4180 Power System Dynamics and Control](#)
5. [TET4195 High Voltage Equipment](#)

Autumn 2027:

6. [TET4205 Power System Analysis 2](#)
7. [TET4125 Advanced Power Electronics](#)
8. [TET4210 Modelling and Analysis of Electric Machines](#)
9. [TET5100 Electromagnetic Analysis in Power Engineering](#)
10. [TET4160 Insulating Materials for High Voltage Applications](#)
11. [TET4545 Electrical Machines and Electromagnetics, Specialisation Course](#)
12. [TET4555 Power Electronics and Components, Specialisation Course](#)
13. [TET4565 Electricity Markets and Energy Systems Planning, Specialisation Course](#)
14. [TET4575 Power System Operation and Analysis, Specialisation Course](#)
15. [TET4585 High Voltage Technology, Specialisation Course](#)

3.2.2 M.Sc. Marine Technology

Spring 2027:

16. [TMR4170 Marine Structures](#)
17. [TMR4243 Marine Control Systems II](#)
18. [TMR4275 Modelling, Simulation and Analysis of Mechatronic Systems](#)
19. [TMR4120 Underwater Engineering, Basic Course](#)
20. [TMR4340 Marine CFD](#)

Autumn 2027:

21. [TMR4235 Stochastic Theory of Sealoading](#)
22. [TMR4170 Marine Structures](#)
23. [TMR4240 Marine Control Systems I](#)
24. [TMR4243 Marine Control Systems II](#)
25. [TMR4330 Marine Machinery - Design and Condition Monitoring](#)
26. [TMR4275 Modelling, Simulation and Analysis of Mechatronic Systems](#)
27. [TMR4120 Underwater Engineering, Basic Course](#)
28. [TMR4340 Marine CFD](#)
29. [TMR03 Integrated dynamics wind turbine](#)
30. [TMR14 Digital twin-based health monitoring](#)

3.3 Application Period

Applications for **Spring 2027** will be accepted from **1 September 2026 (09:00 CET, Brussels time) until 2 November 2026 (17:00 CET, Brussels time)**.

Applications for **Autumn 2027** will be accepted from **1 September 2026 (09:00 CET, Brussels time) until 1 March 2027 (17:00 CET, Brussels time)**.

3.3.1 Application Process

To ensure a seamless experience for all candidates, the DigiWind scholarship at NTNU follows a structured process. Please note that while you are applying for a DigiWind scholarship, your eventual status at the university will be as a [Placement Student](#).

The **initial stage focuses on the competitive evaluation** of your application.

1. **Formal Submission:** Applicants must submit all required documentation through the **F6S platform for [Spring 2027](#) or [Autumn 2027](#)** within the designated call period.
2. **Academic Evaluation:** A dedicated selection committee will review your profile, focusing on your academic excellence, professional background, and alignment with the programme's objectives.
3. **Selection Notification:** Successful candidates will be officially notified via email of their selection as DigiWind scholarship beneficiaries.

Once you have been selected as a beneficiary for the scholarship, the transition to NTNU begins.

- **Official Invitation:** Beneficiaries will receive a formal invitation from NTNU to join the university as an international placement student.
- **Administrative Support:** Following your invitation, the **NTNU International Relations Office** will contact you directly. They will serve as your primary point of contact, providing expert guidance through the formal enrolment process and ensuring your exchange semester is correctly registered.
- **Enrolment Completion:** Under the guidance of the International Relations Office, you will complete the necessary steps to be officially recognised as an exchange student at NTNU. For further details please refer to Section 7.

Table 1. NTNU Application process overview

Step	Action	Application Period
1. DigiWind Scholarship Application	Submit the application and required documentation through the F6S Platform for Spring 2027 or Autumn 2027 .	Spring 2027: 1 September 2026 – 2 November 2026 Autumn 2027: 1 September 2026 – 1 March 2027
2. Internal Evaluation	Applications are reviewed by the committee of professors based on academic criteria.	Spring 2027: 3 November 2026 – 13 November 2026 Autumn 2027: 2 March 2027 – 12 March 2027
3. NTNU Placement Invitation	Successful candidates are notified by DigiWind and formally invited by NTNU as placement students.	Spring 2027: 16 November 2026 Autumn 2027: 15 March 2027

After the selection process concludes, successful applicants will be invited to sign a [Learning agreement](#) and a [Declaration of Honour](#) to confirm their scholarship and complete their registration at NTNU.

4. About NTNU Scholarships for M.Sc. programmes

4.1 Objectives

The scholarships will support placement students (exchange students) to undertake masters' courses at NTNU over a 6-month period, according to the Course Selection Requirements outlined in Section 3.2. The scholarship will cover the student's stipend over the 6-month stay. The courses are associated with the M.Sc. Programmes indicated below.

4.2 NTNU M.Sc. Programmes

4.2.1 M.Sc. in Electric Power Engineering

Society depends on electricity. Cars, trains and ships are electrified, and consumers can produce electricity themselves. We expect electricity when we need electricity. This creates new challenges for the power system. The entire electrical infrastructure must be further developed and maintained for efficient and reliable energy supply.

You will learn to develop innovative solutions for the sustainable power system of the future and design electrotechnical equipment for industry, energy supply, ships and railways. The future is green, electric, and digital. Renewable energy will replace oil, coal, and gas to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. **Further details about courses for this programme** [can be found here](#).

4.2.2 M.Sc. in Marine Technology

Join one of the world's top-ranked programmes in marine technology and shape the future of the ocean industries. This master's degree combines cutting edge knowledge, hands-on training, and five specialisations. Located in Trondheim – Norway's best student city with a vibrant student life, stunning nature and an inspiring international community.

You will learn about technology, techniques and methods connected to design, engineering, construction and operation of marine systems and structures from engaged lecturers. With excellent employment rates and global recognition, the programme is a gateway to a meaningful and impactful career in the maritime sector. **Further details about courses for this programme** [can be found here](#).

5. Eligibility Criteria

All applicants must meet the following general requirements to be considered eligible for the DigiWind NTNU Open Call. An eligibility check will be conducted to discard non-compliant proposals.

5.1 General Eligibility Conditions

5.1.1 Academic/Professional Background

Applicants must be final year students or hold one of the following degrees obtained at an internationally recognised university or higher education institution:

- **Bachelor of Science in Engineering (B.Sc. Eng.).**
- **Bachelor of Engineering (B.Eng.).**
- **Bachelor of Natural Science (B.Sc.).**

Applicants must have a background within a relevant field of engineering to meet the prerequisites of the M.Sc. Electric Power Engineering or M.Sc. Marine Technology courses.

5.1.2 Nationality

Applicants must be a passport holder from an [EU/EEA countries](#) or [Digital Europe Programme](#) (DEP) associated countries.

5.1.3 English Language Competency

All applicants must demonstrate certified English language proficiency with an official score report from one of the following tests:

- **IELTS Academic** (computer-based, paper-based, or online): Minimum overall score of 6.5
- **TOEFL iBT** (including the Internet-based test, Special Home Edition, or Paper Edition): Minimum score of 88
- **Cambridge English** (C1 Advanced - CAE or C2 Proficiency – CPE): Minimum overall score of 180

Note: Documentation for the English language competency is not required for native English speakers. English is the official language of both the DigiWind DTU Open Call and the entire master's programme. Applications submitted in any other language will not be considered.

5.1.4 Current Academic Status

Applicants must be currently enrolled as last year bachelor students or must be currently enrolled as students in a master's degree programme (M.Sc. or equivalent) at an internationally recognised home university that has an active exchange agreement with NTNU - official partnership database here: [NTNU Partner Portal](#)

- **Proof of Enrolment:** Applicants are required to provide an official Certificate of Enrolment from their home institution's International Office or Registrar, confirming their active student status for the current academic year.

5.2 NTNU Open Call Application Submission

For Spring 2027: The **online submission** form must be adequately filled in and submitted via the [F6S Platform Spring 2027](#) within the official submission period (1 September 2026 at 09:00 CET – 2 November 2026 at 17:00 CET).

For Autumn 2027: The **online submission** form must be adequately filled in and submitted via the [F6S Platform Autumn 2027](#) within the official submission period (1 September 2026 at 09:00 CET – 1 March 2027 at 17:00 CET).

5.3 Required Documents

The following documents must be submitted through the F6S platform by the deadline:

For last year bachelor students:

1. **Transcripts of Results:** Transcripts for the courses completed during the bachelor studies and list of current courses being undertaken (current semester/year).
2. **Proof of Enrolment in a bachelor's programme:** An official Certificate of Enrolment issued by the home institution's International Office, confirming the applicant's active student status in a bachelor's programme for the current academic year.
3. **Curriculum Vitae (CV):** A detailed CV outlining academic history, professional experience, skills, and relevant achievements (no photo required).
4. **Personal Statement/Motivation Letter:** A statement (max. 2 pages) explaining motivation for applying, interest in the programme, and how applicants background aligns with the Master programme.
5. **English Language Competency:** Certified evidence of English proficiency meeting the specified minimum scores above.

For Master students:

1. **Degree Certificate:** Original or certified copy of Degree Awards.
2. **Transcripts of Results:** Transcripts for the higher education degree obtained; and a list of the courses currently undertaken on their master studies (current semester/year).
3. **Proof of Enrolment in a master's Programme:** An official Certificate of Enrolment issued by the home institution's International Office, confirming the applicant's active student status in a master's programme for the current academic year.
4. **Curriculum Vitae (CV):** A detailed CV outlining academic history, professional experience, skills, and relevant achievements (no photo required).
5. **Personal Statement/Motivation Letter:** A statement (max. 2 pages) explaining motivation for applying, interest in the programme, and how applicants background aligns with the Master programme.
6. **English Language Competency:** Certified evidence of English proficiency meeting the specified minimum scores above.

5.4 Commitment to Diversity, Social and Economic Equality, and Gender Balance

DigiWind and NTNU are committed to promoting diversity, social and economic equality, and gender balance in all aspects of this open call. We particularly encourage applications from women, individuals from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, and those who can contribute to the cultural and demographic diversity of the wind energy field.

As part of our selection process, applicants will have the option to provide information on gender, age, and socio-economic background. These factors will be positively considered during evaluation, in line with our commitment to supporting a diverse student body. The selection committee will include members with awareness of bias and inclusion, guided by best practices such as the GEAR action toolkit.

Note: All information provided regarding gender, age, and social background will be collected voluntarily and treated confidentially in accordance with GDPR/Data Privacy regulations. These data will be used solely to inform our diversity monitoring and inclusive selection measures.

6. Evaluation

6.1 Methodology

All applications must be submitted **EXCLUSIVELY** through the **F6S platform** for [Spring 2027](#) or [Autumn 2027](#). Students are allowed to apply to only one of the semesters (either Spring 2027 or Autumn 2027).

A complete list of applicants will be compiled, including basic information for statistical and transparency purposes (which will be also shared with the European Commission).

Application submission will close for **Spring 2027 November 2nd, 2026, at 17:00 CET** and for **Autumn 2027 March 1st, 2026, at 17:00 CET**. There will be no deadline extensions.

The evaluation process for the DigiWind DTU Open Call is structured in a **three-step methodology** to ensure a fair, transparent, and thorough assessment of all applications as follow: **(1)** Admissibility and eligibility check; **(2)** Internal evaluation by experts; and **(3)** Ranking and selection of applicants. The process is represented in Figure 1.

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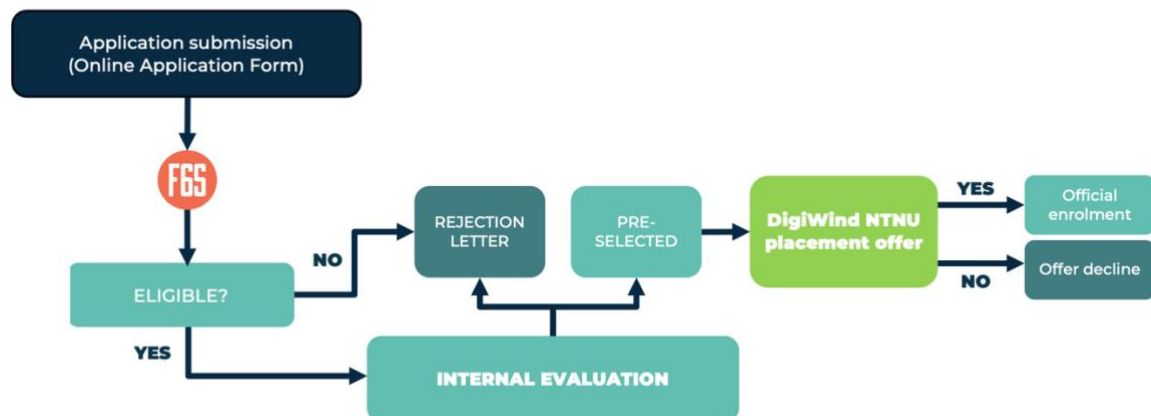


Figure 1. NTNU Open Call - Evaluation overview

6.1.1 Admissibility and Eligibility Check

An initial admissibility and eligibility verification will be done to filter out and discard non-eligible applications. An application is only considered eligible if it meets all the eligibility criteria and requirements listed in [Section 5](#), as well as the submission of

all required documents, among others. [Table 2](#). NTNU Open Call - Eligibility check presents the Eligibility checklist.

This eligibility check enables the establishment of a shortlist of applications to be evaluated in the next step of the evaluation process.

Applications marked as non-eligible (for not meeting one or more of the eligibility criteria) will receive a rejection notification with a justification.

Table 2. NTNU Open Call - Eligibility check

Eligibility Criterion	Met Yes/No (Y/N)	Reason for non-eligibility (if 'N')
1. Academic Background	[Y/N]	Insufficient academic qualification based on applicant's grades (GPA or equivalent) as well as the applicant's extracurricular research experiences or publications, relevant work experience, relevant teaching experience, awards from competitions and extracurricular activities.
2. Nationality Eligibility	[Y/N]	Not a passport holder from an eligible country.
3. English Language Competency	[Y/N]	Insufficient English language score OR no certified evidence provided.
4. Application submission and completeness	[Y/N]	Incomplete/inadequately filled form OR not submitted on F6S platform.
5. Required Documentation		
5.1 CV	[Y/N]	CV missing
5.2 Original or certified copy of Degree awards provided (Only for master students)	[Y/N]	Degree awards missing/not certified (Only for master students).
5.3 Transcript of results provided	[Y/N]	Transcripts missing.
5.4 Proof of enrolment	[Y/N]	Proof of enrolment missing.
5.5 Personal Statement	[Y/N]	Personal statement / motivation letter missing.

6.1.2 Internal Evaluation by Experts

Applications that pass the eligibility check will undergo an internal evaluation, conducted by a panel of three experts from NTNU. This approach ensures a fair, impartial, and thorough assessment of each application, leveraging the diverse expertise within the faculty.

The collective judgement of the panel ensures that selections are based on recognised academic standards, the strategic objectives of the DigiWind initiative, and the specific requirements outlined in this Open Call.

6.1.2.1 Evaluation Criteria and Scoring

Only eligible candidates will be evaluated. Successful candidates must reach an **evaluation threshold of 70%**.

Table 3. NTNU Open Call - Evaluation criteria

Percentage	Criteria
65%	Relevant qualification(s)
25%	Positive mindset towards green-digital energy transition in Europe
10%	Commitment to Diversity, Equality and Gender balance

In the event of a tie between applicants with identical overall scores, the selection will be determined by sequentially applying the weighted criteria in order of importance: first by Relevant Qualifications (65%), then by Positive Mindset towards the green-digital energy transition (25%), and finally by Commitment to Diversity, Equality, and Gender Balance (10%). If a tie remains, the selection committee may conduct a brief interview as a final tiebreaker.

6.1.3 Ranking and Selection process

Following the expert's evaluation, all eligible applicants will be ranked according to their final assessment scores. Scholarships will be awarded based on this **order of merit**, beginning with the highest-ranked candidates.

Evaluation results will be compiled into an **Evaluation Summary Report (ESR)**. Applicants will be notified of the results via email, as follows:

- **For Accepted Applicants:**
 - An Evaluation Summary Report.
 - A placement offer letter
 - An invitation to proceed to the enrolment phase and following steps.
- **For Rejected Applicants:**
 - An Evaluation Summary Report for those who passed the eligibility check and underwent internal evaluation phase.
 - A rejection letter to ineligible applications.

Successful applicants must **confirm their acceptance** of the placement offer **within five (5) business days** by replying to the DigiWind NTNU Open Call 2 team at ntnu-opencall@digiwind.org

6.1.3.1 Reserved List Policy

If the number of qualified applicants exceeds the available places, candidates who meet the quality threshold but fall below the offer cut-off will be placed on a **reserve list**, ranked by score. Applicants on the reserve list may receive an offer if selected candidates decline or fail to accept their offer within the stipulated deadline.

6.1.3.2 Redress Process

Applicants who are not satisfied with the evaluation of their application, may submit a **written appeal within three (3) business days** of receiving their result. Appeals will be reviewed by a panel, chaired by the NTNU DigiWind representative, the Project Officer and one external member.

Appeals are typically not allowed for disagreements with the academic judgment (score) or if the decision was based on the applicants misunderstanding of the application instructions. Valid grounds for appealing scholarships offer decision generally focus on errors in the assessment process or claims of discrimination.

All requests for appeal must be sent to the DigiWind NTNU Open Call 2 team at ntnu-opencall@digiwind.org

7. Programme Enrolment

To secure your **DigiWind NTNU Scholarship**, you'll need to formally accept the offer via email and sign the Declaration of Honour **within five (5) business days** of receiving the email from the DigiWind Open Call team. The acceptance confirms your agreement to the **academic and participation conditions** designed to ensure your success in the programme. These conditions include:

- Completing your placement studies within **6 months**.
- Adhering to the **specified course requirements**.
- Actively participating in **student ambassador activities**.

Registration of DigiWind students

After the beneficiary students are selected, a list of successful applicants will be shared with the Unit for International Relations at NTNU. A manual registration application for each student will be done by the Unit in the nomination admission commonly used for regular incoming exchange students.

The following information will be required from each successful applicant:

- Name
- Gender
- Date of birth
- Citizenship
- Email address
- Home University (Active exchange agreement with NTNU)

Applicants are encouraged to verify whether their home institution maintains an active exchange agreement with NTNU prior to submission. You may consult the official partnership database here: [NTNU Partner Portal](#)

In the event that your home institution is not listed, please contact the DigiWind team for clarification:

- **Email:** ntnu-opencall@digiwind.org
- **Subject Line:** [Home University Name] exchange agreement – DigiWind

Once students are registered, they will be asked to provide documentation and select which courses they want to take in a comments field in the application. This process ensures NTNU has received all the information needed to be able to register the candidates as students at NTNU.

8. Crafting your application

8.1 Step by step guide

This section provides a detailed walkthrough of the application process. To ensure your application is complete, eligible, and submitted on time, please follow all steps carefully.

Carefully read the entire **Guidelines for Applicants** document to fully understand the terms and conditions of this Open Call.

Step 1: Get Started on the F6S Platform

- Create your applicant profile on the F6S platform for the semester you plan on taking your studies:
- [Spring 2027](#)
- [Autumn 2027](#)
- Review **the reference application form for Spring 2027 or Autumn 2027** to familiarise yourself with the administrative questions. This document is for guidance only; your application must be completed directly on the F6S Platform.
- **Optional:** Two **live webinars** will be held during the application period to provide guidance and answer questions, one for Spring 2027 applicants and another for Autumn 2027 applicants. Details will be announced on the DigiWind website, social media and F6S Open Call page.

Step 2: Prepare your documentation

Gather and prepare all required supporting documents in **PDF format**. Ensure no printing restrictions are applied to your files.

Mandatory Documents:

- Degree Awards (Only for Master students)
- Transcripts of Results
- Proof of enrolment
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Personal statement / Motivation letter
- English Language Competency

If selected, you will be required to sign the following:

- [Declaration of Honour](#)
- [Learner Agreement](#)

Step 3: Complete and submit your application on the F6S Platform

- **Complete All Sections:** Fill in all parts of the application form directly on the F6S platform.
- **Upload Files:** Ensure all mandatory documents listed above are uploaded.
- **Final Review:** Thoroughly review your application before submission.
- **Submit by deadline for Spring 2027:** Applications must be submitted no later than **2 November 2026 at 17:00 CET**. Late submissions will not be accepted.
- **Submit by deadline for Autumn 2027:** Applications must be submitted no later than **1 March 2027 at 17:00 CET**. Late submissions will not be accepted.

9. Timeline

Spring 2027 timeline



Autumn 2027 timeline



Figure 2. NTNU Open Call 2 Timeline

Note: While every effort will be made to adhere to these dates, they are indicative and may be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances or operational needs. Any significant changes will be communicated via the DigiWind website.

10. General Information

10.1 Data protection

In order to process and evaluate applications, and manage project implementation, the DigiWind consortium will need to collect Personal and Industrial Data.

- F6S Network Ireland Limited will act as Data Controller for data submitted through the F6S platform for these purposes. Please see our privacy policy [here](#).
- A Data Protection Officer (DPO) has been appointed by F6S generally, to ensure compliance with data protection regulations, such as the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), and that personal data is collected, processed, and stored in a secure manner.
- The F6S platform's system design and operational procedures ensure that data is managed in compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR).
- Each applicant will accept the F6S terms to ensure compliance. Please refer to <https://www.f6s.com/privacy-policy> to review the F6S platform's privacy policy and data security policy.
- Apart from the F6S platform, data will also be stored in the F6S Google Drive, and in the project repository on Group Office managed by the project coordinator DTU.
- Note that the DigiWind consortium must retain generated data until five years after the balance of the DigiWind project is paid or longer if there are ongoing procedures (such as audits, investigations or litigation). In this case, the data must be kept until their conclusion.

10.2 Confidentiality

Confidentiality obligations:

- Selected applicants are required to maintain confidential any project data, documents, invoices and other materials (in any form) during the implementation of the activities and for 5 years after project completion.
- This confidentiality period can be extended by agreement with the EC and the DigiWind consortium.
- Information shared during the project, whether written or spoken, is only considered non-confidential if DigiWind agrees and confirms it in writing within 15 days.
- Confidential information must only be used for project implementation, unless otherwise agreed upon.
- Any information shared during the application stage will be treated as confidential.

10.3 Origin of funds

Once an applicant has been selected for funding, they will be required to sign a dedicated [Learner Agreement](#) with NTNU. It is important to note that the funds attached to the DigiWind programme come directly from the funds of the Digital Europe Programme DigiWind project, which has been co-funded by the European Commission. Therefore, the funds remain the property of the EC until the payment of the balance, which is managed by the project partners in DigiWind via European Commission Grant Agreement Number 101122836.

The Learner Agreement represents a commitment from the sub-grantees who will receive funding. The relationship between sub-grantees and the European Commission through the DigiWind project carries a set of obligations for the sub-grantees with the European Commission. These obligations will be outlined in the Learner Agreement, which the selected applicants will need to review and agree to.

It is the responsibility of the sub-grantees to ensure that they fulfil these obligations, and the DigiWind consortium partners will provide guidance and support as needed. All selected applicants should carefully review the terms of the agreement and ensure that they are able to meet their obligations to receive the funding and successfully carry out their programme.

10.4 European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS)

The European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) is a tool of the [European Higher Education Area](#) for making studies and courses more transparent. It helps students to move between countries and to have their academic qualifications and study periods abroad recognised.

ECTS allows credits taken at one higher education institution to be counted towards a qualification studied for at another. ECTS credits represent learning based on defined learning outcomes and their associated workload.

ECTS enhances the flexibility of study programmes for students. It also supports the planning, delivery and evaluation of higher education programmes. It is a central tool in the [Bologna Process](#), which aims to make national education systems more comparable internationally. ECTS also helps make other documents, such as the [Diploma Supplement](#), clearer and easier to use in different countries.

ECTS has been adopted by most of the countries in the European Higher Education Area as the national credit system and is increasingly used elsewhere.

For more information on ECTS please refer to the [European Education Area](#) website.

10.5 Disclaimer

While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this document, the DigiWind Consortium reserves the right to make updates to the Guidelines for Applicants. Any significant changes will be officially announced on the DigiWind website and clearly communicated to the Applicants.

11. Contacts

The DigiWind Consortium serves the following support:

- **F6S Online Q&A:** for any questions regarding submission and the Open Call itself –
 - **Spring 2027:**
 - **Autumn 2027:**
- **F6S support team:** for any technical issue on the F6S platform - support@f6s.com
- **NTNU Open Call 2 Documents:** <https://digiwind.org/open-calls/ntnu-open-call/>

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