

NordSIMS-Vegacenter application

New facilities

Starting for proposals submitted in 2021, we are pleased to announce that the ESEM (with EBSD, CL, GSE, BSE, EDS, and WDS), SEM, and clean-laboratory/Thermo Triton TIMS facilities are now accessible through the infrastructure and access can be requested on the application form.

APPLICATIONS

For NEW projects:

Your application must comprise the following three items:

- 1) Application form. Please fill in the pdf fields, sign and save as a pdf with an unambiguous name. Note that the form can be signed digitally in Adobe Acrobat.
- 2) Project description. This should accompany your application form and consist of a maximum of 2 pages of A4 (using a 12 pt. font), including figures. Preferably save this as a pdf file.
- 3) User information form (Excel). We are now required by the research council to report institution and gender data on users of the infrastructure. This information is for statistical use only and data should not be linked to any named person on the application form. Please complete the "NEW PROJECTS" sheet. If you were granted infrastructure access during 2022, please also fill in one or more of the "EXISTING PROJECTS" sheets as appropriate. Save your form as an Excel file and send together with the application.

For DELAYED projects:

Following long-established practice, accepted projects should start in the year for which time has been applied and access time will be carried over into the following year only when delays have been caused by the inability of the infrastructure to accommodate a project or following a justified request from the project PI. This includes delays due to COVID. Such delayed projects do not need to submit an application for the already granted time but, where relevant, any request for additional time under a multi-year project should be made.

For MULTI-YEAR projects:

Where the requested analyses are a direct continuation of a previously accepted proposal, only the ongoing project form should be completed.

Starting in 2022, we have introduced a simplified application procedure for projects that anticipate repeated access to the NordSIMS-Vegacenter infrastructure facilities over a number of years (e.g. projects with long-term funding, those involving PhD. students, post-docs.,

etc...). For such projects, the detailed application, including the mandatory 2 page project plan and user statistics, should be submitted for the first year in which access is expected. On the initial application form, the section relating to multi-year projects should be completed.

In subsequent years, provided that the project description remains relevant, only a simplified version of the application form will need to be submitted, including a short description of the use of the infrastructure in the previous year and anticipated access in the coming year. Substantially new projects should be accompanied by a full application form and project description. The infrastructure steering committee reserves the right to request additional information before deciding on continued access.

This new system also applies retrospectively to granted 2021 projects. In such cases, please complete the simplified application form and refer to your 2021 project reference number.