



WELCOME TO THE
NOVA university network

Welcome to NOVA!

- the Nordic Forestry, Veterinary and Agricultural University Network

Congratulations on being admitted as a post-graduate student within the NOVA network. The network is a platform for efficient and innovative Nordic cooperation and offers you high-end knowledge from our teachers and researchers in northern Europe.

NOVA courses and programmes – cooperation for competence and quality

Based on the belief that we are stronger together, NOVA offers joint Nordic specialised courses and programmes within the disciplines of forestry, veterinary and agricultural sciences. NOVA courses and programmes are planned, run, and taught by leading Nordic teachers and researchers that have come together in NOVA networks. Their cooperation ensures that teaching is based on latest scientific results and carried out in a manner that will promote learning.



NOVA was established in 1995, and is financed on the basis of funds provided by the member institutions. The NOVA member institutions are commissioned in their respective countries to build expertise and provide knowledge to society in the fields of agriculture, animal sciences, forestry, veterinary medicine, food sciences, environmental sciences, aquaculture and related biosciences.

MEMBERS CONTRIBUTE to development within sustainable use of natural resources, food production, health and welfare protection of humans and animals. We are enhancing the capacity for use of land, water, plants and animals according to sustainable principles. The main task of NOVA is to initiate, administer and promote cooperation in higher education between the member institutions.



Study options for MSc and PhD students

NOVA provides you as a Master's or PhD student an opportunity to take specialised courses at another Nordic university and to meet fellow students in your field. Courses are in general intensive courses of about one to two weeks. In some areas there are also full programmes or semesters available.

Scholarships

There are no scholarships for PhD-students attending a NOVA course or network project, accommodation and meals are however included in the course. Master's students can apply for scholarships that cover additional travel and living costs.

Interview with a previous NOVA student

Hannu Hotti is 29 years old and is currently a research scientist, working on his PhD in biotechnology at the University of Helsinki.

1. When and how did you come to hear about the NOVA-network?

– First time I heard about NOVA was when I was on a joint plant pathology course in 2005. The course was collaboration between SLU Uppsala and University of Helsinki.



2. You took quite a few NOVA courses.

– Yes, during the autumn 2005 I took Plant-microbe interactions and molecular defence of plants, 2009 Plant Pathology in a Changing World, a Master's Summer Course, in 2011 Breeding for Adaptation to Climate Change, a NOVA PhD-course and in 2012 I took Pre-Breeding for Sustainable Plant Production, also a NOVA PhD-course.

3. Was there something special that made the NOVA courses interesting to you?

– What made the NOVA courses very interesting was that they were held abroad, in a new university environment, with new teachers and new fellow students. The courses were interesting topic wise, as well.

4. Did you make any lasting contacts during the course?

– I made few contacts during the courses that I'm holding on to.

5. Would you recommend the NOVA courses to other possible participants?

– Yes, absolutely, you get to experience new things in new places.



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