



CALL FOR APPLICANTS TO THE QUOTA SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME AT GJØVIK UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, NORWAY

Norwegian Quota Programme

The Norwegian quota programme is a funding scheme offered by the Norwegian government to students from developing countries and certain countries in Eastern Europe for studies at institutions of higher education in Norway. The goal of the Quota Scheme is to give students relevant education that will benefit their home countries when they return after graduation.

The number of students in the programme is fixed; 800 from developing countries and 300 from Eastern Europe. The Norwegian institutions apply to the SIU (Centre for Internationalisation in Education) for a certain number of places. SIU distributes places to the institutions, but the institutions themselves have sole responsibility for the admission of students.

Who can be a quota student?

Applicants must meet the standard admission requirements. In addition, each programme has specific admission requirements (see description).

Students must apply directly from their home country and must have stayed at least one year in their home country directly prior to the planned course of study at the Norwegian university/university college.

GUC admit quota students only through institutional cooperation agreements.

Funding Scheme

The Norwegian State Educational Loan Fund (Statens Lånekasse) is responsible for managing the financial support provided for the Quota students. Each student receives the same amount of money as a Norwegian student would do in an equivalent educational programme (NOK 94 400 per year). About 40 per cent of the amount is given as a grant and 60 per cent as a loan. However, the loan portion is waived when the student returns to his/her home country after completing the course of study.

The first part of the grant will be given after arrival in Norway, which means that the students must have the possibility to cover travel expenses. Partial reimbursement of these expenses can be applied for at a later stage. The students is also advised to bring money to cover for living expenses the first month until they get the financial support from The Norwegian State Educational Loan Fund.

The Quota Programme at Gjøvik University College (GUC).

In 2014, Gjøvik UC has one (1) vacant quota place for Eastern Europe which University of Prishtina is the partner institution from where GUC can recruit students. The students can apply to either of the two international master programmes: Master of Applied Computer Science **or** Master of Information Security. The programme description and admission requirements are described below.

The master programmes at Gjøvik UC are taught in English, and the students who are admitted will start directly on the degree programme.

The students will start their studies in Norway in August 2014, and they are expected to arrive in Gjøvik at latest August 14th 2014.

	Programme Description	Admission requirements
Master Applied Computer Science	<p>Master in Applied Computer Science will provide you the knowledge and the skills necessary for mastering key technologies used to develop web applications, mobile apps, and computer games. You will gain experience in developing applications, tools, and systems to be used in the digital world. The rapid development in digital technology constantly creates new and challenging problems. In this study, you will gain scientific and analytical skills that will help you in solving such problems. Furthermore, the study allows you to specialise in one of the major areas of study and to acquire advanced knowledge in your area of specialisation.</p> <p>More information at: http://english.hig.no/study_programmes/it/master/macs</p>	<p>Applicants must have a 3-year undergraduate degree to qualify for admission, preferably a Bachelor's degree in computer science or in informatics. The applicants must document that they have at least 60 ECTS credits in information technology/computing subjects and at least 10 ECTS credits in mathematics.</p> <p>Documentation of English skills</p> <p>For further information about admission: http://english.hig.no/study_programmes/admission</p>
Master of Information Security	<p>A Master of Science in Information Security will provide you with the knowledge and theoretical background as well as with the requisite skills and attitudes to succeed in this challenging yet eminent field. The programme offers a wide range of courses, both technical modules and modules dealing with social, legal and management aspects.</p> <p><u>Major areas of study:</u> Cryptography and security mechanisms Network security Intrusion detection and prevention Digital and computational forensics Security management Biometric authentication Information warfare Wireless communication security Legal aspects of information security Organisational and human aspects of information security Risk analysis</p> <p>More Information at: http://english.hig.no/study_programmes/it/master/mis</p>	<p>To qualify for admission, an applicant must have a bachelor degree in computer science or another field relevant for information security (mathematics, electrical engineering, physics, etc.). The applicant must document that he/she has at least 10 ECTS credits in mathematics/statistics and at least 30 ECTS credits in computer science subjects (for example, computer programming, theory of algorithms, databases, computer networking, etc.) at the bachelor level. A grade point average (GPA) of at least C on the bachelor studies is required.</p> <p>Documentation of English skills.</p> <p>For further information about admission: http://english.hig.no/study_programmes/admission</p>

Application Procedure

1. Announcement at University of Prishtina.
2. Students apply by using the preliminary online registration form:
<https://response.questback.com/hogskolenigjovik/preliminaryform/> They have to register by filling in this form by January 5th 2014.
3. Students that has registered in the preliminary registration form by January 5th will be invited to send in a full application the week after that. This application in also done electronically, where students apply and upload their documents by following instructions from GUC. More information about the admission procedures can be found here:
http://english.hig.no/study_programmes/admission/how_to_apply
4. The shortlisted candidates **may** be interviewed by representatives from Gjøvik University College. The interviews might be done through skype.
5. A final decision should be made by Gjøvik University College by February 1st, if the application s are complete, and all documents are correctly uploaded and easy to read.