

1st announcement: NBSW Summer School August 2026 to be hosted by **NTNU and NORWEL**

THE NORDIC - BALTIC DOCTORAL NETWORK IN SOCIAL WORK

invites doctoral students from Nordic, Baltic and countries beyond to participate in the XVII Summer school

Collaboration to Develop Knowledge in Ph.D -studies.

10th – 14th of August 2026

The Nordic-Baltic Doctoral Network in Social Work (NBSW) is a joint network of doctoral schools, universities, and other institutions in social work in seven countries, established in 2008 . The network provides research training for PhD students in social work in Finland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, and other countries.

We invite PhD students to participate in the summer school of the Nordic-Baltic Doctoral Network in Social Work (NBSW). This summer school aims to bring together PhD candidates in social work for five days of intensive lectures and discussions. focusing on collaboration in Ph.D. working process. Participation in the summer school is free of charge. However, submission of a paper addressing the theme of the summer school is a prerequisite for participation. Participants need to cover their own travel and accommodation costs.

Summer school topic

The 2026 summer school will explore *Collaborative research and Collaborative Ph.D scholarships* with a particular emphasis on managing academic collaborations in the Ph.D work process. The course provides 5 ECTS credits and has been developed especially for this summer school. Collaborative research isn't just a buzzword. Done well, it can help your work achieve a far greater impact than you'd have managed on your own. Participants will engage in discussions and activities covering the planning and conducting research, research cooperation and network, as well as co-production, co-writing, and co-creation within academic environments. The program also highlights the development of academic expertise through collaborative processes. A central theme is the examination of "co-processes" and their connection to collaboration, approached from diverse theoretical and methodological perspectives. By fostering a deeper understanding of collaborative practices, the summer school aims to equip participants with the skills and insights necessary to maximize the impact of their academic work.

Keywords : Researcher as case manager, research community, collaboration, co-writing, co-production; Researchers reflexivity,

TIME and PLACE

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Start Monday , august 10, 2026 at 13:00 (Norwegian time)

End Friday, August 14, 2026 at 13:00 (Norwegian time)

Place: NTNU campus Helgasetr- <https://link.mazemap.com/Cz4uEMIE>

KEY DATES

February 10	First announcement
March 15	Second announcement and instructions for the paper
April 20	Application deadline
May 09	Decision about participation will be announced
May 15	Reading list and practical information will be given
July 25	Paper submission deadline
August 10	Summer School starts

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LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING YOU!