

# Norwegian Centennial Interdisciplinary Chair Fact Sheet

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## What is it?

The Norwegian Centennial Interdisciplinary Chair is an endowed faculty Chair that will rotate between a research professor at the University of Minnesota and a colleague at the Norwegian University of Life Sciences.

## What is the purpose?

The purpose is to provide a continual source of resources and distinction for leadership by University of Minnesota and Norwegian University of Life Sciences faculty and staff whose charge will be to form Transatlantic Research Teams of scientists and graduate students at the University of Minnesota and universities in Norway. These teams will conduct breakthrough research to provide sustainable solutions with the fields of bioenergy, biobased products and functional genomics.

An additional purpose of the chair earning will be to provide support for graduate students at the University of Minnesota and from cooperating universities in Norway to serve as the mechanism for enabling collaborations.

## Who are the partners?

University of Minnesota and the Norwegian University of Life Sciences

## Who will oversee the program?

Robert Elde, Dean, College of Biological Sciences  
Knut Hove, Rector, University of Life Sciences

## What formal documents are in place?

- Memorandum of Understanding
- Overall Program Agreement
- Agreement on Student Mobility

## When were the formal document signed?

A delegation led by President Bruininks traveled between May 25<sup>th</sup> and June 2<sup>nd</sup> to Norway to sign formal documents. Other delegates included Kathryn Brown, Tim Mulcahy, Bob Elde, Deb Powell, Peter Hudleston, Lanny Schmidt, Daniel Bond and Robert Kvavik

## How is it being funded?

\$750,000 -	3 year pledge from Norway announced by Norway's Crown Prince Haakon Magnus Fall 2005
\$750,000 -	University of Minnesota
\$250,000 -	Private Fundraising
\$250,000 -	University of Minnesota's 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Fellowship Match

## When will it start?

Chairs were selected in the Fall of 2006. They are:  
University of Minnesota – Judd Sheridan  
Norwegian University of Life Sciences – Odd Jarle Skjelhaugen