

# Masters scholarship 2021/2022

Retail is undergoing major changes. Can new business models, ecosystems and artificial intelligence uphold employment and maintain diversity in the sector? A new DIG project will address these issues.

[Coop](#) is a strategic partner in the research project "[BEST in retail](#)" led by the research centre [Digital Innovation of Growth \(DIG\)](#). In connection with this, Coop Norway SA announces four scholarships on behalf of [Advokat Dehlies Fond](#) to students who wish to contribute to this work. The fund was established in 1921 for the purpose of "promoting cooperative information activities". The fund has its own board and is managed by Coop Norway SA.



## About the scholarship

Students can apply for a scholarship when the purpose is to acquire increased knowledge about cooperative activities. The scholarship can be used for the purchase of academic literature, event participation, projects, studies at home or abroad, travel or similar activities if this is justified based on the goal of awarding the scholarship. The scholarship shall contribute to students being able to participate in activities and/or carry out projects with the aim of acquiring increased knowledge about the co-operation and its challenges in a historical, contemporary and/or future perspective. Self-development and professional specialization shall promote cooperative information activities and increase interest in cooperative operation and the cooperative character.

## Purpose

The scholarship shall contribute to increasing knowledge and competence about cooperatives in Norway and the cooperative thought.

## Topics

To apply for a scholarship from Advokat Dehlies Fond, you must write about a topic that is directly relevant to Coop in Norway. Topics that are relevant for consideration are:

- The co-operative universe
- Circular economy
- Sustainability
- Social responsibility/diversity
- Co-operative democracy/corporate governance

Please specify which topic the thesis will be based on in your application.

## Criteria

The subject area must provide new knowledge, and the applicant will receive a contact person in Coop Norway SA in Oslo. The application should include:

- Briefly about method and theory, maximum two pages
- A short project description, maximum four pages
- Copy of transcripts of grades

### Practical information

The application is sent to general manager of Advokat Dehlies Fond, [Hilde Berge Mæhlum](#). The thesis can be written by one person or two people together.

### Application deadline

The application deadline is 15 October 2021. Notification of grant award: No later than 15 November 2021.

### Disbursement of the scholarship

The scholarship is NOK 50,000. Half will be paid at the start of the semester and the rest will be disbursed when the assignment has been passed and presented to the board of Advokat Dehlies Fond. If the assignment is written by two students together, the grant will be NOK 25,000 for each. It is the Dehlies Fond's intention to award four scholarships for the academic year 2021/2022.

### Other information

Coop Norway SA provides practical assistance along the way and ensures that the candidate establishes contact with relevant people in Coop and has access to the necessary data. A declaration of confidentiality must be signed.