



MANAGING DIRECTOR

The [Nansen Environmental and Remote Sensing Center](#) (NERSC) is an independent non-profit research foundation in Norway. The vision of the Center is “to pioneer understanding of the Earth system and science-based innovation for society”. The Center conducts multidisciplinary sciences with focus on marine, cryosphere and atmospheric research with integration and links to innovation and service development. The high latitudes and the Arctic are given special attention and include training and capacity building as well as dissemination to stakeholders and society in support of sustainable environment and blue growth. Strategic national and international partnerships are highly prioritized.

The primary financial income for NERSC derives from projects from various financing agencies awarded in open competition. The Center also receives basic funding from the Ministry of Climate and Environment in Norway. NERSC is an active research partner in the [Bjerknes Centre for Climate Research](#) and at the [Hjort Centre for Marine Ecosystem Dynamics](#). NERSC is also leading the Copernicus Marine Environmental Monitoring service for the high latitude seas and Arctic Ocean in collaboration with the Meteorological Institute of Norway. The Center has extensive international collaboration, including the “Nansen Group” with research centers in Russia, India, China, South Africa and Bangladesh. The Center presently has 75 employees from 15 nations.

NERSC is seeking a clear, analytical, and unifying managing director for a 6-year fixed-term contract, who will be responsible for the development and implementation of the center’s strategy. The director shall ensure that the center’s national and international recognition is further developed and strengthened, and that key goals are achieved. The director will exercise leadership to secure stable income and an efficient center organization. Excellent communication skills are required to inspire, motivate, and involve the staff in an open, diverse, and equality-based culture.

Professional skills:

- Relevant training in Earth system sciences at the PhD level or higher.
- Leadership experience from knowledge organizations with a highly competent work force
- HR and financial understanding
- Good record of task accomplishments
- Experience with international research cooperation and competitive international research project funding, particularly within the EU systems

Personal skills:

- Leadership
- Organizational understanding
- Able to initiate collaborative projects
- Able to develop existing national and international networks
- Team building
- Sensitivity to collaborator needs

We offer:

- A highly interesting and professionally challenging work environment
- A 6 years fixed-term contract with the possibility for an extension for 6 more years
- Salary will be negotiated based on skills and experience, within national standards
- Pension agreements
- Financial and practical help with relocation

The working languages at NERSC are Norwegian and English.

The application, including CV and list of publications, should be sent electronically to Christina Brunner (Christina.brunner@nersc.no), Head of Administration, no later than **01.03.2016**.

For further information, please contact the Chairman of the Board, Prof. Knut Fægri (knut.fagri@kjemi.uio.no) Phone: +47 900 79 338).