

Press release from the Norwegian Ministry of Higher Education and Research on the Quality in Education Prize for 2010:

Good quality of education is a crucial factor if we want our students to acquire good and relevant knowledge that they can apply in their future professional life, Minister of Research and Higher Education Tora Aasland said, as she presented the winners of the prize for Quality in Education 2010.

This prize is awarded annually by the Ministry of Education and aims to encourage institutions in higher education to work systematically to promote and further develop the quality of their education.

Telemark University College and the University of Oslo sharing this year's first prize, receive NOK 400,000 each as a reward for their good quality work. The two institutions won the prize for, respectively, a project for the mentoring of newly qualified teachers and the development of a new Master's degree in International Community Health. In addition, NTNU (the Norwegian University of Science and Technology) was awarded third prize and NOK 200,000 for a project on student mentoring.

- The three winning projects are very different, proving that the concept of quality has many dimensions. I hope the award and the prize winners will help to inspire institutions to continue the important work of developing the quality of education, says Minister Tora Aasland.

Prizes were awarded at the annual Conference on Quality and Quality Assurance that is organized by the Norwegian Agency for Quality Assurance in Education (NOKUT). This year a total of 27 applications were submitted for the contest by university colleges, universities and private colleges.

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