

## **Master's Thesis Opportunity in Policy Analysis and Framework Development**

**Project Title:** Flexible Biorefineries for Upcycling of Local Bioresources (FlexBio)

**Work Package:** WP5 - Sustainability and Policy Environment

**Location:** Norwegian Institute for Bioeconomy Research (NIBIO), Ås, Norway

**Duration:** March 2025 - February 2029

**Languages:** English and Norwegian

**Consortium Partners:** Nofima AS, NMBU, Klosser Innovasjon, TINE SA, Norilia AS, Norsk Kylling AS, NUAS Technology, Greentech Innovators, Chitofun Biotech

### **Background:**

FlexBio aims to develop innovative biorefinery technologies to convert local bioresources from the Norwegian food value chain into valuable feed ingredients. This project utilizes sustainable practices to enhance environmental benefits and resource efficiency.

**Focus:** Assess public perceptions regarding bio-based products, renewable energy, and biorefineries.

### **Objectives:**

- Conduct surveys to determine consumer preferences for bio-based versus conventional products.
- Identify factors influencing consumer choices.

### **Your Role:**

- Design and analyze stakeholder/consumer surveys.
- Engage with the general public and consortium partners.
- Participate in consortium meetings.

### **Desired Qualifications:**

- Enrollment in a Master's program related to Environmental Science, Policy Analysis, Sustainability Studies, Bioeconomy, or a related field.
- Strong analytical skills with experience in qualitative and quantitative research methods.
- Excellent communication skills to effectively interact with a diverse range of stakeholders.

### **Benefits:**

- Access to a network of industry and academic experts.
- Funding for research activities.
- Opportunity to influence product and policy development.

**Application Process:** Submit a cover letter, CV, and a brief proposal. Applications to be sent to Divina Gracia P. Rodriguez, [divina.rodriquez@nibio.no](mailto:divina.rodriquez@nibio.no).