

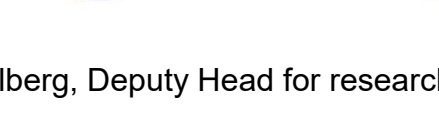
Dear colleagues,

I hope everyone out there are safe and healthy. These days all of us are pretty much confined to our homes which of course makes it difficult to maintain scientific progress. Again, for some this might lead to worries of how to complete their masters or PhD work. Here are a few ideas to continue your work and stay connected to your lab mates:

- Write. Most of us have unfinished theses, publication, reviews or others that needs to be completed. Now is a good time for that.
- Methods. Take this time to write down accurate protocols of all the methods you are using in the lab.
- Websites. Does your lab have a good website? If not, maybe you could take the initiative to update pictures and text.
- Virtual meeting places. Being in quarantine can be a lonely experience for some. Others will miss scientific interactions. An idea could be to organize daily virtual coffee break with your labmates.
- Virtual Journal clubs. Another way to keep your science updated is to organize virtual journal clubs. Hook up with your lab mates and set up a schedule to present new manuscript for each other.

Hopefully the quarantine will soon be over, but until then maybe these ideas can help you all to stay engaged in your science.

Stay safe everyone,



Nils Halberg, Deputy Head for research

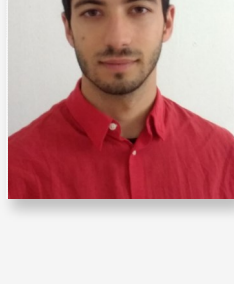
Human Resources

Events
for UiB employees

Benefits
for employees at UiB

Vacant positions
at the University of Bergen

We welcome this new employee:



Fábio Dias Correia de Oliveira started a PhD-position in the lab of Ruth Brenk on 30 March.

Research, Science, and Seminars

Publications



The following list is the PubMed search result for "Bergen AND Biomedicine" since the last newsletter. Authors who attribute the Department are shown in bold.

[LncRNAs Predicted to Interfere With the Gene Regulation Activity of miR-637 and miR-196a-5p in GBM.](#)

Zheng J, Su Z, **Kong Y**, Lin Q, Liu H, Wang Y, **Wang J**.
Front Oncol. 2020 Mar 9;10:303.

[N-terminal acetylation of actin by NAA80 is essential for structural integrity of the golgi apparatus.](#)

Beigl TB, Hellesvik M, **Saraste J**, **Arnesen T**, **Aksnes H**.
Exp Cell Res. 2020 Mar 21;111961. doi: 10.1016/j.yexcr.2020.111961.

[Dynamics-function relationship in the catalytic domains of N-terminal acetyltransferases.](#)

Abboud A, Bédoucha P, Byška J, **Arnesen T**, Reuter N.
Comput Struct Biotechnol J. 2020 Mar 3;18:532-547.

PhD updates

Information related to the COVID-19 outbreak, for PhD-candidates at The Faculty of Medicine

The Faculty of Medicine has devised the routines relating to the PhD-program. Among others you will find information regarding:

- **Public defences**
The Faculty of Medicine ensures that doctoral theses can be defended digitally.
- **Training component**

For PhD-candidates in the final phase of the PhD-period, pre-accepted abstracts to conferences can be accepted if the poster or presentation has been prepared, this is the last remaining training activity, and it is justified that there are no other opportunities for dissemination activities to be completed before thesis submission.

Read the full guideline here:

<https://www.uib.no/en/med/134595/coronavirus-information-phd-candidates-med>

NorRen-summer school 2020: Energy

NorRen is the Norwegian Research School in Renewable Energy, a collaboration between UiB, UiO and NTNU, where Ph.d.-candidates working within energy field in Norway are invited to attend.

The summer school will take place 17th – 21st. August at the Bjørnafjorden Hotell in Os, 45 min. south of Bergen and the fee is 7500NOK. **For UiB Ph.d-students it is possible to apply for a grant to cover the cost of the summer school. [Please apply here](#). Please be advised the deadline for applying is 15th May.**

Due to the coronavirus, a final decision as to whether the summer school will take place, will be made mid-June. Please refer to the [NorRen-summer school 2020](#) for further details.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Gry E. Parker (Gry.Parker@uib.no).

Funding Announcements

Current funding announcements/deadlines

NOTE:

If you plan to apply for external funding, **please always send a short notice** to the Department's administration (Janne.Gotaas@uib.no, cc Margarethe.Bittins@uib.no).

For applications for international funds (EU, EEA, others) you will need approval from the Head of the Department and the University's division of research- and innovation. **Fill in this short statement (PDF)** and send it to the Department's administration (Janne.Gotaas@uib.no, cc Margarethe.Bittins@uib.no).

Horizon 2020 – European Research Council ERC Frontier research grants

[ERC Advanced Grant](#) - This year is the last call for ERC Advanced Grant in Horizon Europe and ERC will have approx. 15% more funds available - this means that the success rate may exceed the usual 11-13%. Active researchers who have a track-record of significant research achievements in the last 10 years. The Principal Investigators should be exceptional leaders in terms of originality and significance of their research contributions. Up to €2.5 Million for 5 years.
Deadline: 26 August 2020



Horizon 2020 - ERA-Net Neuron

- Call for Proposals for Research Projects on [Ethical, Legal, and Social Aspects \(ELSA\) of Neuroscience](#) address important questions regarding ethical, philosophical, legal and socio-cultural aspects related to the neurosciences and their recent advances.

Deadline (pre-proposal): 28 April



Joint Programming Initiative [Aquatic pollutants, human health and the environment](#)

The three Joint Programming Initiatives (JPIs) on Water, Oceans and Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) have pre-announced a joint transnational call for research and innovation projects **on risks posed to human health and the environment by pollutants and pathogens present in the water resources.**

The call AquaticPollutants will support research and innovation projects that establish integrated and cross-sectoral approaches for risk-management combining the research areas of contaminants of emerging concerns (CECs), pathogens and antimicrobial resistance.

The projected call budget is approximately 25 million Euro, co-funded by the European Commission.

Deadline (pre-proposals) 16 April 2020



Research Council of Norway

UPDATES

- Additional funding for COVID-19 relevant research: The call for research projects for scientific renewal (deadline 20 May) has been strengthened by 110 million for research on COVID-19-related issues. **20 million** are earmarked research towards filling knowledge gaps related to COVID-19.
- The call for Large-scale Interdisciplinary Researcher Project (*Fellesløftet*) has been postponed until 2021.
- To limit the number of grant applications, the Research Council has decided that project managers who received funding for their projects in December 2019/January 2020 (Researcher Projects, Young Research Talent Projects and International Mobility Grants) may not submit new grant applications for the 20 May 2020 deadline. You may have a role in new grant applications, but not that of project manager.

Calls for researcher projects:

- [Researcher Project for Scientific Renewal](#)
- [Researcher Project for Young Talents](#)
- [Three-year Researcher Project with International Mobility](#)

Deadline: extended to 20 May 2020



Cancer Society (Kreftforeningen)

[Rosa Sløyfe](#) - funds research that result in treatments customized to breast cancers, cancer stages, or other individual factors

- Detection, development and/or evaluation of **diagnostic tools** for breast cancers
- Detection, development and/or evaluation of **personalized treatments** for breast cancers.

Deadline: extended to 15 April 2020



NEW Open Call

The Cancer Society works to fight and prevent cancer, and to ensure the best possible life for cancer patients and their relatives. The Open Call is the Cancer Society's call for free research. Funds can be applied for research projects relevant to cancer in all research disciplines. Full announcement, guidelines and application forms will be published on ApplicationWeb no later than April 2.

Deadline: 3 June

The Blix Family Fund for the Advancement of Medical Research

Support for medical research, especially in the fields of **cardiovascular disease and cancer**, including medical diagnostics in these fields. Research projects that **combine basic and clinical research**, with special emphasis on applications from **younger researchers**. Send applications to erik.keiserud@outlook.com (member of the Board of Directors). It must be written on a prescribed form which will be sent by e-mail address: goe@hjort.no
Deadline: 25 June 2020

Personal Grants

[Research Council of Norway TRAVEL GRANT](#)

Scholarship for research stays abroad for 3 -12 months for PhD candidates and Post Doctors in projects with funding from the Research Council. **Deadline: continuing**

[Helse Vest TRAVEL GRANT](#)

granted for 6 or 12 months. Postdoctoral fellowship applicants are especially encouraged to apply for an overseas fellowship over the course of their fellowship period. **Continuing deadline**

[ERASMUS+ staff mobility TRAVEL GRANT](#)

Subsidising mobility of up to two months, for UiB staff including PhD-candidates and post docs, to attend courses or individual laboratory visits. Also have a look at the list of organized [staff mobility weeks](#).

Deadline: 20 August and 20 January