

Dear colleagues,

As we are reaching the end of the academic year, most students are battling the choice between the books and the good weather. Good luck with the exams everyone, I'm sure you all made the right choices...The master students have likely had a fairly tumultuous spring. It's been impressive to see everyone navigate the situation and still finish their written work in time. The hard part is now over – the upcoming defense is the cool part where you get to show off.

As many of you are aware, the deadline to apply for funding from the Research Council just passed. Thanks to everyone that applied and thanks to the administration who makes each application possible! We ended up with 30 applications shared between scientific renewal, young talent and mobility grants. On top of that we have sent out 11 applications to The Norwegian Cancer Society and two for the Trond Mohn Starting Grant. Now all we can do is to cross our fingers and wait (...a very long time).

Finally, the corona situation obviously affected all of us in all sorts of ways. As we are trying to land on our feet again, there are some compensatory mechanisms being put in place. For now, PhD-candidates (employed at UiB) who have suffered setbacks due to the shutdown can apply for an extension of the work contract. Application forms can be found further down in the newsletter. We will keep you all updated in coming newsletters should more possibilities (for post docs for example) come up.

As always, keep good social distancing and take care of each other.

All the best,

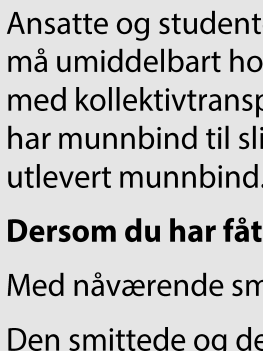


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Human Resources

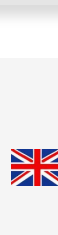
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We welcome this new employee:



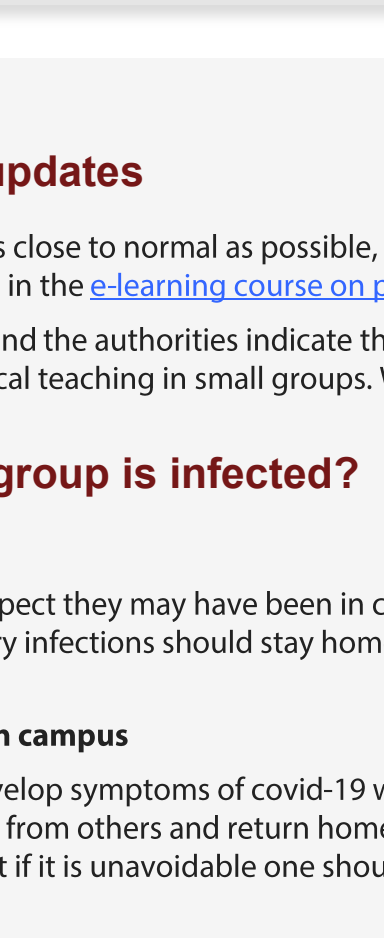
Trine Lunde started in her new position as Staff Engineer, working with the Section of Academic Affairs, on 02 June.

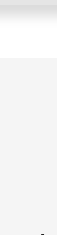
Operations, Health, and Safety

**Sprittidspensere og spruteflasker**

Vennligst ikke fjern sprittidspensere og pumpekanner fra utplasserte områder.

Dersom dere har behov for slike, ta kontakt med fellesavdelingen.



**Disinfectant and spray bottles**

Please do not remove the disinfectants from the tables in the hallways.

If you need disinfectant or spray bottles, contact Fellesavdelingen.

Corona-oppdatering

Instituttet arbeider så nært opp til normalen som mulig, forutsatt at lokale smitteverntiltak er ivarettatt og smittevernkurs er gjennomført.

Undervisning går hovedsakelig digitalt, og slik signalene er fra myndighetene så legges det opp til digital undervisning også til høsten, men med muligheter til noe praktisk undervisning i små grupper. Her vil man få mer informasjon fra regjeringen.

Hva gjør man dersom man får smitte i gruppen?

Ved mistanke om smitte

Ansatte og studenter som mistenker at de kan ha vært i kontakt med smitte, eller som har symptomer på luftveisinfeksjoner, skal holde seg hjemme i henhold til gjeldende bestemmelser

Ansatte og studenter som blir syke på campus

Ansatte og studenter som utvikler symptomer på covid-19 mens de er på campus, må umiddelbart holde avstand til andre og reise hjem straks. Hjemreise bør ikke være med kollektivtransport, og hvis annet ikke er mulig må den syke bruke munnbind. UiB har munnbind til slike forhold. Kontakt nærmeste leder eller ditt institutt for å få utlevert munnbind.

Dersom du har fått påvist koronasmitte:

Med nåværende smittereglement vil ikke instituttet bli nedstengt.

Den smittede og de som har vært i nærkontakt må i karantene. Det vil gjøres en grundig vask av labplass og berøringspunkter og de som ikke er berørt av karantene kan fortsette å jobbe.

Den som har blitt påvist smitte skal melde fra til UiB via nettbasert skjema: <https://www.UiB.no/korona/135332/registering-av-p%3%a5vist-smitte-ansatte-og-studenter-som-har-tilgang-til-ubys-bygg>

Den ansatte bør melde fra til nærmeste leder/institutt for avklaring/smitteprobing.

Når det gjelder regler for karantene skal vi benytte folkehelseinstituttet og regjeringen sine retningslinjer. Fra 1. juni er det bare personer i samme husstand som en smittet, og personer med tilsvarende nær fysisk kontakt som må i karantene.

Covid-19— general updates

Work at the Department is now as close to normal as possible, given that everyone follows the infection control measures stated in the [e-learning course on protective measures](#).

Most teaching goes on digitally, and the authorities indicate that this may continue in the fall semester, albeit with some practical teaching in small groups. We are awaiting more information from the Government.

What if someone in the group is infected?

In case of suspected infection

Employees and students who suspect they may have been in contact with an infected person or who have symptoms of respiratory infections should stay home in accordance with current regulations.

Staff and students who fall ill on campus

Employees and students who develop symptoms of covid-19 while on campus must immediately distance themselves from others and return home immediately. The route home should avoid public transport, but if it is unavoidable one should use a face mask. Contact the Department to get a face mask.

If infection with Covid-19 is confirmed:

With the current infection regulations, the Department will not be shut down.

The infected person and close contact persons must enter quarantine. The lab space and contact points will be disinfected professionally and all colleagues who are not affected by the quarantine can continue to work.

Anyone who has been diagnosed with infection should report to UiB via an online form: <https://www.UiB.no/korona/135332/registering-av-p%3%a5vist-smitte-ansatte-og-studenter-som-har-tilgang-til-ubys-bygg>

The employee should also report to the nearest leader or Department infection tracking.

When it comes to quarantine rules, we follow the guidelines given by the Institute of public health: from 1 June, only persons in the same household as an infected person and persons with similar close physical contact must enter quarantine.

Extensions for PhD candidates

All PhD candidates who are employed at the Faculty of Medicine are eligible to apply for an extension. This includes those with external financing (NFR, Nasjonalforeningen, DAM-foundation, etc), as long as your contract is with the University of Bergen. Even if the end date of your project is in the far future, we encourage you to apply already now so that there is a record of the delay.

The duration of the extension depends on the time that you realistically lost due to the campus closure in the period 13 March – 27 April 2020.

Each person was affected differently, depending on the personal situation and the character of your research project. You therefore need to explain in detail how you used the time during lockdown, and how long it will take to come back on track. Delay that is not related to the Covid-19 pandemic will not be considered.

If you were occupied with childcare, please make sure that you register this time as absence due to corona/childcare in the HR-portal.

To apply for this extension both candidate and supervisor fill out a form each (see attachments). You send them to Margarethe.Bittins@uib.no. They will be forwarded to the Faculty of Medicine which will evaluate them and may (or may not) grant extensions.

Stipendiatskjema: <http://vedlegg.uib.no/?id=f3741475d238925ad98e8c1c0f09d6>

Veilederskjema: <http://vedlegg.uib.no/?id=f10b4dc381d22fc0776ad38cd9d42d20>

Application for extension Candidate: <http://vedlegg.uib.no/?id=6658239d73ad5cb516067717a92d8>

Application for extension Supervisor: <http://vedlegg.uib.no/?id=88ed4728fca5a3da54670613535709c>

Research, Science, and Seminars

Publications

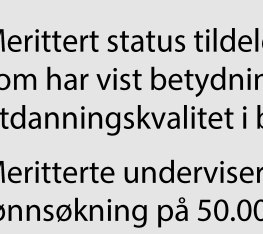
The following list is the PubMed search result for "Bergen AND Biomedicine" since the last newsletter. Authors who attribute the Department are shown in bold.

[The Progression of Acute Myeloid Leukemia from First Diagnosis to Chemoresistant Relapse: A Comparison of Proteomic and Phosphoproteomic Profiles.](#)

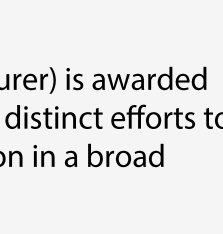
Aasebø E, Berven FS, Hovland R, Døskeland SO, Bruserud Ø, Selheim F, Hernandez-Valladares M, Cancers (Basel). 2020 Jun 4;12(6):E1466. doi: 10.3390/cancers12061466.

PhD and Post Docs

New doctoral degree: MD Abdul Latif



Latif held a trial lecture and defended his thesis on 03 June. We congratulate him to the approved defense and wish him all the best for his future career!



PhD defense: Johanne Teines Instanes



Trial lecture

Topic: «Utviklingsforstyrrelser i et livstidsperspektiv: Samspill mellom arv og miljø, og utfordringer for diagnostikk»

15 June, 10:15, [online via Zoom](#) Password: 2V^+Ttkx

Public defense

Thesis title: «Personality traits, risk factors and comorbidities in Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder»

16 June, 9:15, [online via Zoom](#) Password: 5M8m5Sr

Midway Evaluations

Midway evaluations for the PhD-program include a project presentation that is open for the public.

15 June, 10:30, 7th floor seminar room

Romi Roy Choudhury Supervisors: Hroje Miletic, Jubayer Hossain

15 June, 13:30, 5th floor seminar room

Fredrik Hoel Supervisors: Karl Johan Tronstad, Øystein Fluge

15 June, 14:45, <https://uib.zoom.us/j/684185170?pwd=WHdpNkVpZkN3MlRlZWVlTGp0Qm9lQ090>

Ragnhild Marie Mellingen Supervisors: Lise Madsen (Havforskningsinstitutt), Ole Jakob Nøstbakken, Lene Secher Myrmed, Livar Frøyland

Academic Affairs

The Master's Programme in Biomedical Sciences: upcoming final Master's exams, spring semester 2020

Emma Rigg
Time and place: Monday 15 June at 09:00, via Zoom
Title: «In vitro study of melanoma brain metastases»
Supervisor: **Frits Thorsen**, Department of Biomedicine
External examiner: Kai-Ove Skaftnesmo, Institute of Marine Research
Internal examiner: Frode Selheim, Department of Biomedicine
<https://uib.zoom.us/j/633930578847?pwd=OWVlQm9lQ090ZWVlTGp0Qm9lQ090>

Jan Stefan Olofsson
Time and place: Monday 15 June at 13:00, via Zoom
Title: «Investigation of Arc-mRNA interaction in the nucleus of neuroblastoma cell line»
Supervisors: **Clive Bramham** and **Tambudzai Jakobsen**, Department of Biomedicine
External examiner: Karin Wibrand, Western Norway University of Applied Sciences (HVL)
Internal examiner: Aurora Martinez, Department of Biomedicine
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Kristine Haugen Furre
Time and place: Tuesday 16 June at 09:00, via Zoom
Title: «The impact of N-terminal acetylation on Actin polymerization»
Supervisor: **Henriette Aksnes** and **Thomas Arnesen**, Department of Biomedicine
External examiner: Kjersti Mezzeth, Equinor
Internal examiner: Karl Johan Tronstad, Department of Biomedicine
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Hanne Øye
Time and place: Tuesday 16 June at 13:00, via Zoom
Title: «Impact of Actin N-terminal acetylation on cancer cell invasiveness»
Supervisors: **Henriette Aksnes** and **Thomas Arnesen**, Department of Biomedicine
External examiner: Kjersti Mezzeth, Equinor
Internal examiner: Karl Johan Tronstad, Department of Biomedicine
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Ying Ho Leon Lee
Time and place: Tuesday 16 June at 13:30, via Zoom
Title: «Structure-based design of pantothate kinase inhibitors as lead structures for new anti-obesity»
Supervisors: **Ruth Brenk** and **Charis Georgiou**, Department of Biomedicine
External examiner: Hanna Kirsti Schröder Leiros, Department of Chemistry, UiT The Arctic University of Norway
Internal examiner: Jan Haavik, Department of Biomedicine
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Stine Karl Sævik Jørgensen
Time and place: Wednesday 17 June at 09:00, via Zoom
Title: «Characterization of a potential novel human N-terminal acetyltransferase in human cell models»
Supervisor: **Thomas Arnesen** and **Camilla Osberg**, Department of Biomedicine
External examiner: Gry Sjøholt, Western Norway University of Applied Sciences (HVL)
Internal examiner: Rolf Bjerkvig, Department of Biomedicine
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Zeydeh Zahra Kamyab
Time and place: Wednesday 17 June at 13:00, via Zoom
Title: «Adipose tissue inflammation and insulin resistance in morbid obesity»
Supervisors: **Johan Anders Færne** and **Gunnar Mellgren**, Haukeland University Hospital
External examiner: Eirik Bratland, Haukeland University Hospital
Internal examiner: Nils Hallberg, Department of Biomedicine
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Aina van der Meerden
Time and place: Thursday 18 June at 09:00, via Zoom
Title: «Hunting metabolic weaknesses in ME/CFS»
Supervisors: **Karl Johan Tronstad** and **Ina Katrine Nitschke Pettersen**, Department of Biomedicine
External examiner: Lise Bjørkhaug Gundersen, Western Norway University of Applied Sciences (HVL)
Internal examiner: Time Karlsen, Department of Biomedicine
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Anders Flataker Viken
Time and place: Thursday 18 June at 13:00, via Zoom
Title: «Exploring passive transfer of Myalgic Encephalopathy/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (ME/CFS) on metabolic parameters of mouse- and human muscle cells»
Supervisors: **Karl Johan Tronstad** and **Ina Katrine Nitschke Pettersen**, Department of Biomedicine
External examiner: Lise Bjørkhaug Gundersen, Western Norway University of Applied Sciences (HVL)
Internal examiner: Espen Hartveit, Department of Biomedicine
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Mary Dayne Sia Tai
Time and place: Friday 19 June at 09:00, via Zoom
Title: «Understanding the interaction between the cochaperone DNAJC12 and tyrosine hydroxylase»
Supervisors: **Aurora Martinez**, **Marte Inneslet Fjeldal**, **Kunwar Jung -KC**, Department of Biomedicine
External examiner: Antonio Garcia-Moyano, NORCE Norwegian Research Centre AS
Internal examiner: Clive Bramham, Department of Biomedicine
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Helene Nazmiye Pettersen
Time and place: Monday 22 June at 09:00, via Zoom
Title: «CML in pancreatic disease: Do alcohol and smoking have an effect on the COX protein?»
Supervisors: **Karianne Fjeld**, **Anders Molven** and **Bente Berg**, Department of Clinical Medicine (K1 and K2)
External examiner: Elisabeth Øgnedal, Haukeland University Hospital
Internal examiner: Niels Aarsæther, Department of Biomedicine
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Marte Sedal
Time and place: Monday 22 June at 13:00, via Zoom
Title: «Molecular alterations suggesting new treatment strategies for cervical cancer patients»
Supervisors: **Mari Kyllèsø Halle** and **Camilla Krakstad**, Haukeland University Hospital
External examiner: Jenny Asse Husby, Haukeland University Hospital
Internal examiner: Time Karlsen, Department of Biomedicine
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Atefeh Kianian
Time and place: Tuesday 23 June at 09:00, via Zoom
Title: «POLG induced changes in mitochondrial biogenesis and function studied in pluripotent stem cells with POLG mutations»
Supervisors: **Xiao Liang** and **Laurence Albert Bindoff**, Department of Clinical Medicine (K1)
External examiner: Sonia Gavasso, Haukeland University Hospital
Internal examiner: Niels Aarsæther, Department of Biomedicine
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Sina Thorsen Takle
Time and place: Wednesday 24 June at 09:00, via Zoom
Title: «High Dimensional and Spatial Analysis of Solid Tumors»
Supervisors: **Nils Hallberg** and **Cara Ellen Wogstad**, Department of Biomedicine
External examiner: Sonia Gavasso, Haukeland University Hospital
Internal examiner: Arvid Lundervold, Department of Biomedicine
<https://uib.zoom.us/j/63717766972?pwd=ZWVlQm9lQ090ZWVlTGp0Qm9lQ090>

Aishwarya Pavithram
Time and place: Tuesday 30 June at 09:00, via Zoom
Title: «Personalized medicine in diabetes: Unravelling the disease causality of HNF1B gene coding variants identified in the patient registry of the University of Maryland»
Supervisors: **Bente Berg Johansson** and **Janne Molnes**, Department of Clinical Medicine (K2)
External examiner: Helle Lybæk, Haukeland University Hospital
Internal examiner: Frode Selheim, Department of Biomedicine
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Status som merittert underviser: utlysning 2020

Fakultetet lyser nå ut meritteringsordning for fremragende undervisere for første gang, og inviterer med dette sine undervisere til å søke om å bli tildelt merittert undervisningsstatus.

Merittert status tildelles vitenskapelig ansatte som har vist betydningsfull innsats for å sikre utdanningskvalitet i bred forstand.

Meritterte undervisere gis en permanent lønnskning på 50 000 kr. i året (beregnet med utgangspunkt i 100 % stilling).

Utdeling meritteringsordning <http://vedlegg.uib.no/?id=7520e0fa42419ea29d43199e434638f9>

Krav til søknad når status som merittert <http://vedlegg.uib.no/?id=4231f96edc2b151a37500efb88458b83>

Søknadsfrist: 1. september

Teaching excellence: 2020 announcement

The Faculty of Medicine now announces a system for recognition of pedagogical competence for the first time.

The status of «merittert underviser» (merited lecturer) is awarded lecturers who have made distinct efforts to ensure quality in education in a broad sense.

Merited lecturers receive a permanent pay raise of 50,000 NOK per year (calculated from a full position).

The announcement: <http://vedlegg.uib.no/?id=7520e0fa42419ea29d43199e434638f9>

Application criteria: <http://vedlegg.uib.no/?id=4231f96edc2b151a37500efb88458b83>

Application deadline: 01 September

Funding Announcements

Open call for NCMM Associate Investigators

Open call for Associate Investigators at Centre for Molecular Medicine Norway (NCMM), Nordic EMBL Partnership, University of Oslo – Fifth Call

NCMM is a joint venture among the University of Oslo as host, the Research Council of Norway and South-Eastern Norway Regional Health Authority (H50). In January 2017, NCMM and the Biotechnology Centre of Oslo merged and the new NCMM consists altogether 11 research groups. NCMM has now entered its third 5-year period (2020-2024), and has recently evaluated the network and performed a reappointment process

NCMM is now seeking outstanding candidates for both senior and early-career NCMM Associate Investigators:

NCMM Associate Investigators Internationally known top scientists and scientific leaders (both senior and more early-career candidates), based in Norway, with a track record and research focus compatible to research at NCMM are invited to apply.

<https://www.med.uio.no/ncmm/english/news-and-events/news/2020/open-call-for-ncmm-associate-investigators.html>

Deadline: 25 August 2020

Current funding announcements/deadlines

NOTE:

If you plan to apply for external funding, **please always send a short notice** to the Department administration: <https://skjemaker.app.uib.no/view.php?id=8157307>

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 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 - for 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 10-15 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 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Individual Fellowships

For experienced researchers (post doctoral level)
European Fellowships
are open to researchers moving within Europe, as well as those coming in from other parts of the world can restart a research career after a break, such as parental leave, can help researchers coming back to Europe find a new position, held in the EU or associated countries and last for 1-2 years.
Global Fellowships
fund positions outside Europe for researchers based in the EU or associated countries. In between 2-3 years, the researcher has to come back for one year to an organisation based in the EU or associated countries.
Both types of Fellowship can also include a **secondment period** of up to three or six months in another organisation in Europe.
Deadline: 9. September

Research Council of Norway

Norwegian Centres of Excellence – SFF-V – Phase 1
NOK 1.75 billion for the fifth generation of SFFs are now announced. The call has two stages. Stage 1 is open to all applicants at approved Norwegian research organizations and has a deadline on 18 November. Stage 2 will be a closed call where only applicants selected in stage 1 can apply.
Deadline: 18. November 2020 13:00 CET

NEW Cancer Society (Kreftforeningen)

NEW Krafttak mot kreft: Cancer types with low survival rates
A call to build two national Groups of expertise, respectively on **brain and oesophageal cancer**
Time frame up to 5 years, Funding scale 15 million NOK per group
See full call announcement and apply through the [Application Web](#)
Application deadline: 10 September 2020

NEW Nordic Cancer Union: Strategic projects concerning research projects on Covid-19 and cancer in the Nordic region
A research call on Covid-19 and cancer
Time frame 2 years, Funding scale maximum 200.000 Euro per project
See attached call announcement
Apply through the Danish Cancer Society [NCU – Strategic projects](#)
Application deadline: September 1, 2020

The Blith 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.kselander@outlook.com (member of the Board of Directors). It must be written on a prescribed form which will be sent by e-mail address: gsoe@bjortn.no

Deadline: 25 June 2020

Viking Olav Björk's scholarship in applied biomaterial research