



Department of Biomedicine Newsletter



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Dear colleagues at IBM,

First of all, I want to thank Mathias for the opportunity to write the editorial for this edition of the Newsletter. I have always read it with great interest, and with its content and format it gives a good opportunity to stay updated about small and large things of relevance to our Department.

One focus for the Department the coming year should be to make our research as visible as possible on our web pages. The research group leaders have already been contacted in order to appoint responsible web persons for their own group. A 2-3 hour course focusing on how to use the web page tool at UiB will then be arranged in near future for the responsible web persons. Quite a few of the group web pages are already very good and informative, others should be updated. Also, some harmonization in structure needs to be done. The course will be arranged by the communication division, more info will follow shortly. I hope that this will inspire us all to make our research more visible to fellow researchers and others outside the department, in an easy-to-understand and informative manner.

Please also come with input to the main web page of the department, such as news, research results and other topics you feel are relevant. This should be sent to Margarethe.

Regards
Frits

Frits Thorsen,
Deputy Head for Research

SPECIAL FEATURE:

NFR application rounds 2018



The science year's most anticipated event is coming up: the applications to the Norwegian Research Council. For our Department, the most relevant programs are:

- **FRIMEDBIO**: free project support. This year, proposals will be accepted for researcher projects, young researcher grants, mobility grants, and events.
- **BEHANDLING**: for clinical studies involving patients. This year: researcher projects.
- **BEDREHELSE**: for research into disease prevention. This year: institution-based strategic projects (*miljøstøtte*)

To prepare and optimize the Department's applications, we provide support for the budget, the language, scientific content, and formalities. The Department also has to formally support all applications, therefore, we ask anyone who considers applying to send a ½ page draft to margarethe.bittins@uib.no.

Here is the internal schedule this year:

15 March – deadline for sending application drafts

21 March – faculty lunch dedicated to our NFR applications. Time for clarifications, updates, feedback, exchange.

28 March- 14 April finalizing of budget and support documents

FINAL DEADLINE 25 April, 13:00



Tips from the NFR applicant seminar

Henrietta Blankson, special advisor at NFR, summarizes the most frequent feedback given by the evaluation committees. She reports that evaluators often wish more information on how the current project is connected to ongoing research projects. They want to know whether pilot studies have been done, and what is the scientific novelty about the project. How will it provide advancement for science? They also often do not see exactly how the different collaborators will contribute, or what the PhD/post-doctoral fellows are going to do.

Referees often point out the following weaknesses:

- Poor knowledge of relevant literature
- Little detail on the methodology, poor explanation on why the methods are used
- Little detail on the study design, instead, the introduction is too long
- Summary and intermediate objectives are often poorly thought through
- Some projects seem like they have been "tweaked" to fit the call – these are the worst.

NFR also encourages the applicant institutions to only submit highest-quality applications. They are at times flooded with poor applications. This reflects badly on the applicants, and the research advisors at the faculty have therefore also stressed the importance of an internal support- and quality control system.

Therefore: please use all the support you can get, read the calls carefully, and submit your best work.

Human Relations

[This page](#) gives an overview of courses, seminars, information meetings and similar events organized at UiB.

[This page](#) gives an overview of welfare offers for employees at UiB, such as cinema tickets, cultural events, guest accommodation, etc.

We welcome these new colleagues



Asta Optun starts in a 100 % position as chief executive officer in the section of academic affairs on 29 January. Asta has previously taken her Master's degree at IBM and then worked in the administration of the Department of Clinical Medicine.



Jeet Singh has started in a 3 - year post doctoral position on 05 February. The position is funded by the Research Council of Norway and connected to the project "Beyond the synapse: The role of extrasynaptic receptors in a retinal microcircuit"



Katharina Sarnow has a University stipend to carry out a four-year PhD-project under supervision of Rolf Bjerkvig, Dorota Goplen at Haukeland hospital, and Barbara Klink in Dresden. She started on 1 February, having just arrived from Germany.



Shahin Sarowar has recently a University stipend to carry out a four-year PhD-project under supervision of Per Øyvind Enger, in the Translational Cancer Research Group.

Research, Science, and Seminars

New Publications

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



If your article is missing, please send the reference to the editor: Margarethe.Bittins@uib.no.

[New developments on skin fibrosis - Essential signals emanating from the extracellular matrix for the control of myofibroblasts.](#)

Schulz JN, Plomann M, Sengle G, **Gullberg D**, Krieg T, Eckes B.
Matrix Biol. 2018 Feb 2. pii: S0945-053X(17)30479-1.

[Structure of the mouse acidic amino acid decarboxylase GADL1.](#)

Raasakka A, Mahootchi E, Winge I, Luan W, Kursula P, Haavik J.
Acta Crystallogr F Struct Biol Commun. 2018 Jan 1;74 (Pt 1):65-73.

Darwin and Horizon lecture

"Nick Lane: Why is life the way it is?"

The Horizons series is a lecture series for staff and students of The Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, and for all others that are interested in major scientific questions and/or challenges across disciplinary borders.

Dr Nick Lane is a British biochemist and writer. He has been awarded the Provost's Venture Research Prize in the Department of Genetics, Evolution and Environment at University College London, where he is a Reader in Evolutionary Biochemistry.

There is a black hole at the heart of biology. We do not know why complex life is the way it is or how it began. In this lecture, award-winning biochemist Nick Lane radically reframes evolutionary history.

Read more about the lecture [here](#).



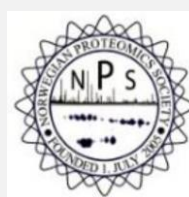
Tuesday 20 February, 16:00, Nash Auditorium, VilVite

Nordic Proteomics Conference

PROBE, the Proteomics Unit at the University of Bergen arranges this international conference together with the Norwegian Proteomics society



Picture: Robin Strand. Copyright: Bergen Reiselivslag.



The conference provides workshops giving excellent educational opportunities, followed by a strong scientific program by top lectures. The latest research, technology and methodology will be presented to give an overview of the newest and most exiting Nordic research in the field of proteomics.

This is a great opportunity for interactions within the Nordic proteomics societies and initiations of new collaborations.

Early registration 15 February, deadline 15 March.

Read more and register here: <https://www.proteomics.no>

18-20 April, Radisson Blu Royal Hotel, Bryggen

Conference: Digital Life 2018

Centre for Digital Life Norway, a collaboration between UiO, UiB, and NTNU, hosts its annual conference in Bergen in March



This year's topics include Enzyme design and Synthetic biology, Openness and sharing in Science, and the opportunities for biotechnology in the marine (blue) sector:

March 20 – Sessions of «Enzyme Targeting and Engineering» and «Blue Bio – an ocean of opportunities» – invited speakers and selected participants on their latest research, poster session, conference dinner.

March 21 – «Trust and accountability – do science deliver?» and «Synthetic Biology and Biological Engineering» – invited speakers and selected participants. The Biotechnology for Innovation program (BIOTEK2021) in The Research Council of Norway will present the latest news about the Digital Life initiative.

Program and registration: <http://digitallifeconf.no/>

For PhD-students and postdocs that submit an abstract for poster and/or talk (within 15. February) and are members of [Digital Life Norway Research School](#) the conference fee and dinner will be free of charge (not accommodation).

March 20 - March 21, 2018, Grand Hotel Terminus, Bergen

BBB seminar

Mihaela Roxana Chimpan from the Department of Clinical Odontology will talk about the "Current Status and Challenges of Nanotoxicology"

She is a Medical Doctor in Dentistry, PhD, Associate Professor, head of the Nanotoxicology group – the Biomaterials Cluster, Dept. of Clinical Dentistry. The work of the Nanotoxicology group, which is part of the Biomaterials Cluster, on the biological effects of nanomaterials and label-free method development will be presented.

15 February 14:30, Auditorium 4, BBB

BBB and CCBIO Seminar

Ole Fritjof Norheim will give a talk entitled "Can biomarkers improve priority setting for new, expensive cancer drugs?"

Ole Frithjof Norheim is a physician and professor in medical ethics and philosophy of science, Department of Global Public Health and Primary Care, University of Bergen, and adjunct Professor at the Department of Global Health and Population, Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health. Norheim's wide-ranging research interests include theories of justice, inequality in health, the ethics of priority setting in health systems and how to achieve Universal Health Coverage and the Sustainable Development Goal for health.

Traditionally, pizza will be served after the CCBIO seminar.

22 February, 14:00, Auditorium 4 BBB

Faculty Lunch

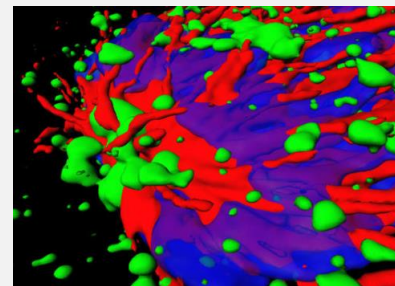
A monthly lunch-meeting for the permanent academic staff at the Department.

Clive Bramham will present his work, and we will have guests from the Division of Research Administration at the next Faculty Lunch.

21 February, 11:30-13:00, 7th floor seminar room

Confocal microscopy course by MIC

MIC is happy to announce our 14th confocal course. The course is aimed at those of you who want to learn how to use a confocal microscope and will help you get started in the field of confocal imaging either you use the equipment at MIC or at your local institution. The principles of confocal imaging and the parameters to be aware of to acquire the optimal images, are the same regardless of which imaging system you use.



Some previous experience in confocal microscopy is clearly an advantage but not a prerequisite.

MIC has two confocal systems: Leica SP5 and Leica SP8 and you will be introduced to one of them.

Course fee? NOK 4.500,- (incl. course material, dinner on the second evening and lunch on the last day)

The course has limited capacity and registration deadline is 23rd of February 2018.



For registration please fill in and SUBMIT this form: <https://skjemaker.app.uib.no/view.php?id=4501974>

For more information and a preliminary program, please visit MICs webpage: www.uib.no/rg/mic

20-23 March, Molecular Imaging Centre, BBB

Global Challenges Symposium

The Transformative Consequences of International Migration

Marit Bakke, professor at our Department, and also Vice-Dean for Education at the Faculty, is arranging this symposium. Migration, together with 'inequality' and 'health', is a prioritised theme in the University of Bergen's strategic area on Global Challenges. This symposium will profile UiB's migration research and explore possibilities for further collaboration across faculties and disciplines.

Read more and register [here](#).

9 March, 9:00-16:00, Faculty of Law

Operations, Health, and Safety

Min Tid –registrering av arbeidstid

Mandag 12. februar tar alle ansatte i tekniske og administrative stillinger ved IBM i bruk det nye timeregistreringssystemet Min Tid.

Dette er en digital løsning som erstatter det gamle fleksitidskjemaet. Plusstid/minustid vil bli overført til det nye systemet. Min Tid finnes i HR-portalen, og er integrert med lønns- og feriemodulen. Ved å ta i bruk mobilversjonen, kan du registrere arbeidstid, se lønsslipper og sende inn reiseregninger via mobiltelefonen.

Min Tid – log system for work hours

On Monday 12 February, all employees in technical/administrative positions at the Dep. of Biomedicine will start using the new registrations system for work hours.

This is a digital solution which replaces the old «flexible hours»-form. Plus and minus-time will be transferred to the new system. Min Tid can be found in the HR Portal and is integrated with the wages/holiday module. By using the cell phone version, you can register work hours, view wage slips and submit travel expense forms through your phone.

Brukerveiledning og mer informasjon finner du her:
<http://www.uib.no/foransatte/110981/min-tid>.

Du er også velkommen til å kontakte personalkonsulent, Eli Selback, som vil ha brukerstøtteansvar for Min Tid ved IBM. Det vil bli holdt informasjonsmøte om Min Tid. Vi vil anbefale alle som skal ta i bruk det nye systemet å delta på denne opplæringen.

Fredag 9.2. kl. 13-14, Auditorium 4, BBB
Mandag 12.2., kl. 12-13, Konferanserommet, BBB
Onsdag 14.2., kl. 12:30-13:30, Auditorium 4, BBB

User manual and more information is located here:
<http://www.uib.no/foransatte/110981/min-tid>.

Please contact our HR consultant Eli Selback if you have any questions – she will manage user support for Min Tid at the Department. There will also be held and information meeting about Min Tid. We recommend all who will use the new system to attend one of these meetings.

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UiB personsider

Visste du at alle UiB-ansatte har en personlig side og at DU bestemmer hva som skal vises på siden din?

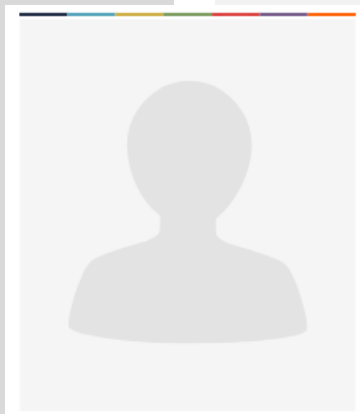
Søk i Google [YOUR NAME UiB], klikk på "Log In" og deretter "edit".

Her kan (og bør) du legge inn to-tre setninger som beskriver arbeidsoppgavene dine, og liste opp til fem kompetanseområder.

Om du ønsker det kan du også lenke opp til sosiale media som du bruker profesjonelt, som Researchgate, Twitter eller Orcid ID.

Hvis bildet ditt ble tatt på 90-tallet anbefaler vi på det sterkeste at du oppdaterer det! Kontakt Birgitte.de.Martens@uib.no i ekspedisjonen for å kjøpt ta et nytt bilde.

Detaljerte instruksjoner finner du her:
<https://w3docs.h.uib.no/en/edit-profile-page>



UiB profile pages

Did you know that all UiB employees have a personal page at that YOU can decide what is shown on your page?

Simply google [YOUR NAME UiB] , click on "Log In", and then "edit".

You can (and should) enter two-three sentences describing your work, and list up to five fields of competence.

If you like, you can also enter links to social media that you use professionally, like Researchgate, Twitter, or your Orcid ID.

If your portrait was taken in the 90's we strongly recommend to update it!
Contact Birgitte.de.Martens@uib.no in the reception to quickly take a new one.

Detailed instructions can be found here:
<https://w3docs.h.uib.no/en/edit-profile-page>

Academic Affairs

Internet Explorer ut av Inspera

OBS! Fra og med 1. april 2018 vil Inspera Assessment ikke lenger støtte Internet Explorer som nettleser.

Det vil si at du IKKE kan bruke Internet Explorer når du skal logge deg inn og jobbe i Inspera Assessment. Gjelder både administrativt og vitenskapelige ansatte (vurdering.uib.no/admin).

Studenter kan bruke Internet Explorer ut vårsemesteret, men fra 1/8/2018 vil heller ikke studenter kunne logge inn og gjennomføre prøver på vurdering.uib.no med Internet Explorer.

Internet explorer out of Inspera

IMPORTANT! From 01 April 2018, Inspera Assessment will no longer support Internet Explorer as web browser.

This means that you can NOT use Internet Explorer when logging in and working in Inspera Assessment. This goes for both administrative and scientific staff (vurdering.uib.no/admin).

Students may use Internet Explorer throughout the spring semester, but from 01 August 2018 no one will be able to log on and take exams at vurdering.uib.no with Internet Explorer.

PhD Updates

Early Stage Researcher Seminar – Fredrik Gullaksen Johannessen

Developing nanoparticles for treatment of Parkinsons disease

Fredrik is a former Master's student and a current PhD-candidate in Aurora Martinez's group. You may remember his vivid five-minute-presentation on the Department day in December - now, he will elaborate and present the group's most recent paper on the use of nanoparticles for treatment of Parkinsons disease. The talk is entitled "Potential enzyme replacement therapy using tyrosine hydroxylase and maltodextrin nanoparticles."

Background reading:

[Stabilization of Human Tyrosine Hydroxylase in Maltodextrin Nanoparticles for Delivery to Neuronal Cells and Tissue](#). Bezem et al., Bioconjug Chem. 2018 Jan 31.

The seminar is open for all master students, PhD-candidates, post docs and other "early stage researchers". There will be pizza after the seminar, and no registration is needed.

16 February, 11:30, 3rd floor conference room

Funding Announcements

From this week, the announcements for funding and education will be published online. The links below will take you to a list of announcements compiled by the research advisors at the Faculty of Medicine. The lists are updated every second week.

External funding opportunities: <http://www.uib.no/en/med/112772/external-funding-opportunities>

Funding opportunities for education: <http://www.uib.no/med/113987/funding-opportunities-education>

Following is a hand-picked **selection** of the calls that are most relevant for the Department of Biomedicine.

Announcement of Peder Sather funds for 2018-2019

The University of Bergen is part of the Peder Sather consortium together with a number of other Norwegian institutions. This is a scheme where the Norwegian academic community can receive financial support for collaboration with researchers at UC-Berkeley. Funds are available for one year.

Grants can support activities such as workshops, mini-conferences, virtual intellectual exchanges, the undertaking of exploratory and pilot studies, activities such as PhD student exchanges, longer-term stays for Principal Investigators, the collection and analysis of data, and other core research activities.

Information and application form can be found at the following address: <http://sathercenter.berkeley.edu/peder-sather-grant/>.

Deadline 15 March 2018.

Current funding announcements/deadlines

Norwegian Research Council (NFR)

- **BIOTEK2021** Up to 50 million in funding for optimisation projects within biotechnology. An "optimisation project" is a project designed to further develop, optimise and investigate application areas for results and concepts from previous biotechnology research with a view to developing a future product, process or service. **Deadline: 14 February 2018**
- **FRIMEDBIO:** The funding scheme for independent projects (FRIPRO) comprises a national competitive arena for research funding for projects in all fields and disciplines. There will be funding for Researcher Projects, Young Research Talents, FRIPRO Mobility Grants and Support for Event. **Deadline: 25 April 2018**
- **BEHANDLING** 115 million NOK for applications in intervention studies that combine clinical data with health data in existing registries and / or biobanks will be prioritized. Projects awarded funding by the programme must have patient and service-relevant endpoints and incorporate user involvement. Diseases that pose major societal challenges will comprise a key area of focus. **Deadline 25 April 2018**
- Pre-announcement **BEDREHELSE** Until 150 million kroner to environmental support for research towards better public health. **Deadline: 25 April 2018**



Horizon 2020 – European Research Council ERC Frontier research grants

- **Consolidator Grant** The aim of this grant is to give the most prominent junior researchers the opportunity to consolidate their research, and to expand and broaden their research activities. **Deadline: 15 February 2018**
- **Advanced Grant** 5 years funding for an established, leading principal investigator who wants to pursue a ground-breaking, high-risk project. 2,5 million € in total. The PI can have any nationality and work in any research field. **Deadline: 30 August 2018**



ERC Advanced course in Bergen

March 21st at Ørnen. The registration link is [here](#). **Course content:** ERC basics and terminology; Technical rules & regulations; PI Profile – What constitutes the “ERC Material”?; Application & submission processes; What constitutes Scientific Excellence?; The unique nature of ERC: High risk, high gain non-incremental work; Hypothesis for ERC – how to do it right; How to write a convincing methodology chapter; Review Panel selection; The panel-application reciprocal effect; Ethical issues; The evaluation process.

Horizon 2020 – Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions (MSCA)

Excellent and innovative research training plus attractive career and knowledge-exchange opportunities through cross-border and cross-sector mobility, no thematic priorities.

- [Research and Innovation Staff Exchange \(RISE\)](#). The RISE scheme promotes international and cross-sector collaboration through exchanging research and innovation staff, and sharing knowledge and ideas from research to market (and vice-versa). **Deadline: 21 March 2018**
- **NEW: Individual Fellowships (IF)** aims to help experienced researchers to advance their careers and gain new skills through advanced training, international mobility, and optional intersectoral secondments. The host organization can be universities and research institutes in addition to a company or other non-academic sector organizations. **Deadline: 12 September 2018**
- **NEW: MSCA COFUND**: aims at stimulating regional, national or international programmes to foster excellence in researchers' training, mobility and career development. **Deadline: 27 September 2018**

Horizon 2020 – Societal challenges (SC):

Collaborative breakthrough research and radical innovation

SC1-2018-2020: Health, demographic change and wellbeing

- **Call:** Better health and care, economic growth and sustainable health systems
[SC1-BHC-02-2019: Systems approaches for the discovery of combinatorial therapies for complex disorders \(Two-stage\)](#)
[SC1-BHC-05-2018: International flagship collaboration with Canada for human data storage, integration and sharing to enable personalised medicine approaches](#)
[SC1-BHC-09-2018: Innovation platforms for advanced therapies of the future](#)
[SC1-BHC-14-2019: Stratified host-directed approaches to improve prevention, treatment and/or cure of infectious diseases \(Two-stage\)](#)
[SC1-BHC-15-2018: New anti-infective agents for prevention and/or treatment of neglected infectious diseases \(NID\) \(Two-stage\)](#)
[SC1-BHC-16-2018: Global Alliance for Chronic Diseases \(GACD\) - Scaling-up of evidence-based health interventions at population level for the prevention and management of hypertension and/or diabetes](#)
[SC1-BHC-26-2018: HTA research to support evidence-based healthcare](#)
[SC1-BHC-27-2018: New testing and screening methods to identify endocrine disrupting chemicals](#)
[SC1-HCO-04-2018: ERA-NET to support the Joint Programming in Neurodegenerative Diseases strategic plan \(JPND\)](#)
Deadline: 18 April 2018. Deadline for pre-projects in two-stage proposals is 2 October 2018

Horizon 2020 – Complementary Calls

- **NEW:** To give potential applicants as much time as possible to form consortia and prepare their proposals, IMI publishes draft topic texts several weeks before the official call launch. The following topics are currently under consideration for inclusion in future IMI Calls for proposals:
[Targeted immune intervention for treatment of non-response and remission](#)
[Non-invasive clinical molecular imaging of immune cells](#)
[Development of a platform for federated and privacy-preserving machine learning in support of drug discovery](#)
 - Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI) –relevant future topics
 - [Mitochondrial dysfunction in neurodegeneration](#)
 - Support and coordination action for the projects of the [neurodegeneration](#) area of the innovative medicines initiative
 - Human [tumour microenvironment](#) immunoprofiling
 - Translational [safety biomarker](#) pipeline (TRANSBIOLINE): enabling development and implementation of novel safety biomarkers in clinical trials and diagnosis of disease
 - Federated and privacy-preserving [machine learning in support of drug discovery](#)
 - Pilot programme on a [clinical compound bank for repurposing](#) This programme includes the following topics: Cardiovascular diseases and diabetes; Respiratory diseases; Neurodegenerative diseases; Rare/orphan diseases
- IMI held a series of [webinars on IMI2 - Call 13](#). **Deadline: 28 February 2018**
- [JPND call for multi-national research projects on health and social care for neurodegenerative diseases](#). JPND is inviting to submit proposals for ambitious, innovative and multi-disciplinary collaborative projects that address health and social care

at both the macro level of systems and infrastructures and the individual level of patients, carers and families.

Deadline: 6 March 2018

- [ERA-NET NEURON JTC 2018](#) “Research Projects on **Mental Disorders**”. The aim of the call is to facilitate multinational, collaborative research projects that will address important questions related to mental health and mental disorders.

Deadline: 8 March 2018

- [ERA-CVD JTC 2018](#) “Transnational **Cardiovascular** Research Projects driven by Early Career Scientists”. The call aims to promote cooperation and interchange between Early Career Scientists and thus enable international collaboration and new consortia establishment in cardiovascular research.

Deadline: 15 March 2018

- [COST Action](#): COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology) brings together European researchers, engineers and scholars from different COST countries to jointly develop their own ideas and new initiatives across all science and technology fields through trans-European cooperation. COST does not fund research itself, but provides exciting opportunities for cooperation and networking on an European Level.

Deadline: 25 April 2018

- Pre-announcement [ERA HDHL \(a healthy diet for a healthy life\)](#). The aim of this call is to support transnational, collaborative research projects that gain a better understanding of the **diet-epigenome** relationships and their effect on human health. The launch of the new call is planned on 6 February 2018

- **NEW: [Joint Programming Initiative on Antimicrobial Resistance \(JPIAMR\)](#)**: JPIAMR will develop scientific proposals which will lead to sustainable use of antibiotics to treat infectious diseases and to a decrease in the number of patients with resistant infections in Europe (Fundamental, translational research, with the exception of clinical trials). It is expected that through international collaborations combining complementary and synergistic research strengths, this JPIAMR call will contribute to the urgent need to curb the burden associated with the most prioritised infections.

Deadline stage 1: 7 March at 17.00. Full proposal submission deadline 14 June at 17.00.

Bergen Forskningsstiftelse [BFS Starting Grant 2018](#)

[BFS supports young scientists](#) to work at UiB in a scheme similar to ERC starting grants. For details about eligibility etc., see here: <http://www.bfstiftelse.no/calls/bfs-starting-grant/?lang=en>. It is a two-step application procedure, the first deadline being in March. The Department can forward up to two candidates to the faculty, who will finally decide which candidates it will support. Depending on the suggestions received, the Department of biomedicine will decide whom of the potential candidates the Department will prioritize and invite them to write a full application. The proposals should contain a CV and publication list of the candidate, a list of major achievements and a short outline (~1/2 page) of the project to be applied for. Proposals for candidates should be sent to Frits.Thorsen@uib.no and Mathias.Ziegler@uib.no



Deadline: February 10, 2018

[Novo Nordisk Foundation:](#)

- Pre-announcement [Exploratory Pre-Seed Grants](#): The Exploratory Pre-seed Program is a stimulus fund established to accelerate **commercialization of biomedical research** findings and development of novel technologies within the life sciences. The goal of an Exploratory Pre-seed Grant is to stimulate entrepreneurship and to explore the potential of research findings at a very early stage (pre-seed), and to prepare the project for a full pre-seed grant at a later stage. The application system will open 2 February.
- Pre announcement [Project Grants in Endocrinology and Metabolism - Nordic Region](#): The objective of this call is to support young and promising researchers as well as established scientists, to carry out research projects of 1 to 3 years' duration within basic and clinical research **in endocrinology and metabolism**.

Deadline 6 April 2018 at 2 pm

Application opens 4 April with **final deadline 1 June 2018 at 2 pm**

[Extrastiftelsen](#)

support for research on health challenges faced by the Norwegian population. The foundation supports actions and projects on **physical and mental health**, life quality, living conditions, etc.

Deadline: 1 June at 15.00

NEW: [The Peder Sather Center for Advanced Study](#)

supports projects carried out by researchers at UC Berkeley in collaboration with researchers from nine Norwegian universities. The Center offers grants of between \$10K and \$25K. Funds are made available for one academic year. **Deadline: 15 March 2018**

NEW: Internationalization UiB and Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK):

The applications for the Internationalisation Faculty Mobility Scheme and Global Scholarship Programme for Research Excellence to promote the development of academic and research partnerships between the two institutions are now open for 2018-19.

- [Internationalisation Faculty Mobility Scheme](#)

Deadline: 10 April 2018

The academic staff can undertake research visits at CUHK under the support of this scheme.

- [Global Scholarship Programme for Research Excellence](#)

Deadline: 3 April 2018

The programme supports the PhD candidates to undertake short-term research attachments at CUHK.

Fellowships and Personal Grants

Norwegian Cancer Society

[Travel stipend](#): Researchers, postdoctoral candidates and doctoral candidates who are financed by Norwegian Cancer Society can apply for stipend to cover a research stay abroad until one year (2-12 months). **Deadline 15 March**

NFR [Scholarship for research stay abroad for PhD candidates and Post Doctors](#) (Link in Norwegian)

The offer for a scholarship for research stays abroad applies to PhD candidates and Post Doctors in projects with full or partial funding for the Research Council for a minimum of 24 months. The research stays abroad may last for a minimum of 3 months and a maximum of 12 months.

Funding for Cooperation in Higher Education

Erasmus

- 1. Erasmus+ Mobility for Students and Staff:** Student Affairs manages and coordinates student and staff mobility. Staff members can apply for Erasmus + mobility funds by August 20, and on January 20. Information about student grants and other information can be found at www.uib.no/student/erasmus and employee websites: <http://www.uib.no/foransatte/86439/studentmobilitet> (Link in Norwegian) **Deadline: August 20th, 2018**
[Seminar for applicants to Erasmus+ Strategic Partnerships 2018](#) (Link in Norwegian) Takes place: 29 January 2018 in Oslo (10.00-15.00)
- 4. Capacity Building in the Field of Higher Education 2018** This action which aims to support the modernisation, accessibility and internationalisation of higher education in the Partner Countries is to be carried out in the context of the priorities identified in the Communications "Increasing the impact of EU Development Policy: an Agenda for Change" and "European Higher Education in the World". [Advisory body: SIU](#) (Link in Norwegian). **Deadline: 8 February 2018**
- 5. Erasmus+ Knowledge Alliances** Knowledge Alliances between higher education institutions and enterprises aim to foster innovation, entrepreneurship, creativity, employability, knowledge exchange and/or multidisciplinary teaching and learning. [Advisory body: SIU](#) (Link in Norwegian) **Deadline: 28 February 2018 at 12.00**
- 6. E+ Joint Master Degrees (Link in Norwegian):** E+ Joint Master Degrees aims to promote cooperation to increase academic quality and that this in turn will increase attractiveness towards students, primarily from countries outside Europe. **Deadline: 15 February 2017**

More funding opportunities with continuing deadlines, compiled by the Faculty of Medicine:
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