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Dear colleagues, IBMers,

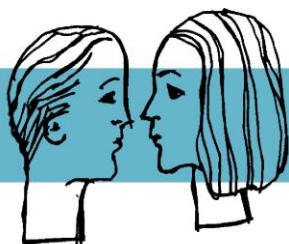
Perhaps, now is the time of the most intense work for both students and teachers. The exams are coming up and this means stress to make them and put them into the system, then stress to learn – and then quite some efforts to give the grades. I wish the students all the best and great success! This would also be the best reward for all those who have spent so much time and energy in teaching!

As many of you know, one of the key persons in setting up and implementing the new study program in medicine has been Arne Tjølsen. He will continue to help in this process on the faculty level, but has also been interested in the wider aspects of teaching, beyond medicine, at our department. It is therefore a great pleasure that he will be the vice chair for education at our department! I am sure we all will benefit from his experience and dedication.

At the same time, I wish to sincerely thank Per Øyvind Enger for his excellent work, profound insights and valuable advice in all aspects of teaching. Enjoy your well-deserved sabbatical!

Best wishes, Mathias

**The last day for placing orders before Christmas 2017 is December 7.  
The reception will be open all work days.**



## HR News

[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 wish all the best to those who are leaving us:**



**Lars Skjærven** had his last day in his researcher position on November 16<sup>th</sup>.



**Eva Elisabeth Holm Torgilstveit** quit her position as department engineer at the study section. Her last working day is 30.11.2017. She has gained a new job as LCI coordinator at Aker.



## Research, Science and Seminars

New Publications at the Department of Biomedicine

Results of a PubMed search on "Bergen" and "Biomedicine".



### [The role of CXCR3/LRP1 cross-talk in the invasion of primary brain tumors.](#)

Boyé K, Pujol N, D Alves I, Chen YP, [Daubon T](#), Lee YZ, Dedieu S, Constantin M, Bello L, Rossi M, [Bjerkvig R](#), Sue SC, Bikfalvi A, Billottet C.

Nat Commun. 2017 Nov 17;8(1):1571

### [TGF- \$\beta\$ 2 initiates autophagy via Smad and non-Smad pathway to promote glioma cells' invasion.](#)

Zhang C, Zhang X, Xu R, Huang B, Chen AJ, Li C, Wang J, Li XG.

J Exp Clin Cancer Res. 2017 Nov 16;36(1):162

### [Preoperative quantitative dynamic contrast-enhanced MRI and diffusion-weighted imaging predict aggressive disease in endometrial cancer.](#)

Fasmer KE, Bjørnerud A, [Ytre-Hauge S](#), Grüner R, Tangen IL, Werner HM, Bjørge L, Salvesen ØO, Trovik J, Krakstad C, Haldorsen IS.

Acta Radiol. 2017 Jan 1;284185117740932

### [Impact of VEGFA polymorphisms on glioma risk in Chinese.](#)

Zhao P, Chen A, Qi Q, Zhou W, Feng Z, Wang J, Yang N, Li X, Wang J, Huang Q, Huang B.

Oncotarget. 2017 Jul 19;8(48):83712-83722.

### [Macrophage migration inhibitory factor promotes vasculogenic mimicry formation induced by hypoxia via CXCR4/AKT/EMT pathway in human glioblastoma cells.](#)

Guo X, Xu S, Gao X, [Wang J](#), Xue H, Chen Z, Zhang J, Guo X, Qian M, Qiu W, Li G.

Oncotarget. 2017 Jun 27;8(46):80358-80372

### [TAGLN2 is a candidate prognostic biomarker promoting tumorigenesis in human gliomas.](#)

Han MZ, Xu R, Xu YY, Zhang X, Ni SL, Huang B, Chen AJ, Wei YZ, Wang S, Li WJ, Zhang Q, Li G, Li XG, Wang J.

J Exp Clin Cancer Res. 2017 Nov 6;36(1):155.

## BBB Seminar

### Tine Karlsen - "The skin as a player in salt-induced hypertension"

The "BBB Seminars" are series of weekly scientific lectures given by local speakers, national, or international guests. It is a great chance to get to know the Departments' scientific focus and the field of biomedicine in general.

Hypertension is a major risk factor for stroke, coronary heart disease and heart failure, accounting for 18% of cardiovascular disease deaths in the Western world. Salt and hypertension have been linked since ancient times, but the role of salt in the pathogenesis of arterial hypertension is still poorly understood and controversial. Our BBB speaker this week, Associate Professor Tine V. Karlsen will present her recent findings implicating sodium storage in the skin as a factor in salt-sensitive hypertension. Chair: Meg Veruki

Place and time: November 30<sup>th</sup> Auditorium 4, 14:30

Also visit the BBB seminar website: <http://www.uib.no/en/biomedisin/67862/bbb-seminars#autumn-2017>

## Opening Conference Medical Imaging and Visualization Centre – Dec 12th

As we have reported earlier, a new Medical Imaging and Visualization Centre has been established at the Department of Radiology. Said centre is now holding a public opening conference, free of charge, and open for all who are interested. Arvid Lundervold from our department has received funding from the foundation to contribute to this centre, and he will also give a presentation at the conference.

Please have a look at the programme: <https://mmiv.no/>

## INVITATION OPENING

### Medical Imaging and Visualization Centre

**Opening ceremony, Dec 11<sup>th</sup> 2pm**  
Formal opening, interactive exhibition

**Scientific conference, Dec 12<sup>th</sup> 9am - 4pm**  
Main theme: Machine learning and its applications in medicine  
Presentation of scientific aim of three Centre projects.

**Program details, venue and registration: <http://www.mmiv.no> (no admission fees)**



## Norwegian Biochemical Society: NBS Contact Meeting 2018

Scandic Hafjell Hotel, Øyer, 18-21 January 2018

The NBS contact meeting promises international speakers, plenary rising star sessions, and mini symposia and poster sessions for young researchers. Not to mention time specifically set aside for skiing. For those interested in systems biology, NBS would like to mention one of the speakers, namely Marcus Ralser from the Crick institute in London. His group works on dynamics and evolution of metabolic networks. Within the field of structural biology, we are happy to have Andrew Carter from the MRC lab of molecular biology in Cambridge as a speaker. His group works on the structure and mechanism of dynein. The contact meeting is a great opportunity to meet and catch up with old and new colleagues across Norway. So don't miss out – sign up today! You do not have to submit an abstract upon registration. You can do that later if you want to.

Further details about the program and registration: <https://www.biokjemisk.no/contact-meeting-2018/>

## Bergen Research Foundation Anniversary in the University Aula December 1<sup>st</sup>

The event will involve the announcement of BFS starting grant recipients, and a large donation to the bioinformatics environment. <http://www.uib.no/aktuelt/112317/årsmarkering-bergens-forskningsstiftelse>



# Operations & HSE News

The department of biomedicine has the pleasure of inviting employees, guest researchers, emeriti and master students to the

## Christmas Party

Friday 1<sup>th</sup> of December, 19:30h

We start with a reception at the 2nd floor, BBB, and continue with food and dance in the cantina. You can choose either traditional Christmas food or a vegetarian meal. This is a great opportunity to meet colleagues from all floors of the

The xmas-party is free – BUT you need to bring your own choice of drinks for the evening.

Registration within 26th of November

Please register [here](#) by November 26<sup>th</sup>



## Sikresiden - new website with safety and security information

Sikresiden is a mobile-adapted website that provides information about safety and security and helps with what to do in an emergency. UiB's management consider sikresiden an important measure to increase the safety competence of employees and students. There is also a need to work systematically to establish a comprehensive security culture in the organization. Sikresiden is adapted to our sector and will be used by 300 000 students and employees.

On Sikresiden you'll find:

- Help to handle an emergency
- Training in key security themes
- UiB's local emergency number



**GO TO SIKRESIDEN (in English):**

<https://www.sikresiden.no/en?locality=196>

## Guidelines for costs associated with representation, hospitality ("bevertning") and tips – UiB

The Office of the Auditor General of Norway has in recent years focused on costs associated with representation, food/beverages and tips. Please see link to the general guidelines in [The Personnel Handbook of the State](#), section 10.11.

Please consider these factors when ordering:

As a general rule, **no tips should be paid** on bills paid for by the state. Exceptions may be made in countries where tips are considered part of the salaries of the staff. It is the responsibility of the person delegated budget authority to decide whether tipping is appropriate or not, in each individual case.

**The division between representation and hospitality ("bevertning") is as follows**

### Representation

Representational expenses are, according to the Personnel Handbook of the State, expenses for lunch, dinner, banquets or other festive meals, or expenses for receptions, excursions, etc. which includes external guests. The event should maintain a certain level of official profile, and the occasion should be special.

#### 10.11.1.2 Representation (domestic/in Norway)

The following limitations on expenses are decided (in effect from 01 January 2017):

Lunch/dinner: up to NOK 1 272,- per person

Small lunch/ reception: up to NOK 468,- per person

### Hospitality:

Hospitality ("bevertning") is, according to the Personnel Handbook of the State, reimbursement of expenses for food and drinks during meetings, conferences and seminars

#### 10.11.3 Hospitality - reimbursement of expenses for food and drinks at meetings, conferences, etc.

2. Hospitality may be relevant:

- At meetings including other participants than the institution's own representatives.
- At meetings in boards, councils, committees etc. where other parties than the institution's own representatives participate."
- At conferences, closing events of internal committee processes and/or other large work tasks.

### 3. Cost limits per person:

- a. For events with a duration of less than 3 hours, within regular work hours, up to **NOK 176,- per participant**.
- b. For events with a duration of 3 hours or more, or events that last beyond regular work hours, and where necessary food serving goes beyond sandwiches, coffee or similar food/drink items, up to **NOK 397,- per participant**.
- c. For long events where two food/drink servings are necessary, **up to NOK 581,- per participant**.
- d. If practical reasons dictate that the meals cannot be organized in cafeterias, lunch rooms, meeting rooms or the like, and external facilities for serving food must be used, the cost limits may be exceeded with up to + 50 %.

After an individual assessment of an event, a minister/head of department/institution leader, or person with the delegated authority to make such decisions, may exceed the cost limits under sections a-d, but only up to the cost limitations of *representation* (ref. paragraph 10.11.1.2.)

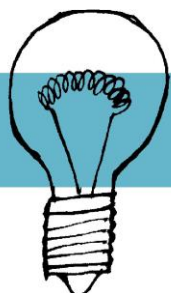
4. Any and all expenses for hospitality must be registered as expenses for an event. Preferably, the same sections are to be used in the description for expenses for representation, food/drinks and similar costs.

## From the Norwegian Food Safety Authority: new reporting guidelines for laboratory animals

Norway is obliged to report figures from laboratory animals to the EU Commission. The figures should be reported in a separate format, which is slightly different from the report we have used in FOTS previously.

[http://ec.europa.eu/environment/chemicals/lab\\_animals/pdf/Unofficial%20Consolidated%20version.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/chemicals/lab_animals/pdf/Unofficial%20Consolidated%20version.pdf)

The Norwegian Food Safety Authority will implement the new reporting guidelines in the new year, therefore **please do not report until further notice**. Those who have already reported for 2017 will unfortunately have to report again in the new format.



## Academic Affairs

### Exam result deadlines and penalty fees at UiB

During the last year, UiB has increased its focus on delayed exam result publications. The deadline for publishing exam results ("sensurfrist") of 3 weeks is part of the Public Administration Act, which means that an exam result is in fact a public administration decision ("vedtak"), in judicial terms. A violation of the deadline for publishing exam results is therefor also a violation of the Public Administration Act.

In the Committee for Education ("Utdanningsutvalget" (UU)) at UiB, guidelines for sanctions and penalties for delays in publishing exam results was discussed in a meeting on the 16th of November. (case no. 66/17). A proposition was made to sanction exam deadline violations with substantial penalty fees.

The proposed system of penalty fees for late exam result publishing was voted down, but a decision was made to monitor the exam result publishing dates closely in the near future, and if the current situation with a high number of delays at the faculties does not improve, sanctions in the form of penalty fees will be effectuated from the fall semester of 2018.

We therefore ask all course coordinators to increase their attention and focus on maintaining the exam result deadlines given by the Section of Academic Affairs on their respective exams. This also includes following up external examiners if need be. The Section of Academic Affairs will of course assist and facilitate any follow-up measures if need be.



# PhD Updates



## New Doctoral Degree

We congratulate **Gry Sandvik Haaland** to a successful trial lecture and defense on Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>!



## New printing agreement for UiB changes when ordering master theses and PhD dissertations

From December 1, Skipnes AS will take over as a supplier for business cards, master's theses, doctoral theses and doctoral degrees at UiB.

The launch of the new printing services will be December 1, and all new orders must therefore be submitted to Skipnes AS from Friday 1 December. Orders that are in process before this date will be completed by the current supplier, AiT Bjerch.



# Funding Announcements

## Seed funds from the German-Norwegian study center in Kiel

Who can apply? Academic employees at the University of Bergen can apply for funding for development of cooperation projects with Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel.

What can be supported? Activities that identify and start collaborative projects in research and education. Seeds can be allocated to travel, work meetings, workshops and symposia.

How much in support? You can apply for max. EUR 5,000 in support per project.

Where is the application sent? Application must be sent to the German-Norwegian study center in Kiel v / project manager Andrea Hesse by e-mail [dnsz\\_buero@email.uni-kiel.de](mailto:dnsz_buero@email.uni-kiel.de)

**The application deadline is 8th of December 2016.**

## Current funding announcements/deadlines

### Norwegian Research Council NFR)

- [GLOBVAC](#) Funding is available for Researcher projects within all thematic areas of the GLOBVAC work programme. Research that sheds light on new questions and challenges related to the transition from the Millennium Development Goals to the Sustainable Development Goals is encouraged. **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**

- Pre-announcement [BEDREHELSE](#) Until 150 million kroner to environmental support for research towards better public health.

**Deadline: 25 April 2018**

**Save the date!** Haukeland, in collaboration with NFR and UiB, will arrange a seminar for the health programs on Wednesday, **February 7, 2018** in the Bikuben, Bergen. NFR will inform about the calls under the programs BEDREHELSE, BEHANDLING and HELSEVEL, with application deadline in April 2018. More information will come later.

### Horizon 2020 / UiB – Project Establishment Support (PES) and Positioning funding (POS)

Each H2020 coordinator-submitted, and formally approved/eligible proposal, will receive a PES grant without submitting a PES-application.

Each submitted and formally approved/eligible partner proposal will receive a minimum of NOK 20,000 without submitting a PES-application. Read more at UiBs [employee pages](#). You can apply for positioning funding by filling in [POS application form](#) and sending it to [Kristin.Hansen@uib.no](mailto:Kristin.Hansen@uib.no).

The [local contact points](#) are listed where every call has a responsible research advisor. You can contact them or faculty advisors, [Ramune Midttveit](#), [Itana Sloper-Krivokapic](#) and [Amra Grudic-Feta](#).



### Horizon 2020 - European Research Council (ERC) *Frontier research grants*

Local contact point at UiB: Anja Hegen

- [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**

- [Financial support to submit a new ERC grant proposal](#) The Norwegian Research Council is offering up to NOK 500 000 in support to applicants who submit a new proposal within two years of submitting the original one.

### Horizon 2020 – Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)

- **Innovative Training Networks (ITN)** aim to train a new generation of creative, entrepreneurial and innovative early-stage researchers, able to face current and future challenges and to convert knowledge and ideas into products and services for economic and social benefit. **Deadline: 17 January 2018.**
- **NEW [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**

### Horizon 2020 - Complementary Calls - [COST Actions](#)

COST does NOT fund research itself, but supports networking via different tools such as meetings, short term scientific missions, training schools and dissemination activities part of COST Actions. Proposals should reflect the main characteristics of COST Actions, namely providing for knowledge sharing, creation and application, being open and output-oriented while aiming at strengthening the scientific and technological basis of the proposed topic(s). Relevant actions are:

- Maximising Impact of research in **NeuroDevelopmental Disorders** MINDDS
- **Leukemia** Gene Discovery by data sharing, mining and collaboration LEGEND
- Realising the therapeutic potential of novel **cardioprotective therapies** EU-CARDIOPROTECTION
- European Cleft and **Craniofacial Initiative** for Equality in Care
- European network for the promotion of portable, affordable and simple analytical platforms

If interested please contact Hans Hellebostad, best before 15th of September, [hh@forskningsradet.no](mailto:hh@forskningsradet.no)  
More information can be found [here](#) and you can use this [application form](#).

**Deadline: 25 April 2018"**

### **NEW** Pre-announcement: Horizon 2020 –complimentary calls [Innovative Medicines Initiative \(IMI\) – Future topics](#)

- [Assessment of the uniqueness of diabetic cardiomyopathy relative to other forms of heart failure using unbiased pheno-mapping approaches](#)
- [Genome-environment interactions in inflammatory skin disease](#)
- [The value of diagnostics to combat antimicrobial resistance by optimising antibiotic use](#)
- [Mitochondrial dysfunction in neurodegeneration](#)
- [Support and coordination action for the projects of the neurodegeneration area of the innovative medicines initiative](#)



- [A sustainable European induced pluripotent stem cell platform](#)
- [Linking digital assessment of mobility to clinical endpoints to drive regulatory acceptance and clinical practice](#)
- [Human tumour microenvironment immunoprofiling](#)
- [CONCEPTION – continuum of evidence from pregnancy exposures, reproductive toxicology and breastfeeding to improve outcomes now](#)
- [Improving the preclinical prediction of adverse effects of pharmaceuticals on the nervous system](#)
- [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

**Deadline:** The calls are expected to be published sometime in November 2017 and the deadlines are expected around February and March 2018.

Registration is now open for the [webinars on IMI2 – Call 13](#), which will be held from **27 November to 15 December**.

### Horizon 2020 – Societal challenges (SC): Collaborative breakthrough research and radical innovation

Pre-announcement Selected deadlines calls:

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

- **Call:** *Digital Transformation in health and care*  
[SC1-HCC-03-2018: Support to further development of international cooperation in digital transformation of health and care](#)
- **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-03-2018: Exploiting research outcomes and application potential of the human microbiome for personalised prediction, prevention and treatment of disease](#)  
[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

### Barnekreftforeningen

wants to support relevant projects in children oncology where the results of the projects are going to benefit children in Norway. More information [here](#).

**Deadline: 1 December 2017**

### Nasjonalforeningen for folkehelse

[Through the National Association for Public Health's Dementia Research Program](#), it is now possible to apply up to 300,000 NOK to strengthen ongoing research and/or contribute to research networks within dementia.

**Deadline: 8 December 2017**

### INCOBRA call for EU-Brazil Cooperation Networks

The main objective of this call is to foster and strengthen the mutual cooperation of Brazilian and European R&I actors through the support of bilateral networks by providing a grant (€19,500) for the implementation of mutual bilateral visits and workshops. **Deadline: 15 December 2017.**

**NEW [UH-nett Vest](#)**

250000 NOK per research project to stimulate collaboration across the UH network Vest.

**Deadline: 18 December 2017**

**[Centre for Advanced Study \(CAS\)](#)**

The agreement between UiB and CAS gives researchers with a permanent scientific position an opportunity to apply for their **own research group** for a one-year stay at the center in Oslo. They choose their own theme and specialization, and invite researchers from all over the world to participate in the project.

**Deadline: January 2018**

**[Novo Nordisk Foundation:](#)**

For young researchers doing excellent research projects within the fields of basic, translational and/or clinical endocrinology or metabolism research. The Foundation will award up to four 5-years projects.

**Deadline: 30 January 2018**

**Fellowships and Personal Grants****[Melzers project fellowships for students and PhD candidates](#)**

(Link in Norwegian) **Deadline: 1 December 2017**

**[EMBO \(European Molecular Biology Organization\)](#)**

Research on the molecular mechanisms of life at all levels.

- [Short-term](#) (postdocs and advanced PhD students) fellowships fund research visits of up to three months to laboratories in Europe and elsewhere in the world. The aim is to facilitate valuable collaborations with research groups applying techniques that are unavailable in the applicant's laboratory. **Deadline: throughout the year.**
- [Long-term](#) **Deadline: throughout the year.**

**[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.

**[Globalink – Scholarships to Canada](#) (Link in Norwegian)**

Globalink allows for the Norwegian and Canadian master's and PhD students can apply for CAD 15.000 to conduct research practice in a business in the partner country

**[Novo Nordisk Foundation: postdoctoral fellowships](#)**

within endocrinology/metabolism at international elite research environments. The fellowship offers an opportunity to carry out a research project where a minimum of 3 years are dedicated to work at a university, hospital or other research institution abroad, followed by up to 1 year at a university, hospital or other research institution in a Nordic country.

## Meetings/Workshops/Conferences

- Open Seminar: [Educational Competence Building at The Arctic University of Norway](#) (Norwegian), Armauer Hansens Hus, Bergen 29 November
- **NEW** [Webinar: Impact and Innovation in H2020 – a Guide for Proposers](#), 10:30-11:45 6 December
- [ECNP Neuroscience applied: New Frontiers Meeting](#), Nice 18-19 March 2018

## Funding for cooperation in higher education

### [DNSZ Seed Money 2018](#) (Link in Norwegian)

The German-Norwegian Study Centre in Kiel (DNSZ) provides funds within the framework of its Seed Money Budget, in order to support cooperation between German and Norwegian academics in all fields. The present call for proposals applies to projects that are to be realised in the period August 2017 until March 2018.

**Deadline: 8 December 2017**

### [EURASIA Programme](#) (Three-year projects) (Link in Norwegian)

The Eurasia Programme supports project cooperation between institutions in Norway and Armenia, Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan.

**Deadline: 15 December 2017 (15:00)**

### **NEW** [Nordplus Higher Education](#) (Link in Norwegian)

Nordplus higher education is the Nordic Council of Ministers education program for support for cooperation in higher education in the Nordic and Baltic countries. The program supports cooperation between educational institutions, such as mobility for students and employees, and project/networking.

**Deadline: 1 February 2018**

### [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

### [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**

### [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**

### [Research and Innovation in the Educational Sector \(FINNUT\)](#) (Link in Norwegian)

FINNUT is a long-term program for research and innovation in the educational sector. The program funds research on a wide spectrum from early childhood education and care to higher education and adult learning. **Deadline:** Continuing

### [Mobility grants North America in educational research \(UTNAM\)](#)

The aim of the mobility grant is to contribute to increased cooperation between Norwegian and North American educational researchers through supporting visits to Norway for the purpose of research or dissemination for top North American educational researchers. The scheme will also contribute to the dissemination of results of North American research to Norway and furthermore contribute to competence building in Norwegian research communities. Grants will be awarded for visits of shorter or longer duration.

**Deadline:** Continuing

### [Read more information and routines for application at UiB](#)

Ved spørsmål om utlysningene, kontakt [Kaia Nepstad](#) or [Ramune Midttveidt](#) ved Det medisinske fakultet.

On the following page the [local contact points](#) are listed where every call has a responsible research advisor. You can contact them or faculty advisors, [Ramune Midttveit](#), [Itana Sloper-Krivokapic](#) and [Amra Grudic-Feta](#)