

Dear colleagues,

After two months, my period as acting Head of Department will be over today and Mathias is now back as Head of Department. It has been a busy time, but I definitely learned a lot and appreciate that I was given this chance. I would like to thank everyone for being supportive and I will look back at this period as a positive experience.

This week there have been deadlines for both Norwegian Centers of Excellence and infrastructure calls from the Research Council of Norway. Researchers at from our department were involved in a substantial number of these., six applications for Centers of Excellence (SFF) and five infrastructure applications. Great job from all involved and let's keep our fingers crossed for successful outcomes!

Regarding COVID-19, I highly appreciate the effort everyone has contributed to reduce the chance of infection for yourself and your colleagues at our department. Let's keep up this good effortgoing and do our part to lower the number of infections.

Best wishes,



Frode Berven
(Acting Head of Department)

Human Resources

Events
for UIB employees

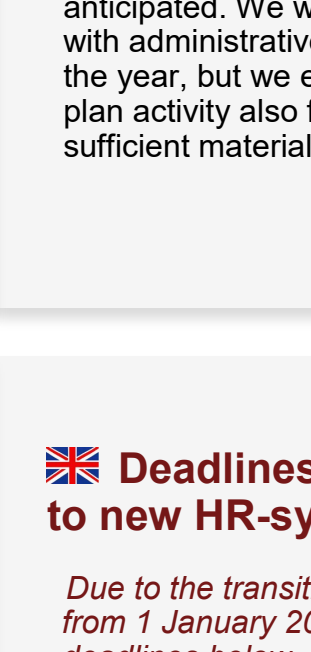
Benefits
for employees at UIB

Vacant positions
at the University of Bergen

We say goodbye to these colleagues:



Anne-Maj Samuelsen Apels
post doctoral position in the Cardiovascular Research group ended on 03. November. We wish her all the best.



Ann Kari Grindheim
resigned from her position as Researcher in the Biorecognition Group, on 31 October. We wish her all the best.

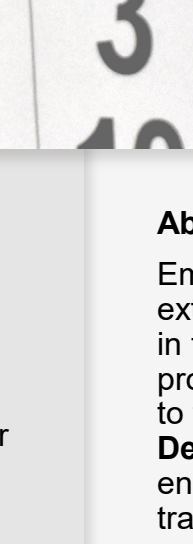
Operations, Health, and Safety

REMINDER: 8. desember er bestillingsstopp før jul

For å være sikker på at bestillinger vil komme med på innværende år, samt unngå pakkeleveranser i juleferien med lav bemanning, vil det også i år være **bestillingsstopp fra 8. desember kl. 14.**

Det er derfor viktig at dere planlegger bruk av midler som må disponeres for årets slutt og vurderer hva som må bestilles mot pågående forskningsaktivitet i desember samt aktiviteter eller disputaser i januar, som krever forberedelser i form av bestillinger.

Fra 01.01.21 skal UIB skifte ut de fleste av sine administrative IT-systemer. Med nytt bestillingssystem, artskontoplan og prosjektmodul vil det være utfordringer og garanten en del barnesykdommer. Vi vil selvfølgelig forsøke å komme i gang med administrativ støtte ved årsskifte, men Vi oppfordrer dere alle til å planlegge aktivitet også for januar og



REMINDER: 8 December: last date for purchase orders

To make sure that all purchases are registered in this fiscal year and to avoid package deliveries during the Holidays, **the final date for placing purchase orders is 8 December, before 14.00.**

It is important that you plan which funds should be spent before the end of the year, and also that you assess what materials you need in order to continue research activities in December and January.

The University's accounting and HR systems will be exchanged on 01.01.2021. With a new ordering system, new account plan and new project modules, startup problems are anticipated. We will of course continue with administrative support at the turn of the year, but we encourage you all to plan activity also for January and order sufficient materials before the embargo.

Frister for overgang til nytt HR-system

Grunnet overgangen til nye systemer fra 01/01/21, er det satt frister på noen registreringer, se under. Vennligst gjør deg kjent med og overhold de gjeldende fristene.

Tidskonto – Min Tid (for teknisk – administrative):

Ved overgang til SAP må alle saldoer i forhold til tidregistrering være korrekte. Siste frist for å registrere tid er 28.12.2020. Det vil IKKE være anledning å korrigere saldo i 2021, grunnet overgang til nytt system.

Utbetalinger via Min Tid

Etter 30.11.2020 skal det ikke registreres noe i Min Tid som medfører utbetaling. Dette gjelder blant annet Overtid, timelønn, beredskapsvakter, kort mm. Alle slike registreringer fom. 01.12.2020. MA registreres i HR-portalen.

Deadlines for transition to new HR-system

Due to the transition to new systems from 1 January 2021, please note the deadlines below.

Working Time Account - My Time (for technical/administrative staff):

When moving to SAP, the working time balance must be correct. The deadline for registering working time is **28 December 2020**. It will not be possible to correct the balance in 2021, due to the transition to new system.

Payments via My Time:

After 30.11.2020, nothing that entails payment may be registered in Min Tid. This applies, among other things, to overtime, hourly wages, emergency guards, expeditions etc. From 1 December 2020, all such registrations MUST be done in the HR portal.



Fravær og permisjoner

Ansatte som søker om permisjon/ forlengelse av permisjon, kan fortsatt søke om dette i HR-portalen. Skjema må være behandlet av saksbehandler og sendt til Seksjon for lønn innen 22.12.2020. Seksjon for lønn vil sørge for å følge dette opp ved overgang til nytt lønssystem.

Timelønnede

Registrering av timelister i HR-portalen:

Timer t.o.m. 30.11.20 skal registreres og godkjennes av leder senest 02.12.2020.

Timer for desember skal registreres og godkjennes av leder senest 16.12.2020.

Reiseregninger

Når det gjelder reiseregninger oppfordrer vi ansatte til å registrere dette så snart som mulig etter at reisen er gjennomført. Siste godkjenningsdato for reiseregninger er 16.12.2020.

Refusjon av utlegg

Når det gjelder refusjon av utlegg, oppfordrer vi ansatte til å registrere dette så snart som mulig. Siste godkjenningsdato for refusjon av utlegg er 16.12.2020.

Honorariønnede

Siste godkjenningsdato for honorarlønn er 16.12.2020.

Absence and leave

Employees who apply for leave / extension of leave can still apply for this in the HR portal. The form must be processed by the case officer and sent to the Section for payroll by **22 December**. The section for salaries will ensure that this is followed up when transitioning to a new salary system.

Hourly employees

Registration of timesheets in the HR portal:

Hours accrued before 30 November must be registered and approved by the manager no later than **2 December**. Hours for December must be registered and approved by **16 December**.

Travel expenses

Employees should register travel expenses as soon as possible after the journey has been completed. The last approval date for travel invoices is **16 December 2020**.

Reimbursements

Employees should register expensed to be reimbursed as soon as possible. The last approval date for reimbursement of expenses is **16 December 2020**.

Remuneration fees

The last approval date for remuneration is **16 December 2020**.

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.

Efficient and crucial quality control of HAP1 cell ploidy status.

Beigl TB, Kjosås I, Seljeseth E, Glomnes N, Aksnes H.

Biol Open. 2020 Nov 12;9(11):bio057174.

Arc self-association and formation of virus-like capsids are mediated by an N-terminal helical coil motif.

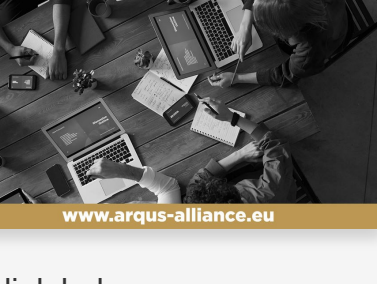
Eriksen MS, Nikolaenko O, Hallin EI, Grødem S, Bustad HJ, Flydal MI, Merski I, Hosokawa T, Lascu D, Åkerkar S, Cuéllar J, Chambers JJ, O'Connell R, Muruganandam G, Loris R, Tourna C, Kanhema T, Hayashi Y, Stratton MM, Valpuestá JM, Kursula P, Martínez A, Bramham CR.

FEBS J. 2020 Nov 11

NOVEL clearance of muscle proteins by muscle cells.

Muslimovic A, Fridén V, Stannholm K, Tenstad O, Espedal H, Vukusic K, Nyström S, Wesén E, Esbjörner EK, Granholm K, Lindahl B, Hammarsten O.

Eur J Cell Biol. 2020 Nov 4;151127.



BBB SEMINARS.

CCBIO seminar

Frédéric Amant from the Department of Oncology, University of Leuven (KU Leuven), Belgium, will give a talk entitled "Exploiting patient-derived preclinical models to identify biomarkers of response/resistance to therapy in (high grade) gynecological cancers".

Frédéric Amant is Professor at the KU Leuven, Belgium, and at the University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands, as well as Visiting Professor at the University of Bergen and Honorary Researcher at the University of Pretoria, South Africa. He is a specialist in Gynecologic Oncology and recognized as a world authority on the topic cancer in pregnancy. He founded and chairs the International Network on Cancer, Infertility and Pregnancy (INCPi), and further founded the Patient Derived Tumor Xenograft Platform (Trace) and the Fund for Innovative Cancer Research (FIKO) at the KU Leuven.

Thursday, November 26, 14.30, only online

BBB seminar

Hua Hu from the Department of Molecular Medicine, University of Oslo, will give a talk entitled "Reverse engineering a cortical inhibitory interneuron axon".

Hua Hu is an Associate Professor at the Institute of Basic Medical Sciences, and Head of the Laboratory of Synaptic Physiology, UIO. His research aims to identify the role of inhibitory interneurons in the cortical neural network and determine synaptic signaling mechanisms in dendrites and axons of cortical neurons. His group uses a combination of electrophysiological and optical imaging methods to address these questions.

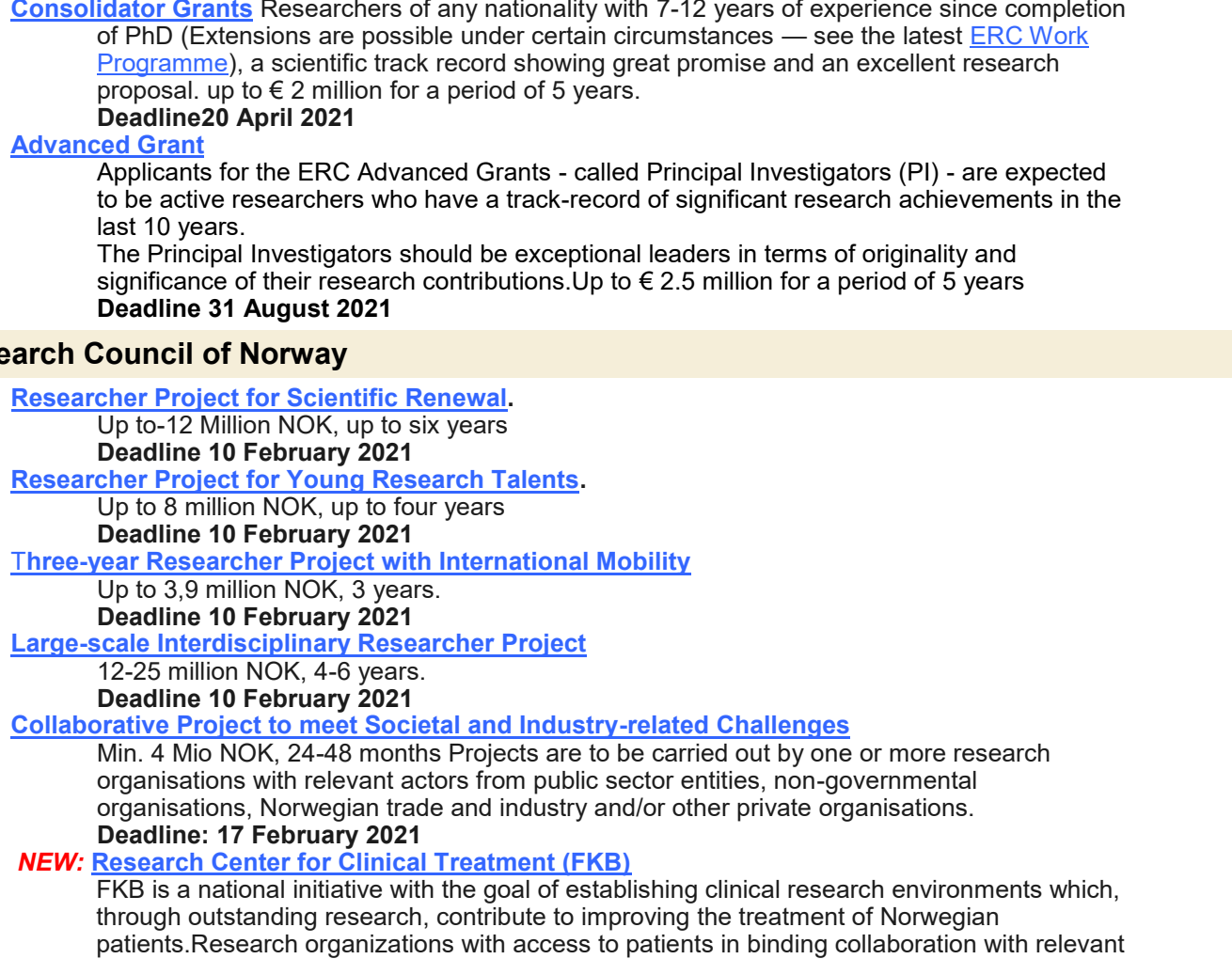
Thursday, December 3, 14.30, only online

Interessert i Fakta og Forskning om COVID-19?

Pandemiseret har en Facebook side for siste forskningsnytt.

Facts and Research about COVID-19

The Pandemic Center has a Facebook page for the latest research news (in Norwegian).



Utlysning: Forslag til Falchs forelesning 2021

Fagmiljøene ved instituttene inviteres herved til å fremme forslag til Falchs forelesning 2021.

Rammen for tildelingen er kr 30.000, - til dekning av honorar og reise- og oppholdsutgifter.

Les utlysningsteksten.

Frist: 12. februar 2021

Call for proposals: Falch's lecturer 2021

The Faculty of Medicine calls for proposals for the Falch's lecture in 2021.

Up to NOK 30,000 can be awarded to cover remuneration and travel expenses.

Read the call text (Norwegian)

Deadline: 12 February 2021

Utlysning: Konsul Søren Falchs og Øyenlege Sigurd Falchs fond Juniorpris for Unge Forskerer

Styret har fastsett prisen til **kr 50.000,-** i driftsmidler til forskaren.

Framlegg til kandidater til prisen kan fremst av institutleiarar og professorar

Les utlysningsteksten.

Frist: 12. februar 2021

Call for proposals: Falchs Junior Award

The award money is 50.000 NOK, to be used towards running costs.

Proposals may be submitted by the Heads of Departments and Professors.

Read the call text (Norwegian)

Deadline: 12. February 2021

Academic Affairs

Apply for twinning

Apply for a short term twinning-stay at one of the partner universities in the Arqus Alliance

The Arqus Alliance calls for applications for Twinning stays for one teacher and up to six students wanting to visit an Arqus partner university.

Twinning is a form of mobility where a group consisting of a teacher and 3-6 students, travels to a partner university to participate in a joint teaching program with students and teachers there. The twinning can have both digital and / or physical elements.

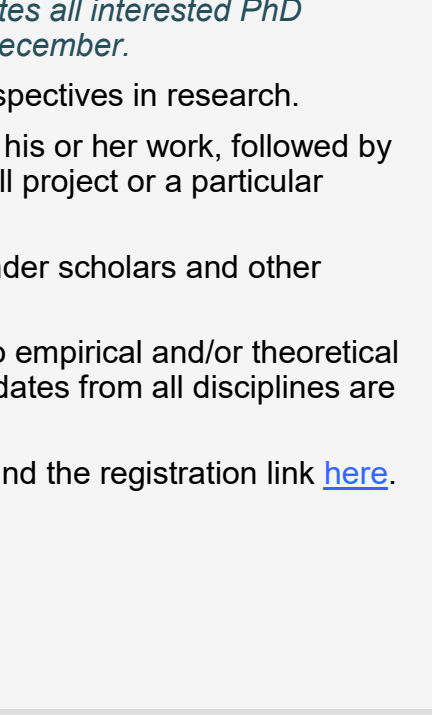
To read more and get examples of twinning activities, follow the link below.

Submit application: [argus@uib.no](#)

Here you will find the announcement + application form: Arqus opens the Twinning call 2020.

The Arqus Alliance consists of the Universities of Granada, Graz, Leipzig, Padova, Lyon, Vilnius and Bergen and aims to establish an alliance for close and comprehensive cooperation within education, research, innovation and societal responsibility.

Application deadline: 31 December 2020



PhD updates

PhD-relay on Gender Studies

The Centre for Women's and Gender Research (SKOG) invites all interested PhD candidates to an interdisciplinary PhD relay on Monday, 7 December.

The seminar kicks off with a two-hour course on gender perspectives in research.

After the course, each candidate gets 15 minutes to present his or her work, followed by 15 minutes of discussion. You can either present your overall project or a particular problem related to gender in your work.

This is an opportunity to receive valuable feedback from gender scholars and other participants.

The course is especially relevant for PhD candidates who do empirical and/or theoretical research with a focus on gender. However, interested candidates from all disciplines are welcome to join!

Please sign up for the course by Friday 27 November - find the registration link [here](#). Participation and presentation is worth 1 ECTS.

Monday, 7 December

CCBIO welcomes you to the digital CCBIO Junior Scientist Symposium 26 November 2020

CCBIO Scientist Symposium **26 November 2020**. Keynote speaker **Yamila Cleuren** (research advisor CCBIO and Neuro-SysMed) has a very international career and a successful track record of securing international research grants. Surely, her talk on **"Money and career in science: where to start?"** will apply to PhD and postdoctoral fellows. In addition, local junior researchers will present exciting findings in **malignant melanoma, breast, prostate and endometrial cancer**.

Join for a perfect occasion for professional input and digital networking!

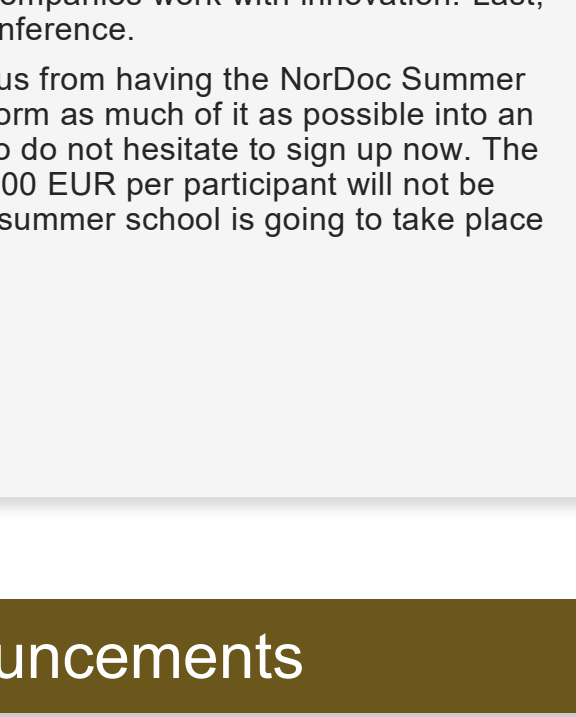
Open for all – register at [ccbiojuss.no](#) for Zoom-link!

Program: can be [found here](#)

Registration: At [ccbiojuss.no](#)

General information: More information about the Junior Scientist Symposia [can be found here](#).

26 November, 9-12:10, Zoom (login details will be sent to registered participants)



NorDoc Summer School 2021

The NorDoc Summer School takes place in Copenhagen on 16-20 August 2021 and this year the topic is Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Career Development

The Faculty of Medicine is member in NorDoc, a Nordic network of doctoral education in health sciences. Through NorDoc, you have access to courses and conferences arranged by the member Universities.

The annual NorDoc Summer School brings together PhD students from the Nordic countries for a week of interaction and discussions. The summer school is open to PhD students, faculty and administrators.

Sign up soon! There are only 250 seats available for the conference.

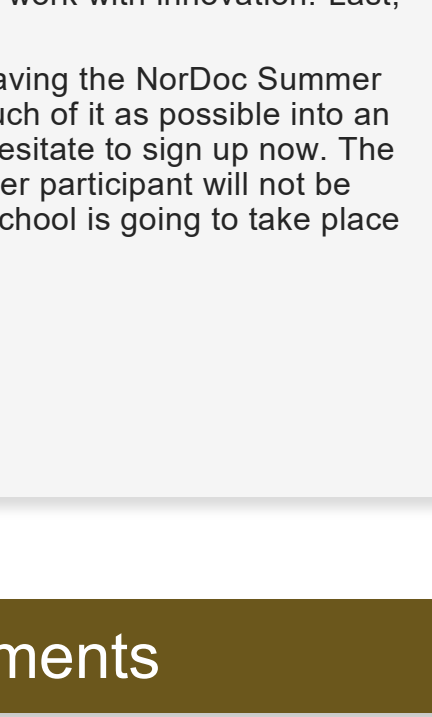
We have invited excellent speakers from the Nordic countries and hope to inspire you and give you new insight into some of the current opportunities in the Nordic countries. There will be presentations and panel debates as well as breakout sessions and workshops, where you get to work with experts and PhD students on the topics of your choice.

You can participate in several full day PhD courses in innovation and transferable skills - and you also get a chance to visit the industry in or around Copenhagen for a full day and learn how start-ups, small and big companies work with innovation. Last, but not least, the summer school ends with a conference.

NB: In case the **COVID-19** pandemic prevents us from having the NorDoc Summer School physically in Copenhagen, we will transform as much of it as possible into an online format – including the conference part. So do not hesitate to sign up now. The payment of the NorDoc Summer School fee of 100 EUR per participant will not be charged before June 2021 and only in case the summer school is going to take place physically in Copenhagen.

<https://healthsciences.ku.dk/phd/nordoc-summer-school/>

16-20 August 2021, Copenhagen



Funding Announcements

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?ids=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

Positioning Grants (POS) for 2021

Positioning Funding (POS) is divided into 2 categories:

1. Positioning researchers towards a future Horizon Europe call.
2. Field-specific strategic measures at faculty level;
3. Competence-building measures for researchers and administrative support staff at the faculties, aimed at consolidating their competitive positions regarding funding from Horizon Europe.

Templates for application forms and final reports can be found here: <https://www.uib.no/bog/97622/prosjektetablerings%C3%84tte-pes-og-posisjoneringmidler>

Applications must be sent to margarethe.bittins@uib.no by **26 November 2020**

Horizon Europe—European Research Council

Starting Grant For Researchers of any nationality with 2-7 years of experience since completion of PhD (Extensions are possible) a scientific track record showing great promise and an excellent research proposal. Up to € 1.5 million for a period of 5 years.

Consolidator Grant For Researchers of any nationality with 7-12 years of experience since completion of PhD (Extensions are possible under certain circumstances — see the latest [ERC Work Programme](#)), a scientific track record showing great promise and an excellent research proposal. Up to € 2 million for a period of 5 years.

Advanced Grant

Applicants for the ERC Advanced Grants - called Principal Investigators (PI) - are expected to be 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 a period of 5 years

Deadline 31 August 2021

Research Council of Norway

Researcher Project for Scientific Renewal.

Up to 12 Million NOK, Up to six years

Researcher Project for Young Research Talent.

Up to 8 million NOK, Up to four years

Deadline 10 February 2021

Three-year Researcher Project with International Mobility

Up to 3,9 million NOK, 3 years.

Large-scale interdisciplinary Researcher Project

Up to 25 million NOK, 4-6 years.

Deadline 10 February 2021

Collaborative Project to meet Societal and Industry-related Challenges

Min. 4 Mio NOK, 24-48 months Projects are to be carried out by one or more research organisations with relevant actors from public sector entities, non-governmental organisations, Norwegian trade and industry and/or other private organisations.

Deadline: 17 February 2021

NEW: Research Center for Clinical Treatment (FKB)

FKB is a national initiative with the goal of establishing clinical research environments which, through outstanding research, contribute to improving the treatment of Norwegian patients. Research organizations with access to patients in binding collaboration with relevant actors can apply. We aim to be able to allocate two to three new centers. To be able to apply, you must submit a mandatory sketch.

A Webinar for this call will be held on 27. November 2020 at 09.00-10.00. Requirements and guidelines for the announcement will be reviewed and there will be plenty of opportunities to ask questions. The event is streamed and recordings become available.

Deadlines: Sketch: 6 January 2021 / full proposal: 12 May 2021.

Civitan Alzheimer Foundation

Partial funding for PhD- and post doc projects. 500.000/year for 3-2 years.

Download the announcement [here](#).

Deadline 15 January 2021

Pasteurlegatet& Thjøtta's legat

Pasteurlegatet and Professor Th. Thjøtta legat will award a grant to young Norwegian scientists who intend to study a topic regarding infectious agents, chemistry or fermentation industry.

Read more: <https://www.legeforeningen.no/fag/aktuelt/pasteurlegatet/>

Deadline: 1 December 2020

Grants and bequests at the University of Bergen (e.g. Meltzerfond)