



newsletter

Department of Biomedicine



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Dear colleagues,

We are already well within the new year, and for the moment engaged in a busy period working on the Department budget for 2017. The budget will be finalized at the end of January by the Department Council. In the same meeting, we will address our principles for sharing teaching and possible changes needed, as we have now seen how the new study plan in medicine has shifted teaching between subjects and courses, and between practical and theoretical teaching. Another consequence of the new study plan is the need for earlier deadlines regarding the production of exam questions. The reason is simply that the Section of Academic Affairs has to relate to several departments within the Faculty which are involved in the semesters within our responsibility. This requires more time.

We will be joined by a great deal of new colleagues as a result of the application awards in 2016. During the spring semester, we will employ almost 20 new staff members. Per today, we know the names of around a third of these.

The Faculty has decided that anyone supervising PhD candidates must enroll in a mandatory course (online, through the "Mitt UiB"). Supervisors taking the course will receive an invitation by e-mail in the middle of January.

*Sincerely,
Rolf Reed
Head of Department*



Research, Science and Seminars

New publications at the Department of Biomedicine

This list is a result of the PubMed query "Bergen & Biomedicine". If someone misses their publications on the list, please send the link to it to the editor so it can be included in the next newsletter.



[Antagonistic Functions of MBP and CNP Establish Cytosolic Channels in CNS Myelin.](#)

Snaidero N, Velte C, Myllykoski M, Raasakka A, Ignatov A, Werner HB, Erwig MS, Möbius W, Kursula P, Nave KA, Simons M.

Cell Rep. 2017 Jan 10;18(2):314-323. doi: 10.1016/j.celrep.2016.12.053.

PMID: 28076777

[Surgical debulking promotes recruitment of macrophages and triggers glioblastoma phagocytosis in combination with CD47 blocking immunotherapy.](#)

Zhu H, Leiss L, Yang N, Rygh CB, Mitra SS, Cheshier SH, Weissman IL, Huang B, Miletic H, Bjerkvig R, Enger PØ, Li X, Wang J.

Oncotarget. 2017 Jan 6. doi: 10.18632/oncotarget.14553. [Epub ahead of print]

PMID: 28076333

[Collapsin response mediator protein 2: high-resolution crystal structure sheds light on small-molecule binding, post-translational modifications, and conformational flexibility.](#)

Myllykoski M, Baumann A, Hensley K, Kursula P.

Amino Acids. 2017 Jan 2. doi: 10.1007/s00726-016-2376-z. [Epub ahead of print]

PMID: 28044206

[Loss or Mislocalization of Aquaporin-4 Affects Diffusion Properties and Intermediary Metabolism in Gray Matter of Mice.](#)

Pavlin T, Nagelhus EA, Brekken C, Eyjolfsson EM, Thoren A, Haraldseth O, Sonnewald U, Ottersen OP, Håberg AK.

Neurochem Res. 2016 Dec 30. doi: 10.1007/s11064-016-2139-y. [Epub ahead of print]

PMID: 28039592

[Aneuploidy related transcriptional changes in endometrial cancer link low expression of chromosome 15q genes to poor survival.](#)

Mauland KK, Wik E, Hoivik EA, Kusonmano K, Halle MK, Berg A, Haugland HK, Øyan AM, Kalland KH, Stefansson IM, Akslen LA, Krakstad C, Trovik J, Werner HM, Salvesen HB.

Oncotarget. 2016 Dec 25. doi: 10.18632/oncotarget.14201. [Epub ahead of print]

PMID: 28039471

[Metabolic profiling indicates impaired pyruvate dehydrogenase function in myalgic encephalopathy/chronic fatigue syndrome.](#)

Fluge Ø, Mella O, Bruland O, Risa K, Dyrstad SE, Alme K, Rekeland IG, Sapkota D, Røslund GV, Fosså A, Ktoridou-Valen I, Lunde S, Sørland K, Lien K, Herder I, Thürmer H, Gotaas ME, Baranowska KA, Bohnen LM, Schäfer C, McCann A, Sommerfelt K, Helgeland L, Ueland PM, Dahl O, Tronstad KJ.

JCI Insight. 2016 Dec 22;1(21):e89376. doi: 10.1172/jci.insight.89376.

PMID: 28018972

[The combination of db-cAMP and ChABC with poly\(propylene carbonate\) microfibers promote axonal regenerative sprouting and functional recovery after spinal cord hemisection injury.](#)

Xia T, Huang B, Ni S, Gao L, Wang J, Wang J, Chen A, Zhu S, Wang B, Li G, Zhu S, Li X.

Biomed Pharmacother. 2016 Dec 20;86:354-362. doi: 10.1016/j.biopha.2016.12.045. [Epub ahead of print]

PMID: 28011383

[Tyrosine Hydroxylase Binding to Phospholipid Membranes Prompts Its Amyloid Aggregation and Compromises Bilayer Integrity.](#)

Baumann A, Jorge-Finnigan A, Jung-Kc K, Sauter A, Horvath I, Morozova-Roche LA, Martinez A.

Sci Rep. 2016 Dec 22;6:39488. doi: 10.1038/srep39488.

PMID: 28004763

[Endometrial cancer cells exhibit high expression of p110 \$\beta\$ and its selective inhibition induces variable responses on PI3K signaling, cell survival and proliferation.](#)

Karlsson T, Krakstad C, Løberg Tangen I, Hoivik EA, Pollock PM, Salvesen HB, Lewis AE.

Oncotarget. 2016 Dec 16. doi: 10.18632/oncotarget.13989. [Epub ahead of print]

PMID: 28002804

[Associations of five polymorphisms in the CD44 gene with cancer susceptibility in Asians.](#)

Qi Q, Wang J, Chen A, Huang B, Li G, Li X, Wang J.

Sci Rep. 2016 Dec 21;6:39485. doi: 10.1038/srep39485.

PMID: 28000766

[Vitamin levels in adults with ADHD.](#)

Landaas ET, Aarsland TI, Ulvik A, Halmøy A, Ueland PM, Haavik J.

BJPsych Open. 2016 Dec 13;2(6):377-384.

PMID: 27990293

[An Apicomplexan Actin-Binding Protein Serves as a Connector and Lipid Sensor to Coordinate Motility and Invasion.](#)

Jacot D, Tosetti N, Pires I, Stock J, Graindorge A, Hung YF, Han H, Tewari R, Kursula I, Soldati-Favre D.

Cell Host Microbe. 2016 Dec 14;20(6):731-743. doi: 10.1016/j.chom.2016.10.020.

PMID: 27978434

[Visualization, Inspection and Interpretation of Shotgun Proteomics Identification Results.](#)

Lereim RR, Oveland E, Berven FS, Vaudel M, Barsnes H.

Adv Exp Med Biol. 2016;919:227-235.

PMID: 27975220

[Tandem Mass Spectrum Sequencing: An Alternative to Database Search Engines in Shotgun Proteomics.](#)

Muth T, Rapp E, Berven FS, Barsnes H, Vaudel M.
Adv Exp Med Biol. 2016;919:217-226.
PMID: 27975219

[Database Search Engines: Paradigms, Challenges and Solutions.](#)

Verheggen K, Martens L, Berven FS, Barsnes H, Vaudel M.
Adv Exp Med Biol. 2016;919:147-156.
PMID: 27975215

[Tyrosine and tryptophan hydroxylases as therapeutic targets in human disease.](#)

Waløen K, Kleppe R, Martinez A, Haavik J.
Expert Opin Ther Targets. 2017 Feb;21(2):167-180. doi: 10.1080/14728222.2017.1272581.
PMID: 27973928

[Implication of NOTCH1 gene in susceptibility to anxiety and depression among sexual abuse victims.](#)

Steine IM, Zayats T, Stansberg C, Pallesen S, Mrdalj J, Håvik B, Soulé J, Haavik J, Milde AM, Skrede S, Murison R, Krystal J, Grønli J.
Transl Psychiatry. 2016 Dec 13;6(12):e977. doi: 10.1038/tp.2016.248.
PMID: 27959334

[Long-term consumption of an obesogenic high fat diet prior to ischemia-reperfusion mediates cardioprotection via Epac1-dependent signaling.](#)

Edland F, Wergeland A, Kopperud R, Åsrud KS, Hoivik EA, Witsø SL, Æsøy R, Madsen L, Kristiansen K, Bakke M, Døskeland SO, Jonassen AK.
Nutr Metab (Lond). 2016 Nov 28;13:87.
PMID: 27933093

[High mRNA levels of 17 \$\beta\$ -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase type 1 correlate with poor prognosis in endometrial cancer.](#)

Cornel KM, Krakstad C, Delvoux B, Xanthouleas S, Jori B, Bongers MY, Konings GF, Kooreman LF, Kruitwagen RF, Salvesen HB; ENITEC., Romano A.
Mol Cell Endocrinol. 2016 Dec 5;442:51-57. doi: 10.1016/j.mce.2016.11.030. [Epub ahead of print]
PMID: 27923582

Current funding announcements/deadlines

Norges Forskningsråd (NFR)

- ⇒ [ERA-NET EuroNanoMed III cofund announcement](#) supports projects that combine innovative research in basic, clinical and industrial nanomedicine. The announcement will have three themes: • Regenerative Medicine • Diagnostics • Targeted delivery systems. **Deadlines: first stage 16 January 2017, second stage 9 June 2017**
- ⇒ **NEW:** [SYNKNØYT](#): up to 20 million for synchrotron and neutron-based research. **Deadline: 15 February 2017**
- ⇒ **NEW:** RCN is planning [a joint call of the four programs \(BEDREHELSE, HELSEVEL, KVINNEHELSE, BEHANDLING\) within Health](#). One P.I. may submit one application only, i.e. will have to choose between the four programs. **Deadline: 26 April**
There will be an information meeting in Trondheim on the **14th of February**. The meeting will be streamed.



Horizon 2020

- ⇒ [Horizon 2020](#) and [news](#)
- ⇒ Project establishment support [PES](#) and POS (posisjoneringssmidler) for Horizon 2020 applicants: open-ended during Horizon2020 Call period.
- ⇒ 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 Middtveit](#), [Itana Sloper-Krivokapic](#).
- ⇒ Read more (information and routines for application): <http://www.uib.no/en/horizon2020>



Selected H2020 deadlines 2016:

European Research Council (ERC) - *Frontier research grants*

- ⇒ [Consolidator Grant](#): are designed to support excellent Principal Investigators at the career stage at which they may still be consolidating their own independent research team or programme.

Deadline: 9 February 2017.



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 \(MSCA-RISE-2017\)](#): RISE gives support for mobility and exchanges of research and innovation staff, incl. managerial, technical and administrative staff between institutions in different sectors or with research institutions in countries outside of Europe.

Planned opening date: 01 December 2016 **Deadline: 5 April 2017**

[Information meeting](#) MSCA-RISE 20 January 2017, RCN Oslo

NEW: [Webinar MSCA-RISE 2 February 10:00-11:00](#)

Societal Challenges (SC): Collaborative breakthrough research and radical innovation

SC1-2017 Health, demographic change and wellbeing:

The headline goal of the programme 'Health, Demographic Change and Wellbeing' is better health for all. Its main policy objectives are to improve health and wellbeing outcomes, to promote healthy and active ageing, to promote market growth, job creation, and the EU as a global leader in the health area.

Personalised medicine, single-stage

Deadline: 14 March 2017

- ⇒ SC1-PM-17-2017: [Personalised computer models and in-silico systems for well-being](#)
- ⇒ SC1-PM-16-2017: [In-silico trials for developing and assessing biomedical products](#)

Deadline: 11 April 2017

- ⇒ SC1-PM-03-2017: [Diagnostic characterization of rare diseases](#)
- ⇒ SC1-HCO-08-2017: [Actions to bridge the divide in European health research and innovation](#)

Horizon 2020 - Complementary Calls

- ⇒ Pre-announcement [IMI 2 \(Innovative Medicines Initiative 2\) – Call 10](#):

- [Biomanufacturing 2020: Development of innovative high throughput analytical tools and methods to characterize cell culture fluid during development and commercial cell culture processes](#) 
- [Unlocking the solute carrier gene-family for effective new therapies](#) 

Deadline: for stage one submission 28 March 2017



EEA/Norway Grants

- ⇒ [Hungary – scholarship: professional visits action](#).

Deadline: 30 April 2017

NordForsk

- ⇒ [New instrument for Nordic University Cooperation: Nordic University Hubs](#): The overall goal of the new funding instrument is to strengthen international competitiveness and facilitate the development of world leading research environments in the Nordic region. **Deadline: 3 May 2017**

Regional Research Vestlandet – Regionale forskningsfond Vestlandet

- ⇒ [Regional research Vestlandet](#) announced funding for regional researcher project. Regional research projects will contribute to new knowledge about issues relevant to the region and theme within regional development.

Deadline: 15 February 2017

JPND – Joint Programme – Neurodegenerative Disease Research

- ⇒ **NEW:** [JPND \(Joint Programme – Neurodegenerative Disease Research\) launched a joint trans-national call for multinational research projects for pathway analysis](#). This call invites proposals for ambitious, innovative, multinational and multidisciplinary collaborative research projects to perform network analyses across diseases (Alzheimer and Parkinson diseases), in order to further elucidate the common underlying mechanisms involved.

Deadline: 6 March 2017

Systems Medicine

- ⇒ **NEW:** Pre-announcement of the “[2nd Joint Transnational Call for European Research Projects on Systems Medicine \(ERACoSysMed\)](#)”. The central aim of ERACoSysMed is to enhance the implementation of Systems Biology approaches in medical concepts, research and practice throughout Europe and Israel by structuring, coordinating and integrating national efforts and investments.

Deadline: call is scheduled to open on February 3 2017

Fellowships and Personal Grants

- ⇒ [EMBO \(European Molecular Biology Organization\) Fellowships](#). *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: 12 February 2017**
- ⇒ [Career Development Fellowships](#) aims to provide funding to actions that aim to support junior to mid-career researchers (“fellows”) to train and develop their clinical research skills. **Deadline: 28 February 2017**



Meetings/workshops/conferences

- ⇒ [Swiss Nordic Bio 2017](#) is organised by the Nordic countries in cooperation with Swiss partners. During this partnering and investor conference, Swiss and Nordic biotech, pharmaceutical companies and investors meet in one-to-one meetings and present themselves in plenum, **8 February 2017**, Zürich
[Info and registration](#) until 20 January 2017
- ⇒ The 3rd conference of the [International Rare Diseases Research Consortium \(IRDiRC\)](#) will take place **February 8-9** in Paris. [Registration](#) for IRDiRC 2017 is now open!
- ⇒ [Successful R&I in Europe 2017 - 8th European Networking Event](#): Participants are invited to become involved in established and new technology networks between researchers, entrepreneurs and multipliers related to Horizon 2020, **2-3 March 2017**, Düsseldorf, Germany.

Funding for cooperation in higher education

You can find an updated overview of calls for cooperation in higher education [here](#). Relevant calls for researchers from our department are **Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees**, **Mobility grants North America in educational research (UTNAM)**, **Strategic Partnerships**, and more. **Please note:**

[Peder Sather Grant Program](#)

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. 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.

For more information, see <http://sathercenter.berkeley.edu/>

Deadline: 1 March 2017

For questions on the calls, please contact [Kaia Nepstad](#).

Overview of relevant calls in the Horizon 2020 program for 2017

An overview of coming calls in the Horizon 2020 program for 2017 can be found in [this document](#). The overview provides information about the programs, deadlines and if the calls are thematically restricted.

INFRAFRONTIER open call

Disease model development and systemic phenotyping

INFRAFRONTIER, the European Research Infrastructure for phenotyping and archiving of model mammalian genomes is opening a call to facilitate access for the wider biomedical research community to the unique infrastructure and scientific expertise of the INFRAFRONTIER mouse clinics. INFRAFRONTIER offers the testing of mouse mutant lines through a broad based primary phenotyping pipeline in all the major adult organ systems and most areas of major human disease. Access will be granted on the basis of scientific excellence and supports the development and in depth characterisation of new mouse models for investigating gene function and human pathophysiology. INFRAFRONTIER will provide open access to all newly developed disease models and phenotyping data.

More information, including call scope and modalities, and the call application form on [INFRAFRONTIER's webpage](#).

Proposal submission to proposals@infrafrontier.eu by **15 February 2017**.

Proposal evaluation from 16 February to 31 March 2017.

Are all your publications from 2016 registered in **Cristin** ?

We ask all scientific staff to check that all of your group's publications for 2015 are registered in [Cristin](#) and register any publications missing from the list. Articles in category 1 and 2 already registered can be found [here](#).

Contact Amra Grudic-Feta if you need help with the registration, or see the [Cristin user manual](#).

Novo Nordisk Foundation: a call for postdoctoral fellowships for research within biotechnology-based synthesis and production

The image is a screenshot of the Novo Nordisk Foundation website. The header shows the logo 'novonordiskfonden' on the left and navigation links 'ABOUT THE FOUNDATION' and 'OUR ACTIVITIES' on the right. The main content area features a large blue abstract graphic on the left and text on the right. The text reads: 'POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS FOR RESEARCH WITHIN BIOTECHNOLOGY-BASED SYNTHESIS AND PRODUCTION'. Below this, it says 'NORDIC REGION' and 'PURPOSE'. The purpose text states: 'Applications are invited for postdoctoral fellowships within biotechnology-based synthesis and production research. These fellowships support fundamental and applied research projects aimed at generating products in improved and more sustainable ways. Fellowships must be based at a university or other non-profit research institution in Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway or Sweden.' On the left side of the main content area, there is a yellow box with the following information: 'Application system opens December 22, 2016', 'Deadline for applications January 31, 2017 at 16:00', 'Awards announced End of March, 2017', and 'Earliest fellowship start date May 1, 2017'.

These fellowships support fundamental and applied research projects aimed at generating products in improved and more sustainable ways. Fellowships must be based at a university or other non-profit research institution in Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway or Sweden.

Projects must involve a clear element of biotechnology, and may in addition utilize any other scientific and engineering discipline relevant to achieve the objectives. More information about the application criteria, eligibility and the application process on [their website](#).

Deadline: 31 January 2017 If you are interested, please talk to Amra Grudic-Feta in the administration.



Are you between 25 and 40, wanting to form your own research group?

For the first time, CAS Oslo (Center for Advanced Study) invites younger researchers to apply for «Young CAS».

The center will give younger academic staff a unique opportunity to form their own research groups and utilize the facilities available at CAS Oslo for one week, this summer. They offer accommodation and a refund of the travel expenses of all participants. Read more about the offer at: [Young CAS](#)

Mandatory supervision course from spring 2017

As previously decided, the Faculty will implement a new mandatory e-learning course for all PhD candidate supervisors from the spring semester 2017. The course will be held online through the Mitt UiB learning platform. Supervisors will receive an invitation by e-mail in the middle of January.

From now on, the Faculty will demand a completed e-learning course for scientific staff who are going to supervise PhD candidates. The Faculty will keep a registry of staff members who have completed the course.

The BOA team's services

The BOA teamet is UiB's central administrative support team for external financing. This team assists applicants with a variety of services during the application process. As certain funding announcements attract many interested parties, the extent and quality level of the BOA team will depend on how early they are contacted regarding support requests. Please consult the [BOA team web pages](#) for further information; the pages will be updated regularly.

Applicants are encouraged to contact the BOA team as soon as possible in relation to application deadlines through the Department administration.

Some examples on upcoming deadlines, which may be relevant to some, are:

[Unlocking the Solute Carrier Gene-Family for Effective New Therapies \(Unlock SLCs\)](#) – **deadline 28 March 2017**

[In-silico trials for developing and assessing biomedical products](#) – **deadline 14 March 2017**

[Diagnostic characterization of rare diseases](#) (rare diseases = diseases affecting no more than 5 per 10 000 persons in the European Union) – **deadline 11 April 2017**



Patients suffering from chronic exhaustion (ME) may have a metabolic malfunction

A recent study indicates that low energy levels and increased lactic acid production in ME patients may be caused by an inhibition of an enzyme called pyruvat dehydrogenase. The project behind the study is headed by Professor Karl Johan Tronstad from the Department of Biomedicine, together with Chief Attendant Physician and researcher at Department of Clinical Science, Øystein Fluge, and the Cancer Facility Director at Haukeland University Hospital, Professor Olav Mella. The study is published in the highly renowned *Journal of Clinical Investigation Insight*. Read the whole story at [bt.no](#) (in Norwegian, subscribers only).

Photo: Per Øystein Sakariassen, UiB

The inspirational role model of the Prime Minister



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This year's annual New Year speech by Prime Minister Erna Solberg made us all very proud. Among a total of five names, Solberg mentioned **James Lorens** and the research behind BerGenBio AS as her sources of inspiration. Moreover, the Prime Minister stated that Norway will need more new and innovative private companies as future generations will not be able to rely heavily on the oil sector activity. We will all have to be on the lookout for new possibilities.

You can hear the whole speech [here](#), (Norwegian only), and the innovation theme mentioned here starts approximately at 03.10 into the speech.



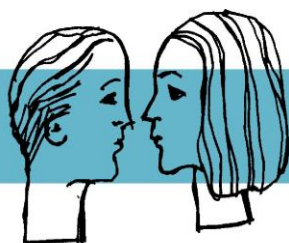
Operations & HSE News



Changes in the Department mail routine

Mail sent from the Department - outgoing mail - will be picked up at 12:30 every day from now on.

Incoming mail to the Department will be distributed by 15:00 every day.



HR News

[This page](#) gives an overview of courses, seminars, information meetings and similar

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

Refunds to be processed in PAGAwab

From 2017, UiB has revised its procedures regarding refunding – no longer will only salary-related outlays be processed from PAGAwab, but any and all types of refunds are to be handled from the web portal.

Travel expenses/refunds

A new procedure is also that any and all receipts must be **scanned** and paper versions are no longer to be submitted. This is highly advantageous, as the scanned versions will enable faster processing while there will no longer be any need to keep the originals locally.

If you have any questions about travel refund forms, refunding procedures in general or related issues, please contact the administration or the financial consultant assigned to your research group.



Academic Affairs

Upcoming Master's Exam:

Anna Marie Moe

Monday 16 January, 10: 00, Meeting room 5th floor, BBB.

Title: «The Effect of PARP Inhibitor PJ34 on Metastatic Melanoma Cell Lines»

Supervisor: Frits Thorsen



PhD Updates

An overview of available PhD and postdoc positions supported by the Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions can be found [here](#).



Congratulations to **Astrid Guldbrandsen** with a well-defended trial lecture and thesis on 16 December 2016! We would also like to take the opportunity to wish you the best of luck with your future research career.

Photo: Anne Sidsel Herdlevær



Oscar Aubi Catevilla

Trial lecture:	“Cooperative inhibition and allosteric modulation in Disease and Drug Discovery”
Time and venue:	Friday, 27 January 2017 at 08.30, Auditorium 2, BB-building
Defense:	“Discovery of small-molecule activity modulators of bacterial and human phenylalanine hydroxylase”
Time and venue:	Friday, 27 January 2017 at 11.30, Large Auditorium, Haukeland
1.opponent:	Professor Milagros Medina, University of Zaragoza, Spain
2.opponent:	Professor Ingebrigt Sylte, The Arctic University of Norway, Tromsø
Leader of the Committee:	Professor Inari Kursula, University of Bergen
Custos:	Professor Ruth Brenk, University of Bergen

Defending your PhD before the summer?

If you are going to defend your PhD before the summer, please remember the deadline on **April 07**, as 10 weeks need to expire from the submission to the actual defense.

Also remember that the training component must be approved at least **one month** before the submission deadline.

Dear PhD candidate – are you ready for this semester?

[Studentweb](#) is open for semester registration for the spring semester 2017. When you log in you can:

- update your address
- register for courses (both class and examination)
- confirm that your individual education plan for this semester is correct

Under “courses” you can register for courses you wish to take during spring semester. The **deadline is 1 February 2017**. Be aware that you need to register both for teaching/classes and exam.

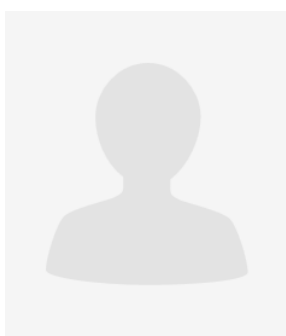
PS: Semester registration and course registration are two separate processes. Everyone needs to semester register where they confirm their education plan. Only those who plan to take courses need to register the courses.

Questions?

If you have any questions, you may contact phd@biomed.uib.no. Read more about PhD-registration [here](#).



Staff Updates



Welcome to **Cecilie Køhler** in her new permanent position as Staff Engineer at the Department. Cecilie will mainly work with the Section of Teaching («Undervisningsavdelingen»).

Welcome to the Department; we hope you will enjoy working with us!



Welcome to **Jubayer Hossain** in his new position as Postdoctor in the [Translational Cancer Research group](#), financed by Helse Vest. Jubayer will work with the project *"Combination of Suicide Gene Therapy with Immunotherapy for Glioblastoma"*, with Hrvoje Miletic as his mentor. We are glad to see you continue as a Department employee and hope you will enjoy your Postdoctor position!

Photo: Jørgen Barth, UiB



Welcome to **Abdul Latif** as new PhD candidate in the [Translational Cancer Research group](#), financed by Helse Vest. Abdul will work on the project *«High throughput screening of a miRNA library to boost the bystander effect of suicide gene therapy for brain tumors»* with Hrvoje Miletic as main supervisor. We hope you will enjoy working with us!

Photo: private



Welcome to **Ju Xu** as Staff Engineer in 50 % position. Xu will be a new addition to the [Biorecognition group](#). Welcome to the Department; we hope you will enjoy working with us!

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