

Dear colleagues,

Today we had the yearly Health-Safety-Environment (HSE-) day and I will by this thank all the parties that have been involved in setting-up the programme. The HSE day should both have a social focus as well as a focus on important health and safety issues. The Faculty of Medicine has a strong focus on HSE and a new action plan is soon coming from the faculty. In this context, I believe that our Department is very well prepared for the incorporation of this action plan into our common work. We have also the yearly Christmas party today which represents the most prominent social event of the year.

Enjoy the evening through traditional Norwegian Christmas food and beverages!

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Human Resources

Events
for UiB employees

Benefits
for employees at UiB

Vacant positions
at the University of Bergen

We wish farewell to this colleague:



Astrid Guldbrandsen resigned from her position as Post Doctor in the Barsnes group on 05 December. Best of wishes for her future career!

Operations, Health, and Safety

Internasjonal Senter inviterer til Utreiseseminar

Internasjonalt senter inviterer vitenskapelig ansatte til utreisesemina seminar. Det vil bli en gjennomgang av tema som:

- Finansieringskilder
- Forsikring
- Folketrygd
- Skatt
- Praktiske gjøremål

Seminarret holdes på engelsk.

Lenke til arrangement: <https://www.uib.no/ut/131902/utreiseseminar>

Lenke til registrering: <https://skjemaker.app.uib.no/view.php?id=7559365>

Torsdag 17. januar 2020, kl. 13.30-15.30

Mobility Seminar for researchers

The International Centre UiB invites personnel in academic positions to a seminar on mobility. The following topics will be presented:

- Financial sources
- Insurances
- National insurance scheme
- Tax
- Practicalities.

The seminar will be held in English.

Link to calendar event: <https://www.uib.no/en/out/131480/mobility-seminar>

Link to registration: <https://skjemaker.app.uib.no/view.php?id=7559365>

Thursday 17 January 2020, 13:30-15:30

Påminnelse: Jul og romjulen

Åpningstider i ekspedisjonen

Dato	Arbeidstid	Ekspedisjonen
Mandag 23.12.	<i>vanlig arbeidsdag</i>	ÅPEN 08-15
Tirsdag 24.12	<i>halv arbeidsdag</i>	STENGT
Onsdag 25.12.	<i>helligdag</i>	STENGT
Torsdag 26.12	<i>helligdag</i>	STENGT
Fredag 27.12.	<i>vanlig arbeidsdag</i>	ÅPEN 09-14
Mandag 30.12.	<i>vanlig arbeidsdag</i>	ÅPEN 09-14
Tirsdag 31.12.	<i>halv arbeidsdag</i>	STENGT
Mandag 1.1.	<i>helligdag</i>	STENGT
Tirsdag 2.1.	<i>vanlig arbeidsdag</i>	ÅPEN 08-15

Bestillinger

Det vil være bestillingsstopp fra **09. desember kl. 14.00.**

Bestillinger vil gå som normalt igjen fra 1. virkedag i januar 2020.

Sending av julepost 2019

For julepost i Norge anbefales **16. desember.**

Her er fristene når du skal sende brev, hvis de skal komme frem innen jul: Sverige, Danmark, Finland og Island - **15. desember**

For pakker, les mer på UiB's ansattssider:

<https://www.uib.no/foransatte/131406/frister-sending-av-julepost-2019>

Reminder: Countdown to Christmas

Opening hours in the reception

Date	Work time	Reception
Monday 23.12..	<i>Normal work day</i>	OPEN 08-15
Tuesday 24.12	<i>Half work day</i>	CLOSED
Wednesday 25.12.	<i>Public holiday</i>	CLOSED
Thursday 26.12	<i>Public holiday</i>	CLOSED
Friday 27.12.	<i>Normal work day</i>	OPEN 09-14
Monday 30.12.	<i>Normal work day</i>	OPEN 09-14
Tuesday 31.12.	<i>Half work day</i>	CLOSED
Monday 1.1.	<i>Public holiday</i>	CLOSED
Tuesday 2.1.	<i>Normal work day</i>	OPEN 08-15

Ordering

The deadline for purchasing goods is **09 December, 14:00.**

Purchases will resume as normal from the first business day of 2020.

Shipping

For shipping in Norway, please post your mail by **16 December**, in order for it to arrive by Christmas.

Here are the deadlines for sending letters, should they arrive by Christmas:

Sweden, Denmark, Finland and Iceland - December 15

For packages, read more on UiB's staff pages: <https://www.uib.no/foransatte/131406/frister-sending-av-julepost-2019>

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.

[Reduced expression of proteolipid protein 2 increases ER stress-induced apoptosis and autophagy in glioblastoma.](#)

Feng Z, Zhou W, Wang J, Qi Q, Han M, Kong Y, Hu Y, Zhang Y, Chen A, Huang B, Chen A, Zhang D, Li W, Zhang Q, Bjerkvig R, Wang J, Thorsen F, Li X.

J Cell Mol Med. 2019 Nov 28. doi: 10.1111/jcmm.14840.

[Therapeutic implications of altered cholesterol homeostasis mediated by loss of CYP46A1 in human glioblastoma.](#)

Han M, Wang S, Yang N, Wang X, Zhao W, Saed HS, Daubon T, Huang B, Chen A, Li G, Miletic H, Thorsen F, Bjerkvig R, Li X, Wang J.

EMBO Mol Med. 2019 Nov 28:e10924. doi: 10.15252/emmm.201910924.

[Platelet-derived growth factor receptor α/glial fibrillary acidic protein expressing peritumoral astrocytes associate with shorter median overall survival in glioblastoma patients.](#)

Leiss L, Mega A, Olsson Bontell T, Nistér M, Smits A, Corvigno S, Rahman MA, Enger PØ, Miletic H, Östman A.

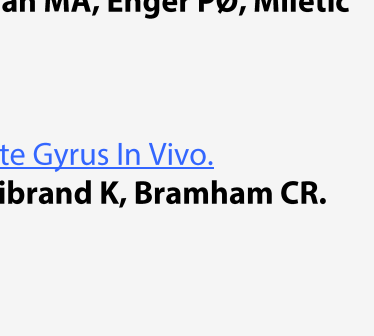
Glia. 2019 Nov 26. doi: 10.1002/glia.23756

[MicroRNA-34a Acutely Regulates Synaptic Efficacy in the Adult Dentate Gyrus In Vivo.](#)

Berentsen B, Patil S, Rønnestad K, Goff KM, Pajak M, Simpson TI, Wibrand K, Bramham CR.

Mol Neurobiol. 2019 Nov 21. doi: 10.1007/s12035-019-01816-1.

Cell Mol Gastroenterol Hepatol. 2019 Nov 2

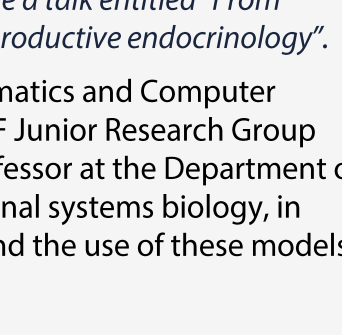


CCBIO seminar

Professor Anders Goksøyr, UiB, will give a talk entitled "From feminized fish to obese mice: On endocrine and metabolic disruption in wildlife (and the lab)".

Anders Goksøyr is Professor in Environmental Toxicology at the Department of Biological Sciences at UiB, and has an adjunct senior scientist position at the Institute of Marine Research, Bergen. His research interests are in environmental toxicology of wildlife and humans, exploring mechanisms of effects, toxicogenomics, systems biology, and endocrine disruption. He is PI of the Center for Digital Life Norway project dCod 1.0, using cod to monitor the Marine environment.

Thursday, December 12, 14.30, NB! Birkhaugsalen, Main hospital building



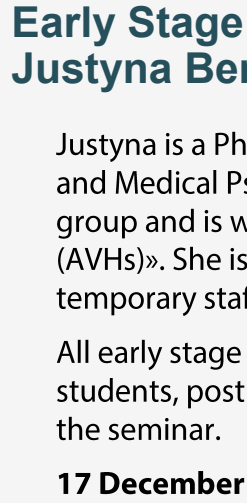
BBB seminar

Susanna Röblitz from the Computational Biology Unit (CBU), UiB, will give a talk entitled "From mechanistic modelling to clinical decision support: A case study from reproductive endocrinology".

Susanna Röblitz was Assistant Professor at the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science at the Freie Universität Berlin, Germany, and holder of a BMBF Junior Research Group Grant, before she moved to Bergen in 2018. She is now Associate Professor at the Department of Informatics and member of CBU. Her research focuses on computational systems biology, in particular mechanistic modelling of hormonal regulatory networks and the use of these models for drug development and treatment planning.

PhD updates

PhD defense: Line Pedersen



Trial lecture:

Given topic: "Pros and cons of cancer mouse models"

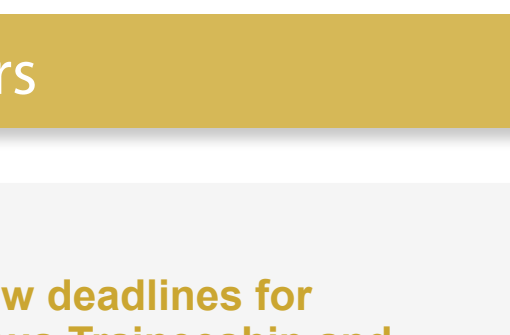
Friday 13 December, 10:15, Auditorium 2

Public defense

Thesis: "Metabolic reprogramming and adaptations in malignancies. A study of breast and pancreatic cancer"

Friday 13 December, 12:15, Auditorium 2

Early Stage Researcher Seminar: Justyna Beresniewicz



Justyna is a PhD candidate at the Department of Biological and Medical Psychology on the 8th and 9th floor at BBB. She is a member of the Bergen FMRI group and is working on «Cognitive and neural mechanisms of auditory verbal hallucinations (AVHs)». She is also a board member of **UiBdoc**, the organisation for PhDs, post docs and other temporary staff at UiB. In her talk, she will address both, her research and the activities of UiBdoc.

All early stage researchers at the Department of Biomedicine are invited: PhD-candidates, master students, post docs and researchers. There is no registration. There will be pizza for lunch after the seminar.

17 December 11:30, 3rd floor conference room

Academic Affairs

Nye frister for Erasmus Traineeship og gjestestudenter

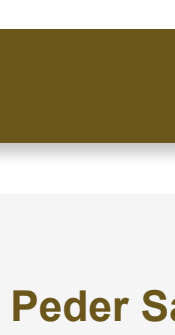
Erasmus Traineeship-ordningen og/eller gjestestudentordningen er populære ordninger for å rekruttere besøkende lærlinger og studenter ved laboratorier og forskergrupper på Institutt for biomedisin.

Studieavdelingen (SA) har tidligere behandlet søknader om å ta i mot Erasmus Traineeship-studenter (ET-studenter) fortløpende, men har nylig omstrukturert både arbeidsoppgaver og frister i forbindelse med slike studenter. ET-studenter blir nå tatt opp på linje med gjestestudenter, **etter følgende frister:**

Vårsemesteret: **15. oktober**

Sommerperioden og høstsemesteret: **01. februar**

Kontaktperson for innreisende studenter og ET-studenter på instituttet er [Stian Krog](#).



Erasmus+

New deadlines for Erasmus Traineeship and guest students

The Erasmus Traineeship arrangement and/or the guest student arrangement are popular ways to recruit visiting trainees and students to laboratories and research groups at the Department of Biomedicine.

Section for Student and Academic Affairs (SA) has previously processed applications for Erasmus Traineeship students (ET students) and guest students continuously, but due to recent changes in administrative structures and procedures they have announced new deadlines for such applications.

ET students and guest students are now processed together, and the following deadlines apply:

Spring semester: **15 October**

Summer season/autumn semester: **01 February**

Contact person for incoming students and ET students at the department is [Stian Krog](#).

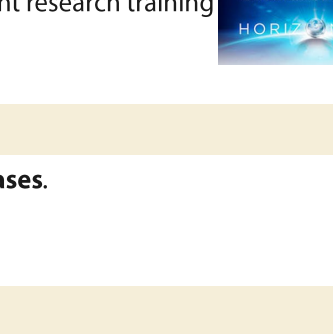
Funding Announcements

Peder Sather Center

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 and application form, visit Peder Sather Center's [webpage](#).

Stiftelsen Dam / Norwegian Cancer Society



The Norwegian Cancer Society conveys applications for funding for cancer-relevant research from Stiftelsen Dam (formerly ExtraStiftelsen). Dam has a new administrative research structure which entail some new procedures and deadlines. The Norwegian Cancer Society invites research environments to collaborate in developing applications in line with the priorities of Stiftelsen Dam and the Norwegian Cancer Society.

Read more about the announcement [here](#) (Norwegian).

Application deadline: **31 January** (preliminary application) and **25 May** (extended application).

Current funding announcements/deadlines

Horizon 2020 – European Research Council ERC Frontier research grants

[ERC Consolidator Grant](#) -Deadline: 4 February 2020

Horizon 2020 – Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions

Innovative Training Networks (ITN) - [MSCA-ITN-2020](#) - supports competitively selected joint research training and/or doctoral programmes.

Deadline: 14 January 2020



European and Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP)

In 2019, EDCTP's supports clinical research and related activities on **poverty-related diseases**.

[Paediatric drugs formulations for poverty-related diseases \(RIA\)](#)

Deadline: 16 March 2020

Trond Mohn Foundation

Grants towards research and research supporting activities at the University of Bergen and Haukeland University Hospital (HUS) , and other Norwegian research institutions who cooperate with institutions in Bergen. The foundation also gives grants to support translational research at UiB and HUS.

[The Starting Grant Programme](#) is open to departments and faculties at the University of Bergen (UiB)

Eligibility: TMS encourages the university to nominate candidates with an **international background**.

Eligibility: Candidates may nominate candidates that meet the eligibility criteria as follows: Candidates who hold a permanent position as an associate professor or professor at UiB are not eligible for nomination. A candidate cannot be nominated two consecutive years. Candidates who have reached the age of 40 by 16 March 2020 are normally not eligible. The age limit may be extended for a maximum of two (2) years under certain circumstances

Deadline: **March 16th 2020**



Novo Nordisk

[Excellence Emerging Investigator Grant within Endocrinology and Metabolism](#) – for early career principal investigators (senior postdocs, assistant professors, etc.) to develop their career and establish their own teams. PhD within the past 4-8 years

[Ascending Investigator Grant within Endocrinology and Metabolism](#) – for principal investigators at associate professor or senior research level to consolidate their research groups and reach their full potential as research leader. PhD within the past 8-18 years

[Distinguished Investigator Grant within Endocrinology and Metabolism](#) – outstanding professors who have demonstrated the ability to execute and lead research at the highest international level through several years

Deadline: **15 January 2020**

EEA Grants

[Romania-Norway - Collaborative Research Projects \(CRPs\)](#) that enhance research-based knowledge development in Romania. The call will target basic and applied research including health and biotechnology. EUR 500.000-1.200.000 for up to 3 years (with the possibility of 6-9 months extension).

Deadline: **16 December 2019.**

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Personal Grants

Research Council of Norway TRAVEL GRANT

Scholarship for research stays abroad for 3-12 months for PhD candidates and Post Doctors in projects with funding from the Research Council. **Deadline: continuing**

Helse Vest TRAVEL GRANT

granted for 6 or 12 months. Postdoctoral fellowship applicants are especially encouraged to apply for an overseas fellowship over the course of their fellowship period. **Continuing deadline**

ERASMUS+ staff mobility TRAVEL GRANT

Subsidising mobility of up to two months, for UiB staff including PhD-candidates and post docs, to attend courses or individual laboratory visits. Also have a look at the list of organized [staff mobility weeks](#).

Deadline: **20 August and 20 January**

