



Department of Biomedicine Newsletter



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Dear colleagues,

Our students are an essential part of our department. We are fortunate to have good students, both in the Master's programme, in the health professions' programmes and in the PhD programme. It is a privilege to work with such a motivated group of young people.

For all our students in the health professions' programmes, we are required to assess the suitability and fitness ("skikkethet") for their future profession. This is according to the law on higher education (Universitets- og høyskoleloven) and its regulations. All UiB employees that are in contact with the students are required to take part in the assessment. A student may be considered "not fit" for their profession if they may pose a potential risk for life, physical and mental health, rights or safety for their patients, children or students/pupils they will encounter. This might be due to many factors – such as personality challenges, behavioural or communicative challenges, repeated negligence or irresponsibility, lack of collaborative skills, or drug use or other criminal activities.

It is a continuous process to help the students develop the knowledge, skills and behaviours required for the profession, and we shall give them feedback to facilitate this process. Still, if we find that there is serious doubt whether a student is going to be fit for his profession, we are required to submit a "notice of doubt" ("Tvilsmelding") to the person responsible for fitness assessment at UiB ("Institusjonsansvarlig for skikkethet"), who has the task to investigate further and to give his/her assessment.

The last 1 ½ years I have had the role of "Institusjonsansvarlig" at UiB. I have been working with students from the study programmes at our own faculty, and from the psychology and pedagogy programmes, which also are covered by these regulations. I have found this an interesting and a highly important field. So far, we have had 6-7 cases per year for the entire university, but from experience from other universities we expect that this number may double when staff and students are even better informed and the routines are well established.

An important motivation for the system of fitness assessment is that the student involved can be offered additional supervision and advice, and possibly, he/she can consider choosing a different career path. Therefore, the earlier we can identify students with challenges, the better.

What do you do, if in doubt? Contact me, or Head of Study administration at the faculty, Ørjan Leren, for advice. You can discuss cases with us to help clarify the best way to go further. If you conclude that a "Tvilsmelding" is warranted, it is important with first-hand descriptions of the reasons for doubt, as far as possible.

Summer has arrived, and I wish you all the best of luck with your applications, and with the remaining exams of the Spring semester!

Arne Tjølsen
Deputy Head for Teaching

Information on "skikkethet":

<https://www.uib.no/ledelsen/109424/skikkethetsvurdering-ved-uib>

(For English, choose language at top right)

Takk for innsats!

Vi vil gjerne si TUSEN TAKK for den store innsatsen ved instituttets store kjemikalie-ryddedag.

Det har vært hardt arbeid, og vi håper at dere kan nå nyte fordelene ved å ha bedre sikkerhet på labben.

Thanks for your efforts!

We want to express a great THANK YOU to all of you who helped so tirelessly at the great chemical clean-up day!

We appreciate that this was hard work, and we hope that you can also enjoy the benefits of it in terms of improved lab safety.



Human Relations

This page gives an overview of courses, seminars, information meetings and similar events organized at UiB.

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

We welcome our new employees:



Camilla Osberg started in a long-term project position with Thomas Arnesen on June 01. The position has financing until June 2023.



Minglu Dai started his 3-year PhD position with Thomas Arnesen on June 07.

We will also have two temps this summer:

Sturla Magnus Grøndal (technical assistant, 50 % position, 01 June - 10 August)

Lars-Kristian G. Bjørkbom (assistant in the reception/financial administration, 100 % position, 11 June-13 July).

REGISTRERING AV FERIE I HR-PORTALEN

Vi ber om at du registrerer sommerferien innen 11. juni!

MINNER OM AT MINST 3 UKER FERIE MÅ TAS UT INNEN 15. SEPTEMBER. HVIS DETTE IKKE ER REGISTRERT I HR-PORTALEN INNEN 11. JUNI, VIL VI BESTEMME NÅR FERIE DIN SKAL AVVIKLES. DERSOM DU SKAL TA FERIE UTOVER HØSTEN, SÅ REGISTRER DET ALLEREDE NÅ SLIK AT VI SER AT DU HAR EN PLAN.

VENNLIG HILSEN
MATHIAS OG JANNE

HVIS DU HAR SPØRSMÅL, TA KONTAKT MED
ELI.SELBACK@UIB.NO

HOLIDAY REGISTRATION IN THE HR PORTAL

Please register your summer holiday by 11th June!

PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU NEED TO TAKE AT LEAST 3 WEEKS' HOLIDAY BY 15TH SEPTEMBER. IF YOUR HOLIDAY IS NOT REGISTERED IN THE HR PORTAL BY 11TH JUNE, WE WILL DECIDE WHEN TO TAKE YOUR HOLIDAY. PLEASE ALSO REGISTER HOLIDAY FOR THE AUTUMN SO WE KNOW WHAT YOUR PLANS ARE.

KIND REGARDS
MATHIAS AND JANNE

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The Department congratulates: Jan Haavik elected member of the Norwegian Academy of Sciences and Letters

Professor Jan Haavik, head of the Neurotargeting Research Group and KG Jebsen Center for Research on Neuropsychiatric Disorders, was recently elected as a member of the Norwegian Academy of Sciences and Letters. On 3 May, Academy president Ole M. Seierstedt formally welcomed the new member at a festive ceremony in Oslo.

The Department of Biomedicine has several representatives in the Academy: Aurora Martinez, Rolf K. Reed, and Stein-Ove Døskeland, as well as professor emeriti Karen Blaauw Helle and Torgeir Flatmark are members of the Norwegian Academy of Sciences and Letters.



Foto: Thomas Eckhoff /
Det Norske Vitenskaps-Akademi

Velferdstilbud: Grieg minutt for minutt

Dere inviteres til å oppleve verdens største og lengste Grieg-konsert fra orkesterplass i Grieghallen!

Alle som elsker Grieg kan glede seg til frydefulle timer fylt med hans musikk.

I Grieghallen kan du, sammen med andre musikkvenner oppleve alle hans verk, live eller på storskjerm. Hele arrangementet varer i 30 sammenhengende timer og er en markering av Griegs 175 årsdag.

Tilbud til de ansatte ved Universitetet i Bergen

Kr. 360 for hele pakken og kr. 200 for bare del 1, kr. 120 for del 2, og kr. 140 for del 3

Følg denne lenken for kjøp av billetter
<https://bit.ly/2kMPLzO>

16 June, Grieghallen

Offer for UoB-employees: Grieg minute by minute

You are invited to experience the world's largest and longest Grieg concert from the orchestra place in Grieghallen!

Everyone who loves Grieg can look forward to the delightful hours filled with his music.

In Grieghallen you can, together with other music friends, experience all his works, live or on a big screen. The entire event lasts for 30 consecutive hours and marks a mark of Grieg's 175th anniversary.

Offer to employees at the University of Bergen

Kr. 360 for the whole package and kr. 200 for only part 1, kr. 120 for part 2 and kr. 140 for Part 3

Follow this link to purchase tickets
<https://bit.ly/2kMPLzO>

16 June, Grieghallen

Research, Science, and Seminars

New Publications

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



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

[Mapping cortical brain asymmetry in 17,141 healthy individuals worldwide via the ENIGMA Consortium.](#)

Kong XZ, Mathias SR, Guadalupe T; **ENIGMA Laterality Working Group**, Glahn DC, Franke B, Crivello F, Tzourio-Mazoyer N, Fisher SE, Thompson PM, Francks C.

Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A. 2018 May 29;115(22):E5154-E5163.

[Effects of Frozen Storage on Phospholipid Content in Atlantic Cod Fillets and the Influence on Diet-Induced Obesity in Mice.](#)

Fauske KR, Bernhard A, Fjære E, Myrmet LS, **Frøyland L**, Kristiansen K, Liaset B, Madsen L.

Nutrients. 2018 May 30;10(6).

[A Genetic Investigation of Sex Bias in the Prevalence of Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder.](#)

Martin J, Walters RK, Demontis D, Mattheisen M, Lee SH, Robinson E, Brikell I, Ghirardi L, Larsson H, Lichtenstein P, Eriksson N; 23andMe Research Team; **Psychiatric Genomics Consortium: ADHD Subgroup**; iPSYCH-Broad ADHD Workgroup, Werge T, Mortensen PB, Pedersen MG, Mors O, Nordentoft M, Hougaard DM, Bybjerg-Grauholm J, Wray NR, Franke B, **Faraone SV**, O'Donovan MC, Thapar A, Børglum AD, Neale BM.

Biol Psychiatry. 2018 Jun 15;83(12):1044-1053.

BBB seminar

Jens Titze will talk about "Increased salt consumption induces body water conservation and decreases fluid intake"

Jens Titze is a nephrologist that was recently appointed to a position at Duke University's unit in Singapore, moving from Vanderbilt University. He has been working on questions related to salt, fluid balance and high blood pressure, and has shown that the skin, in addition to the kidney, has a role in blood pressure control. He has also recently shown that salt storage has multiple metabolic effects leading to reprioritization of energy expenditure in the body.

Thursday 14 June, 14:30, Auditorium 4

Falch lecture – Philippe Van de Perre

"Mother-to-child transmission of HIV-1"

The Falch lecture is an academic event supported by the Konsul Søren Falch og øyenlege Sigurd Falch fond, organized each year, where an internationally renowned scientists of high calibre is invited. The lecture is held during the annual "Faculty day" of the Faculty of Medicine.

The lecturer: Professor Philippe Van de Perre from the University Montpellier, France is professor of medicine and virology and head of Department of bacteriology-virology and vice-president of the directorate of the University Teaching Hospital in Montpellier.

As long-term resident in Rwanda – where he conducted the first cohort study demonstrating the transmission of HIV by breastfeeding (NEJM 1991) - and in Burkina Faso, he has focused mostly on translational research on mechanisms of transmission of HIV and associated infections. He has served in multiple expert consultations for WHO, UNICEF, UNAIDS and EU/EDCTP, mainly on breastfeeding and HIV prevention.

Thursday 14 June, 10:45, large auditorium 3rd floor, Haukeland University Hospital

Operations, Health, and Safety

Tilgang til BB-bygget, 8. etg.

I perioden 11-29. juni vil inngangen i 8 etg. på BB-bygget være stengt grunnet arbeid på parkeringsdekket.

Tilkomst til bygget vil i denne perioden være via trappen mot BUS 1 og inn hovedinngangen i 2 etg.

Utgangen i 8 etg. vil være tilgjengelig ved evakuering.

Bevegelseshemmede som kommer til bygget i denne perioden blir vist til alternativ parkering ved å henvende seg til følgende tlf. nummer:

41418929, 41418926 eller 45252730

Access to the BB Building, 8th floor

In the period between 11 and 29th of June, the entrance to the BB building from the 8th floor will be closed due to maintenance work.

The entrance to the building will in this period be through the stairs towards BUS1, and the main entrance on the second floor. The 8th floor exit will only be accessible for evacuation in this period.

Those with restricted physical ability accessing the building in this period will be referred to alternative parking, by contacting one of the following telephone numbers:

41418929, 41418926 or 45252730.

Academic Affairs

Master ceremony and exams

Last Friday 1 June, twelve master students of the Master's Programme in Biomedical Sciences handed in their Master's Theses.

Since many of the international students leave Bergen and are not here for the official degree ceremony, the Department of Biomedicine held a small internal event, where Head of Department Mathias Ziegler and Vice Dean for Education Marit Bakke congratulated the soon-to-be Masters of Science on their big thesis submission day.

However, they still need to defend their theses in public, so the summer holidays are still not quite here for our Master's students.



The Master's Programme in Biomedical Sciences

Upcoming final Master's exams, spring semester 2018

Candidate Time and place	Title	Supervisors
Somdutta Kundu		
Monday 18 June 09:00, Conference room, 3th Floor	«Role of Caveolin-1 in Hypoxia and Proneural to Mesenchymal Transition of Glioblastoma»	Hrvoje Miletic , Justin Vareecal Joseph, Department of Biomedicine
Linn Haug Eide		
Monday 18 June 12:00, Meeting room, 7th Floor.	«Antibody Responses in Hospitalised Influenza Patients: Correlation to Clinical Illness»	Rebecca J. Cox , Karl A. Brokstad and Fan Zhou, Department of Clinical Science (K2)
Hanne Bjelland Litlabø		
Monday 18 June at 13:00, Conference room, 3th Floor	«Effects of Breast Cancer Cell Secretomes on Mammary Fibroblast Phenotype»	Kenneth Finne , Lars A. Akslen and Silje Kjølle, Department of Clinical Medicine (K1)
Cecilie Katrin Kristiansen		
Tuesday 19 June at 13:00, Meeting room 109B, 9th Floor,	«W748S POLG mutation induced mitochondrial changes in hiPSC-differentiated NSCs»	Laurence Bindoff and Xiao Liang , Department of Clinical Medicine (K1)
May Eriksen Gjerstad		
Tuesday 19 June at 12:00, Meeting room, 7th Floor	«Preclinical development of novel therapeutics in mantle cell lymphoma»	Emmet McCormack and Pascal Gelebart, Department of Clinical Science (K2)
Amund Holte Berger		
Thursday 21 June at 09:00, Meeting room, 5th Floor.	«Sensing foul AIRE: Investigating possible reporter genes for AIRE mutations»	Stefan Johansson , Per Knappskog and Eirik Bratland, Department of Clinical Science (K2)
Silje Maria Sundøy		
Thursday 21 June at 13:00, Meeting room, 5th Floor.	«Investigation of protein signaling pathways activated by sonoporation in cancer»	Emmet McCormack and Ragnhild Hauge, Department of Clinical Science (K2)
Vibeke Løvås Bakken		
Friday 22 June at 09:00, Conference room, 3th Floor	«Gene Expression Changes in Rat Brain Following Long-Term Antipsychotic Drug Exposure»	Kari Merete Ersland and Silje Skrede, Department of Clinical Science (K2)
Muntequa Ishtiaq Siraji		
Monday 25 June at 11:00, Conference room, 3th Floor, BBB.	«Investigating the role of vitamin K in Axl-mediated melanoma progression and chemotherapeutic resistance»	Niels Aarsæther and Jim Lorens, Department of Biomedicine
Ida Margrethe Uggerud		
Tuesday 26 June at 09:00, Conference room, 3th Floor, BBB.	«Purkinje neuron dendritic arbour development and morphological changes induced by paraneoplastic cerebellar degeneration-related autoantibody Yo»	Manja Schubert and Christian A. Vedeler, Department of Clinical Medicine (K1)
Eirik Tveit Solheim		
Tuesday 26 June at 13:00, Conference room, 3th Floor, BBB.	«Subcellular Localization of Cerebellar Degeneration Related Protein 1 in Breast and Ovarian Cancer Cell Lines»	Cecilie Totland and Christian A. Vedeler, Department of Clinical Medicine (K1)
Mari Jacobsen		
Thursday 28 June at 09:00, Conference room, 3th Floor, BBB.	«Development and Use of Mass Spectrometry Based Quantitative Proteomics Assays for Multiple Sclerosis	Frode Berven , Astrid Guldbrandsen and Ragnhild Lereim, Department of Biomedicine

PhD Updates

Early-Stage Researcher Seminar – Gro Vatne Røsland

Cancer research: “Deregulation of mitochondrial function is crucial in the process of epithelial to mesenchymal transition”

In 2014 Gro Vatne Røsland finished her PhD project in the field of neuro-oncology at Prof Rolf Bjerkvig’s group with Prof Hrvoje Miletic as co-supervisor. During her PhD, Gro Vatne Røsland uncovered important aspects of the cancer specific oncogene epidermal growth factor receptor variant III (EGFRvIII) in glioblastoma. She is currently working as a postdoctoral fellow in a project collaboration between the mitochondrial research group headed by Prof Karl Johan Tronstad at the IBM and Prof Olav Dahl at the oncology department at Haukeland University Hospital.

She focuses at how the metabolic signature of cancer cells change when they become resistant to cancer therapy, with a specific focus on mitochondria. Specific metabolic enquiries can reveal alternative strategies to target cancer cells.

All early stage researchers (PhD-candidates) at the Department of Biomedicine are invited. Master students and post docs are also welcome. There is no registration. There will be pizza for lunch after the seminar, and no registration is required.

Friday 15 June, 11.30, 3rd floor seminar room



School of Health Innovation

The School of Health Innovation in Oslo offers skills in innovation and entrepreneurship for future doctors and health researchers in Scandinavia. The goal is to teach participants how innovation processes in biotech and medtech companies work.

Course «Entrepreneurship in Health Care»

The next round of courses starts this fall with the course «Entrepreneurship in Health Care». Participants will learn how to turn a research idea into a company. Experienced entrepreneurs and scientists are the teachers. Mentoring companies are for example AstraZeneca, Serendipity Partners og Aleap Health Incubator.

Read an interview with former participants [here](#).

More information and course registration is available [here](#).

Registration: 27 June

Workshop in Scientific Image Processing

The workshop is given by biologist and image analyst Dr. Jan Brocher of BioVoxel, a consultancy company offering consultancy services and workshops within the field of scientific image processing and analysis. This 3-day course describes the acquisition, processing and analysis of microscopic images for scientific publications. The course is based on, and gives an introduction to, the freely available Fiji/Image J software platform and combines lectures and practical training on actual images.

Although primarily intended for PhD-students, the course may also be relevant for other researchers, technicians or advanced Master’s students.

For more info and registration, see the [course homepage](#).

12-14 June

WANTED: PhD-representative at the board for the PhD-programme

We need a Phd-candidate who will represent the Department and the PhD-candidates in the board for the PhD-programme

This is a great opportunity for you as PhD-candidates to participate in decisions making processes that affect your own training and education, and demonstrate that you care about local research politics.

The board meets about 3 times per semester and decision-making authority regarding PhD-training within the framework given by the faculty. It is also an advisory board for the Faculty board.

PhD-members are appointed for one year, rotating between the five Departments. It is now IBM's turn to provide a candidate. Meetings are held in Norwegian. Read more about the PhD-board here:

<https://www.uib.no/med/65033/programutvalget-forskerutdanning>

If you are interested, please contact Phd-coordinator Margarethe.Bittins@uib.no

Funding Announcements

Current funding announcements/deadlines

The Research Council of Norway (NFR)

- [Offentlig ph.d.:](#) The public sector can apply for funding for employees wishing to take a PhD. The candidate needs to be registered in the PhD program in an institution that can award doctoral degrees. **Deadline: there is funding for ca. 20 candidates, so first come first served**
- [Collaboration projects between Norwegian and American researchers:](#) Norwegian researchers can apply for an advance guarantee of 5-7 million NOK in collaborative projects which achieve funding from the US National Institutes of Health (NIH) within the thematic priorities of BEDREHELSE (Better Health) and BEHANDLING (Treatment). **Deadline: 12 Sep 2018**
- [Collaboration with Swiss researchers:](#) researchers from Norway can now apply with partners in Switzerland for Swiss research funding. You can find more information on the website of the [Swiss National Science Foundation](#). **Deadline 1 October**



Horizon 2020 – European Research Council ERC Frontier research grants

- [Advanced Grant](#) 5 years funding for an established, leading principal investigator who wants to pursue a ground-breaking, high-risk project. 2,5 million € in total. The PI can have any nationality and work in any research field. **Deadline: 30 August 2018**
- pre-announcement [Starting Grant](#) - for researchers of any nationality with **2-7 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. **Deadline: 17 October 2018**
- pre-announcement [Synergy Grant](#) - A group of two to maximum four Principal Investigators working together and bringing different skills and resources to tackle ambitious research problems. Proposals will be evaluated on the sole criterion of scientific excellence which, in the case of the ERC Synergy Grants, takes on the additional meaning of outstanding intrinsic synergetic effect. **Deadline: 8 November 2018**
- pre-announcement Consolidator Grant - Researchers with 7-12 years of experience since completion of PhD, a scientific track record showing great promise and an excellent research proposal. **Deadline: 7 February 2019**



Horizon 2020 – Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions (MSCA)

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



- [MSCA COFUND](#): co-funding new or existing doctoral programmes and fellowship programmes to open up to international, intersectoral and interdisciplinary research training, as well as mobility of researchers at all stages of their career.

Deadline: 28 September 2018

- pre-announcement [MSCA Innovative Training Networks \(ITN\)](#) - supports competitively selected joint research training and/or doctoral programmes. Partnerships take the form of collaborative European Training Networks (ETN), European Industrial Doctorates (EID) or European Joint Doctorates (EJD)..

Deadline: 15 January 2019

Horizon 2020 - Societal Challenges (SC)

SC1-2018-2019: Health, demographic change and wellbeing

Call: Better health and care, economic growth and sustainable health systems

[SC1-BHC-01-2019: Understanding causative mechanisms in co- and multimorbidities](#)

(Two-stage) 2 October 2018

[SC1-BHC-02-2019: Systems approaches for the discovery of combinatorial therapies for complex disorders](#)

Research should aim to understand at systems level the pathophysiology of a disorder in groups of patients responding well or poorly to particular therapies and further develop combinatorial therapies tailored to the needs of individuals or stratified patient group. Projects should focus on already available and/or authorised therapies and have access to standardized biobank samples derived from retrospective or currently running clinical studies. These patient samples should be re-analysed with modern high-throughput technologies.

(Two-stage) 2 October 2018

[SC1-BHC-14-2019: Stratified host-directed approaches to improve prevention, treatment and/or cure of infectious diseases](#)

Proposals should test emerging concepts in drug and/or vaccine development in order to address the problem of antimicrobial drug resistance and to optimize therapeutic, curative or preventive measures against infectious diseases of major concern for Europe. **(Two-stage) 2 October 2018**

[SC1-BHC-25-2019: Demonstration pilots for implementation of personalised medicine in healthcare](#) **(Two-stage) 2 October 2018**

Horizon 2020 – Complementary Calls

- [Innovative Medicines Initiative](#): IMI supports large consortia of public and private organisations. Calls roll out throughout the year, and appear in advance as 'future calls' on the IMI website to give applicants a chance to begin forming consortia. The applicant portal is also a platform for partner search. [There are currently open calls in 4 areas:](#)
 - Topic 1: Targeted **immune intervention** for the management of non-response and relapse
 - Topic 2: Non-invasive clinical molecular **imaging of immune cells**
 - Topic 3: Development of a platform for federated and privacy-preserving **machine learning in support of drug discovery**
 - Topic 4: Centre of excellence – remote decentralised clinical trials



If you are interested in applying to an IMI2 call, please contact EU adviser Katie.anders@uib.no

Deadline 14 June

- [JPIAMR Working together to build the JPIAMR Virtual Research Institute \(VRI\)](#):
JPIAMR is a unique global collaborative platform that coordinates national funding and research to address **antimicrobial resistance**. JPIAMR recognises a need to reinforce alignment of research. To promote this, the JPIAMR will establish a **Virtual Research Institute** in AMR ("the JPIAMR-VRI") – a Global Network connecting research performing organisations, institutes, centres, and infrastructures. The intent of the call is to form Networks of motivated groups to conceptualise and develop the JPIAMR-VRI. The Networks should identify research community needs, develop catalytic ideas and strategic plans to help bring the JPIAMR-VRI to Life! **Deadline 4 July**
- [COST](#) Research networks in medical and health research.
COST is a European organization that facilitates scientific networks, so-called COST actions. COST has launched new networks and you can find those relevant for medical research at IBM in the table below. If you need further information or are interested in joining one of the networks, please contact amra.grudic@uib.no or ramune.midttveit@uib.no.
CA17103 – Delivery of RNA therapy ([CA17103 - DARTER](#))
CA17104 – New diagnostic and therapeutic tools against **multidrug resistant tumors** ([CA17104 - STRATAGEM](#))
CA17117 – Towards an International Network for Evidence-based Research in Clinical Health Research ([CA17117 - EVBRES](#))
CA17118 – Identifying biomarkers through translational research for prevention and stratification of colorectal cancer ([CA17118 - TRANSCOLONCAN](#))
CA17121 – **Correlated Multimodal Imaging** in Life Sciences ([CA17121 - COMULIS](#))
CA17129 – Catalysing transcriptomics research in **cardiovascular disease** ([CA17129 - CardioRNA](#))
CA17138 – Integrated European Network on Chronic Graft Versus Host Disease ([CA17138 - EUROGRAFT](#))
CA17140 – **Cancer Nanomedicine** - From the Bench to the Bedside ([CA17140 - NANO2CLINIC](#))



Norwegian Cancer Society

- **NEW:** Pre-announcement: [Nordic Cancer Union 2018](#): The Nordic Cancer Union (NCU) provides funding to support and stimulate collaborative cancer research within the Nordic countries. Researchers working in two Nordic countries or more must be involved in the project. The research project must be cancer relevant and uniquely suited to be carried out within the Nordic countries, and the effect of collaboration should be synergistic. Funding is restricted to research that is in line with the [NCU's research strategy](#). **Deadline: 3 September 2018 at 15:00.**
- **NEW:** : [Krafttak mot kreft 2018 - Late effects of cancer treatment](#): Norwegian Cancer Society supports research that can lead to prevention and reduction of late effects after cancer treatment, and how to increase quality of life for affected individuals. **Deadline: 5 September at 13:00.**



NordForsk

[Nordic Call on Personalized Medicine](#): One of the goals for the call is to promote implementation of new personalized medicine approaches for more effective and sustainable health care for the benefit of patients, citizens and society. The expected funding available per project is in the order of EUR 1-3 million for a duration of up to 4 years. The applicant consortium must consist of participants from at least three co-funding Nordic countries, alternatively from two co-funding Nordic countries and one third country. **Deadline: 14 September at 13.00**

EEA and Norway Grants

[The EEA and Norway grants fund for regional cooperation](#): Cross-border and transnational cooperation is a key driver to find shared solutions to Europe's common challenges. Funding will be allocated to support inclusive dialogue and the strengthening of cross-border and transnational networks, capacity building, knowledge sharing and policy exchange to accelerate innovation; the development of sustainable cooperation structures between the business sector, public sector, civil sector and academia; and engagements contributing to and enhancing effectiveness and efficiency in policy development and responses to common European challenges. **Deadline 1 July 2018**

[Norway Romania EEA Mobility Grants](#): The call aims to facilitate establishment of bilateral partnerships between researchers from the Donor States and Romania in order to submit a collaborative research proposal funded under EEA Financial Mechanism 2014 - 2021. **Deadline: 14 September 2018**

[Norway Romania Collaborative Research Projects](#): The purpose of the Call for proposals is to Provide Funding through Collaborative Research Projects That aim to enhance research - based knowledge development in Romania. **Deadline: 1 October 2018**

MERCK

The science and technology company MERCK celebrate their 350th anniversary and [offer a series of research grants](#) to stimulate innovative research in challenging areas of future importance. Furthermore, Merck is initiating five research challenges in the areas of [compound synthesis](#), [protein production](#), [innovative analytics](#), [diabetes prevention](#) and next [game-changing technologies](#). **Deadline: 15 August**

Gilead Sciences Nordic Fellowship Programme

Gilead Sciences Nordic will provide funding to projects within **HIV, liver diseases, and hematology/oncology** executed in the Nordic countries. Applications are invited from health-care organisations and/or academic institutions. There are no minimum or maximum request amounts. Applicants should request the level of funding that is required based on programmatic needs. Funding will be available from December 2018 **Deadline: June 29**



Individual Fellowships and Personal Grants

Research stay abroad for PhD-candidates and Post-docs

- [UiB](#) PhD-candidates and Post-docs funded by the Faculty of Medicine, University of Bergen, can apply for research grant limited to 25.000 nok. **Deadline: 1 March and 1 October**
- [RCN](#) 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. **Deadline: continuing**

Horizon 2020 Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions

- [Individual Fellowships \(IF\)](#) for experienced researchers (at the post-doctoral level). Offers advanced training, international mobility, and optional intersectoral secondments. The host organizations can be universities and research institutes in addition to a company or other non-academic sector organizations. **Deadline: 12 September 2018**
- [Widening Fellowships H2020-WF-2018-2020](#): The goal of the Individual Fellowships is to enhance the creative and innovative potential of experienced researchers (post doc), wishing to diversify their individual competence in terms of skill acquisition through advanced training, international and intersectoral mobility. Widening fellowships, in particular, provide specific support to researchers to undertake their fellowship in a widening country. This will help spread excellence and close the still apparent research and innovation gap within Europe. **Deadline: 12 September 2018**

Funding for Cooperation in Higher Education

Erasmus

1. [Erasmus+ Mobility for Students and Staff](#): Student Affairs manages and coordinates student and staff mobility. Staff members can apply for Erasmus + mobility funds by August 20, and on January 20. Information about student grants and other information can be found at www.uib.no/student/erasmus and employee websites: <http://www.uib.no/foransatte/86439/studentmobilitet> (Link in Norwegian) **Deadline: August 20th, 2018**
2. [Project establishment funds for Erasmus+ Projects \(Prosjektetableringsstøtte\)](#) (Link in Norwegian) Funds to support the development of Erasmus+ projects within the following actions: 1) Knowledge alliances, 2) Sector alliances, 3) Capacity building, 4) Joint degrees, 5) Jean Monnet, and 6) Sports. **Deadline: 3 September 2018**

UTFORSK

[The UTFORSK programme](#) (Link in Norwegian) provides support for academically-based cooperation in higher education, aimed at long-term and institutionally based relations with Brazil, India, Japan, China, Russia and South Africa. Midler per prosjekt: 300 000 kr; Total ca. 5 millioner kr **Deadline: 25 September 2018**

[NORPART – Norwegian Partnership Programme for Global Academic Cooperation](#)

supports academic partnerships and student mobility with an emphasis on Master and PhD level between higher education institutions in Norway and selected developing countries. **Deadline: 31 May 2018**

[Programme for cooperation on higher education with Russia \(Russlandsprogrammet\)](#) (Link in Norwegian)

The program for cooperation on higher education with Russia provides support for cooperation between universities and colleges in Russia and Norway. (More information will be available on SIUs websites in March.) **Deadline: 25 September**

InternAbroad

facilitates increased use of international practice mobility for students from Norway. The practice period can take place in Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, Japan, USA or Canada.

Through InternAbroad, Norwegian higher education institutions can apply for up to NOK 300,000 over a two-year period to establish arrangements for internship internship internships. **Deadline: 25 September**

Globalink

Internships in an enterprise. Collaboration between Norway and Canada. Project funds: 90.000; total 650.000 kr.

Deadline: continuing

Funding opportunities, presented by the Faculty of Medicine:

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

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