



Department of Biomedicine Newsletter



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Dear all,

Teaching is one of the essential tasks of a university. These days, the plans for teaching in the autumn semester have been completed – and thanks to a considerable effort from our teaching administration and scientific staff, most of it is in place! Let us continue to look forward to the stimulating work of facilitating learning and development for all our good students – the experience of teaching gives perspective and feedback.

We also want young people to know more of what we can offer – both at the Faculty of medicine and at our department. March 8th the university had an “open day” for students at the higher secondary school level, and all our professions programmes as well as our own master’s programme in biomedicine contributed and had the opportunity to present themselves to the potential future students. These yearly events are fun experiences for all those involved!

As many of you know, our department welcomes biology classes from higher secondary school to visit throughout the year. We offer visits lasting a few hours, consisting of short lectures and some practical lab-related experience. There is always need for scientists who want to contribute, either by giving short and inspiring presentations to these youngsters, or having ideas of suitable activities! This is a great way to disseminate knowledge of the biomedical field and of the university system.

June 20th, for the first time there will be an “OSCE” (objective structured clinical) examination for the third-year medical students. This is a station-based exam, where the students rotate between test stations. There will be five parallel sets of stations, and our department is going to participate with two or three of the stations – with tasks from the topics we teach. It is an opportunity to strengthen the learning of the more practical aspects of our topics. Simple calculation tells us that if we are going to have three stations, we have to have 15 teachers / examiners involved. Details will come – but note the day in your calendars!

Another important date is Thursday, May 3rd, which is the department Teaching Day. Another one for the calendar! After lunch, there will be a meeting for all teaching staff, with a little buffet of useful stuff on teaching. We’ll send an e-mail with registration information.

*Regards,
Arne*

Arne Tjølsen
Deputy Head for Education

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 these new employees:



Even Birkeland started in a permanent position as Chief engineer at PROBE on 1st March.



Yves Nkizinkiko is Post doc in the group of Ruth Brenk. This is a full position for a period of three years.



Simon H. Storevik is PhD-candidate in the group of Hrvoje Miletic. He has a scholarship from Helse Vest

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.

[CD74 regulates complexity of tumor cell HLA class II peptidome in brain metastasis and is a positive prognostic marker for patient survival.](#)

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Oncologist. 2018 Feb 27

[Structural basis for PDZ domain interactions in the post-synaptic density scaffolding protein Shank3.](#)

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J Neurochem. 2018 Feb 23

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Guthe HJT, **Nedrebø T**, Damås JK, **Wiig H**, Berg A.
BMC Pediatr. 2018 Feb 23;18(1):82

[Mathematical Modelling of Nitric Oxide/Cyclic GMP/Cyclic AMP Signalling in Platelets.](#)

Kleppe R, Jonassen I, **Døskeland SO**, **Selheim F**.
Int J Mol Sci. 2018 Feb 19;19(2).

[Association of DSM-5 Betel-Quid Use Disorder With Oral Potentially Malignant Disorder in 6 Betel-Quid Endemic Asian Populations.](#)

Lee CH, Ko AM, Yang FM, Hung CC, Warnakulasuriya S, **Ibrahim SO**, Zain RB, Ko YC.
JAMA Psychiatry. 2018 Feb 7

BBB seminar

Thomas Arnesen will talk about the "Combining basic and translational research - Experiences from the Bergen NAT-project"

Two decades ago, a novel cancer-linked gene was discovered by researchers at the University of Bergen and Haukeland University Hospital. Today, we can look back at years of basic and translational research which has unravelled an entire molecular machinery responsible for the most common protein modification in our cells.

15 March, 14:30, Auditorium 4, BBB

CCBIO Seminar

Aaron Meyer (University of California, Los Angeles) will talk about "Engineering more precise and potent TAM-targeted therapies"

Aaron Meyer is an assistant professor in the Department of Bioengineering at UCLA. He received his Ph.D. in Biological Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and was an independent fellow at the Koch Institute for Integrative Cancer Research. His awards include the NIH Director's Early Independence Award, Siebel Scholars award, and a Terri Brodeur Breast Cancer Foundation Fellowship. The Meyer lab focuses on combining experimental and computational techniques to reverse engineer cancer and innate immune signalling, with the goal of designing immune- and cancer-targeted therapies.

22 March, 14:30, Auditorium 4 BBB

SF Fibrosis Conference

The role of the fibrotic stroma - barrier or support 2018

Donald Gullberg is arranging this international conference together with Valerie Weaver from the University of California San Francisco. It is part MOTIF, a four-part training initiative focused on the Mechanism of Tissue and tumour Fibrosis, that involves the Universities of Bergen, Toronto, California/San Francisco, and a biotech company Quorum Technologies Inc.

Registration and information:

<http://www.uib.no/en/motif/113205/sf-fibrosis-conference-2018>

7-8 June 2018, San Francisco, California, USA



Operations, Health, and Safety

Hvor skal du i sommer?

Første steg for å realisere drømmeferien, er å legge inn ferieønske i HR-portalen innen **1. april**.

Ikke la for sen registrering ødelegge drømmen din!

<https://uib.bluegarden.net/>

Planning summer holidays?

The first step to realizing the dream vacation is to enter holiday wishes in the HR portal by **April 1st**.

Do not let your dream be ruined by late registration!

<https://uib.bluegarden.net/>

HMS-permen har fått ny layout

Følg lenken for å ta en titt.

[HMS-permen](#)

The HSE-folder has a new layout

Follow the link to see it.

[HSE-folder](#)

Yoga på BBB

Minner alle ansatte på at det er mulig å delta på gratis yoga hver **tirsdag 15:30 i seminarrommet 7.etg**. Det er plass til mange flere enn de som vanligvis kommer. Vi har fått tillatelse av EIA til å benytte kantinen om vi blir så mange at det blir fullt på seminarrommet.



Yoga at BBB

A reminder for all employees, there is a free yoga every **Tuesday at 15:30 in the seventh floor seminar room**. There is room for a lot more people there. We have received permission from EIA to utilize the cafeteria if the seminar room becomes too small.

HMS-kartlegging

Vi har nå gjennomført HMS-kartlegging med påfølgende vernerunde på instituttet. Emil Hausvik, HMS-ansvarlig ønsker å informere om en del av tingene som gikk igjen.

Plastsortering, begrensningen på plastsortering ved instituttet er grunnet avfallsselskapet vårt. De tar ikke imot annen plast til gjenvinning enn mykplast/krympeplast.

Søppelbøttene på kontorene blir tømt en gang i uken, derfor må alt matavfall kastes i søppelbøttene enten på seminarrom eller i gangen hvis mulig.

Enkelte på bygget benytter **hansker** i gangene, dette må vi få slutt på. Selv om man selv vet at hanskene er rene, vet ikke de som ser en person i gangene med hansker om de er rene. Det samme gjelder dersom man må bære noe med hanske igjennom korridoren, da må man sørge for å åpne dører med hanskefri hånd. Eventuelt hvis man bærer med begge hender, få hjelp av noen andre eller benytte trillebord.

En siste ting, det er kommet frem at enkelte driver med **gjennbruk av engangshansker**. Dette blir et problem når hanskene blir etterlatt for en lengre periode. Ettersom kun personen som la dem fra seg vet om de er rene. I tillegg vil de fleste stoffer klare å bryte igjennom hansken med tid. Slik at dersom det var noe søl på hanskene, er de muligens ikke like trygge når det har gått en tid.

HSE-survey follow-up

We have now performed the HSE-survey and the ensuing inspection at the institute. Emil Hausvik, our HSE-officer has some information regarding the most common reports.

Sorting of plastic at the institute is limited due to the waste handling contractors. They do not accept plastic for recycling other than soft/shrinking plastic.

Waste bins in offices are emptied once per week, this means that any food waste should be thrown in the bins found in the seminar rooms or hallways whenever possible.

Some people are wearing **gloves** in the hallways, this needs to stop. Even if one knows that the gloves are clean, people who see someone in the hallway wearing gloves do not know that. The same rules apply when carrying things from one lab to another, make sure you open the doors without a glove. If you are carrying things with both hands, get help from a friend to open the doors, or use a trolley.

The last thing I would like to mention is the **re-use of one-time-use gloves**. This becomes a problem when leaving gloves for an extended period on the benches, in the fume-hood or elsewhere. No one, except the person who left them there, knows if they are clean. In addition, most compounds will be able to get through the glove with time, so if there is a spill on the glove it might not be safe after some time.

Nominations to the University Board spring 2018 – category B

The University board is the highest body of the University, lead by the rector and composed of elected representatives staff and students. The University is now calling for nominations for the term August 2018-August 2019 from employee category B, temporary academic staff.

Who can be nominated?

Temporary academic staff employed in a minimum 50 % position for the coming 12 months or staff that have been consecutively employed for at least 12 months.

Please read more here, and forward your proposals:

<http://www.uib.no/en/foremployees/114682/election-members-university-board-spring-2018>

Deadline for nominations: 15 March 2018



Travel insurance

In connection with risk assessment at the University, the topic of travel insurance for employees has been often mentioned and discussed. The Faculty of Medicine would therefore like to draw your attention to the University pages regarding travel insurance. <http://www.uib.no/en/foremployees/90247/travel?step=4>

Academic Affairs

Master progress

Monday 19 march the Departments master students will give their progress presentations. The presentations are open for anyone who is interested.

Location: 7th floor seminar room

Time	Student	Master Project	Supervisor(s)
09.15	Guro Helén Vatne	<i>Investigating mitochondrial functions in POLG mutations using iPSC-derived dopaminergic neurons</i>	Laurence Bindoff, Xiao Liang
09.30	Cecilie Katrin Kristiansen	<i>Investigation of mitochondrial function and activity during dopaminergic (DA) neuron differentiation from iPSCs in patients with POLG disease</i>	Laurence Bindoff, Xiao Liang
09.45	May Eriksen Gjerstad	<i>Establishment and characterization of a MCL PDX mouse model and investigation of the biological function of AXL in MCL</i>	Emmet McCormack, Pascal Gelebart
10.00	Silje Maria Sundøy	<i>Investigation of protein signaling pathways activated by sonoporation in pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma (PDAC)</i>	Emmet McCormack, Ragnhild Haugse
10.15	Vibeke Løvås Bakken	<i>Gene expression changes in rat brain following long-term exposure to antipsychotic drugs</i>	Kari M Ersland, Vidar M Steen
10.30	Break		
11.00	Frida Haukås	<i>The role of TGF-β in mitochondria trafficking via membrane tube assembly in glioblastoma</i>	Hrvoje Miletic, Justin V Joseph
11.15	Somdutta Kundu	<i>Role of caveolin-1 in mediating proneural to mesenchymal transition and invasion in glioblastoma</i>	Hrvoje Miletic, Justin Vareecal Joseph
11.30	Tore Andre Brodahl	<i>The effect of targeting PDGF receptor beta signaling on tumor growth and the tumor interstitial fluid pressure in vivo (3) in mice with and without alpha11-deficiency</i>	Linda Stuhr
11.45	Eirik Tveit Solheim	<i>Subcellular localization of cerebellar degeneration related protein 1 (CDR1) in cancer cell lines</i>	Cecilie Totland, Christian Vedeler

12.00	Ida Margrethe Uggerud	Evaluating morphological changes in the dendritic arbors of Purkinje cells in anti-Yo related Paraneoplastic Cerebellar Degeneration (PCD)	Manja Schubert, Christian A Vedeler
12:15	Lunch		
13.15	Muntequa Ishtiaq Siraji	<i>Axl expression and activation in melanoma cells correlates with poor patients prognosis and EMT driven metastasis</i>	Niels Aarsæther, Jim Lorens
13.30	Mari Jacobsen	<i>Mapping disease status of MS patients using quantitative proteomics assays</i>	Frode Berven, Astrid Gulbrandsen
13.45	Hanne Bjelland Litlabø	<i>How does mammary fibroblasts respond to proteins secreted from tumor cells?</i>	Kenneth Finne, Lars A Akslen
14.00	Linn Haug Eide	<i>Antibody responses in patients hospitalized after influenza infection and how it correlates to clinical illness.</i>	Rebecca J Cox Brokstad, Karl A Brokstad, Fan Zhou
14.15	Amund Holte Berger	<i>Sensing foul AIRE: investigating possible reporter genes for AIRE mutations</i>	Stefan Johansson, Per Knappskog, Eirik Bratland

Call for proposals

One of the largest international conferences on teaching and learning in higher education comes to Bergen from 24 to 27 October 2018!

This is the annual conference of "The International Society for Scholarship in Teaching and Learning" ISSOTL, and it collects approximately 500 teachers and researchers from around the world. "Scholarship in Teaching and Learning" is about having a scientific approach to 'what works' in teaching and learning, and the theme of this year's conference is Toward a learning culture. It is thus the collegial and cultural aspects of learning and education that will be in the center. This is something that will interest many at UiB and in Norway just now, in the era of Kvalitetsmeldingen!

Here are great opportunities for UiB employees to participate - be inspired, share experiences, meet other teachers or researchers, promote all the wonderful stuff we do in Bergen to the world ... you name it! You can contribute with a presentation or poster, and participate in the panel, workshop, or just be a participant. Read Call for proposals: <http://www.issotl.com/issotl15/node/239>

Good news: UiB and some of the faculties * are helping with the conference fee! And there will be student grants!

Deadline for submitting abstracts: 1 April

PhD Updates

Early Stage Researcher Seminar – Adrian Drazic

Functional role of N-terminal acetylation on cytoskeletal proteins

Adrian has been a Post Doc in the group of Thomas Arnesen since 2015 and studies N-acetyl transferases, specifically their role in cytoskeletal organization and cell motility. He has recently visited the Perelman School of Medicine in Pennsylvania and will also talk about his experiences abroad.

The seminar is open for all master students, PhD-candidates, post docs and other “early stage researchers”. There will be pizza after the seminar, and no registration is needed.

16 March, 11:30, 3rd floor conference room

2nd Nordic PhD summit

The Nordic PhD Summit aims at bringing students and researchers in Nordic universities under one roof.

The Faculty of Medicine is a member in the Nordic network for PhD-candidates that arranges this conference. Candidates that present here will receive credits for dissemination activities. The conference is also a great opportunity for building your own network.

Join us and see what your neighbours are working on, and show us what you got! The best student talk and poster presentation will receive valuable prizes!

You can find more information on their [website](#).

23-24 August, Helsinki

Registration deadline: 30 June



Funding Announcements

NORPART Call for applications 2018

The Norwegian Centre for International Cooperation in Education (SIU) is pleased to issue this call for applications for funding of long-term projects between higher education institutions in Norway and selected developing countries under the Norwegian Partnership Programme for Global Academic Cooperation (NORPART).

The programme supports academic partnerships and student mobility with an emphasis on the Master level

The call is open to five-year project cooperation with a project period from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2023. Each project may be awarded up to NOK 5 million.

Deadline: 31 May 2018 at 15:00 Norwegian time (CEST)

REMINDER: drafts for NFR applications



Here is the internal schedule this year:

15 March – deadline for sending application drafts to the Departments research coordinator

Margarethe.Bittins@uib.no

21 March – faculty lunch dedicated to our NFR applications. Time for clarifications, updates, feedback, exchange.

28 March- 14 April finalizing of budget and support documents

Announcements for funding and education are also published online. The links below will take you to a list of announcements compiled by the research advisors at 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>

Following is a hand-picked **selection** of the calls that are most relevant for the Department of Biomedicine.

Current funding announcements/deadlines

Norwegian Research Council (NFR)

- [FRIMEDBIO](#): **Deadline: 25 April 2018**
- [BEHANDLING](#): **Deadline 25 April 2018**
- [BEDREHELSE](#): **Deadline: 25 April 2018**
- **NEW: [INTPART](#)**: The objective of the INTPART programme is to develop world-class research and education in Norway through long term international cooperation. This funding will support sustainable long-term relations between Norwegian Higher education and research institutions and excellent academic institutions in the eight prioritized countries outside Europe - Brasil, Canada, India, Japan, China, Russia, South-Africa and USA, and also with Germany and France. The aim is to develop world-class research and education in Norway. **Deadline: 25 April at 13.00.**
- **NEW: [NANO2021](#)**: The programme seeks to develop outstanding knowledge and sustainable solutions and innovations based on nanotechnology, microtechnology and advanced materials to meet the needs of society at large. The programme is responsible for monitoring and facilitating the use of Norway's membership of the European Synchrotron Radiation Facility (ESRF), including the Swiss-Norwegian Beam Lines (SNBL) and the European Spallation Source (ESS), and works in general to promote optimal use of national infrastructure and expertise. The programme seeks to enhance knowledge and technology development to address societal challenges, primarily in the areas of renewable energy, environment and climate, and improving health and promoting new medical technology. **Deadline: 25 April at 13.00.**
- **NEW: [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**
- **NEW [Mandatory sketch for INFRASTRUCTURE application](#)**: Research Council of Norway would like to inform that they have changed the procedure for the INFRASTRUCTURE program. To be eligible to apply to the program with the main deadline 10 October you need to have submitted a sketch by 15 May 2018. The intention behind the sketch deadline is to facilitate national coordination and interaction between institutions and research infrastructures. Research Council of Norway will therefore make the title, summary, partners and contact person publically available. **Sketch deadline: 15 May 2018**
- **NEW- [Collaboration projects between Norwegian and American researchers](#)**: BEDREHELSE and BEHANDLING announce collaboration projects with National Institutes of Health (NIH). More information to come. **Deadline: 12 September 2018**



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**



ERC Advanced course in Bergen

March 21st at Ørnen. The registration link is [here](#). **Course content:** ERC basics and terminology; Technical rules & regulations; PI Profile – What constitutes the “ERC Material”?; Application & submission processes; What constitutes Scientific Excellence?; The unique nature of ERC: High risk, high gain non-incremental work; Hypothesis for ERC – how to do it right; How to write a convincing methodology chapter; Review Panel selection; The panel-application reciprocal effect; Ethical issues; The evaluation process.

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.

- [Research and Innovation Staff Exchange \(RISE\)](#). The RISE scheme promotes international and cross-sector collaboration through exchanging research and innovation staff, and sharing knowledge and ideas from research to market (and vice-versa). **Deadline: 21 March 2018**
- [Individual Fellowships \(IF\)](#) aims to help experienced researchers to advance their careers and gain new skills through advanced training, international mobility, and optional intersectoral secondments. The host organization can be universities and research institutes in addition to a company or other non-academic sector organizations. **Deadline: 12 September 2018**
- [MSCA COFUND](#): aims at stimulating regional, national or international programmes to foster excellence in researchers' training, mobility and career development. **Deadline: 28 September 2018**

Horizon 2020 – Societal challenges (SC):

Collaborative breakthrough research and radical innovation

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

- **Call:** Better health and care, economic growth and sustainable health systems
[SC1-BHC-02-2019: Systems approaches for the discovery of combinatorial therapies for complex disorders \(Two-stage\)](#)
[SC1-BHC-05-2018: International flagship collaboration with Canada for human data storage, integration and sharing to enable personalised medicine approaches](#)
[SC1-BHC-09-2018: Innovation platforms for advanced therapies of the future](#)
[SC1-BHC-14-2019: Stratified host-directed approaches to improve prevention, treatment and/or cure of infectious diseases \(Two-stage\)](#)
[SC1-BHC-15-2018: New anti-infective agents for prevention and/or treatment of neglected infectious diseases \(NID\) \(Two-stage\)](#)
[SC1-BHC-16-2018: Global Alliance for Chronic Diseases \(GACD\) - Scaling-up of evidence-based health interventions at population level for the prevention and management of hypertension and/or diabetes](#)
[SC1-BHC-26-2018: HTA research to support evidence-based healthcare](#)
[SC1-BHC-27-2018: New testing and screening methods to identify endocrine disrupting chemicals](#)
[SC1-HCO-04-2018: ERA-NET to support the Joint Programming in Neurodegenerative Diseases strategic plan \(JPND\)](#)
Deadline: 18 April 2018. Deadline for pre-projects in two-stage proposals is 2 October 2018

Horizon 2020 – Complementary Calls

- [ERA-CVD JTC 2018](#) “Transnational **Cardiovascular** Research Projects driven by Early Career Scientists”. **Deadline: 15 March**
- **NEW** ERAPerMed - Joint transnational call for proposals for [“Research projects on personalised medicine - smart combination of pre-clinical and clinical research with data and ICT solutions”](#). The overall aim of the call is to fund projects showing clinical feasibility of personalised medicine in complex diseases (including multifactorial, monogenic and other diseases). By feasibility is meant the demonstration of significant and clinically relevant improvement of current diagnostics and/or therapeutics, based on improved understanding of underlying molecular mechanisms. Furthermore, applicants are expected to combine pre-clinical and/or clinical research with bio-informatics components to enable data quality on one side and the potential applicability for health care providers on the other side. **Deadline for pre-proposals 10 April at 17.00**
- [COST Action](#): COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology) brings together European researchers, engineers and scholars from different COST countries to jointly develop their own ideas and new initiatives across all science and technology fields through trans-European cooperation. COST does not fund research itself, but provides exciting opportunities for cooperation and networking on an European Level **Deadline: 25 April 2018**
- **CALL IS OPEN** [ERA HDHL \(a healthy diet for a healthy life\)](#). The aim of this call is to support transnational, collaborative research projects that gain a better understanding of the **diet-epigenome** relationships and their effect on human health. **Deadline 12 April 2018**

Novo Nordisk Foundation:

- [Exploratory Pre-Seed Grants](#): The Exploratory Pre-seed Program is a stimulus fund established to accelerate **commercialization of biomedical research** findings and development of novel technologies within the life sciences. The goal of an Exploratory Pre-seed Grant is to stimulate entrepreneurship and to explore the potential of research findings at a very early stage (pre-seed), and to prepare the project for a full pre-seed grant at a later stage. The application system will open 2 February. **Deadline 6 April 2018 at 2 pm**
- Pre announcement [Project Grants in Endocrinology and Metabolism - Nordic Region](#): The objective of this call is to support young and promising researchers as well as established scientists, to carry out research projects of 1 to 3 years' duration within basic and clinical research **in endocrinology and metabolism**. **Deadline 1 June 2018 at 2 pm**

Extrastiftelsen

support for research on health challenges faced by the Norwegian population. The foundation supports actions and projects on **physical and mental health**, life quality, living conditions, etc. **Deadline: 1 June at 15.00**

NordForsk

NEW Pre-announcement: [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.

EEA and Norway Grants

NEW [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 August 2018**

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. **Deadline: 15 March 2018**

Internationalization UiB and Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK):

The applications for the Internationalisation Faculty Mobility Scheme and Global Scholarship Programme for Research Excellence to promote the development of academic and research partnerships between the two institutions are now open for 2018-19.

- [Internationalisation Faculty Mobility Scheme](#) **Deadline: 10 April 2018**
The academic staff can undertake research visits at CUHK under the support of this scheme.
- [Global Scholarship Programme for Research Excellence](#) **Deadline: 3 April 2018**
The programme supports the PhD candidates to undertake short-term research attachments at CUHK.

Fellowships and Personal Grants

Norwegian Cancer Society

[Travel stipend](#): Researchers, postdoctoral candidates and doctoral candidates who are financed by Norwegian Cancer Society can apply for stipend to cover a research stay abroad until one year (2-12 months). **Deadline 15 March**

NFR Scholarship for research stay abroad for PhD candidates and Post Doctors (Link in Norwegian)

The offer for a scholarship for research stays abroad applies to PhD candidates and Post Doctors in projects with full or partial funding for the Research Council for a minimum of 24 months. The research stays abroad may last for a minimum of 3 months and a maximum of 12 months.

NEW ÅSGARD-program

an exchange program aiming to develop the scientific exchange and international cooperation between France and Norway and facilitate research collaboration and technology transfer. The program supports a one week stay in France for Norwegian researchers. **Deadline: 15 March**

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. **Erasmus+ Strategic Partnerships** Transnational Strategic Partnerships aimed to develop initiatives addressing one or more fields of education training and youth and promote innovation, exchange of experience and know-how between different types of organisations involved in education, training and youth or in other relevant fields. Certain mobility activities are supported in so far as they contribute to the objectives of the project. **Advisory body: SIU (Link in Norwegian)** **Deadline: 21 March 2018 at 12.00.**
3. **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**

NEW 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. **Deadline: 25 September 2018**

NEW 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**

NEW 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 2018**