



newsletter

Department of Biomedicine



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Dear colleagues,

Welcome back after a well-deserved summer vacation.

The semester has started this week, and the new students are busy orienting themselves on what lies ahead of them. This initial period is characterized by the mentor week ("Fadderuken"), which is important to make the new students feel welcome and cared for, facing a new everyday life.

The two first years of the new study plan in medicine is now completed, and the changes and experiences have been exciting; involving both new forms of teaching as well as exam formats. An important part of the work for the next years are now over, but it is important that we get enough multiple choice questions in place for the database shared among the departments of the Faculty of Medicine for it to become a real tool for student testing, evaluation and exams. We will reach this goal at approximately 25 000 questions. It will most likely take a while to reach this number, but hopefully the goal is not too far away.

We are approaching the application deadlines for research applications to the Western Norway Regional Health Authority (Helse Vest) and hope everyone are doing well when it comes to finding collaboration partners, allowing us to continue the good co-operation with our neighboring health enterprise.

*Sincerely,
Rolf K. Reed
Head of Department*

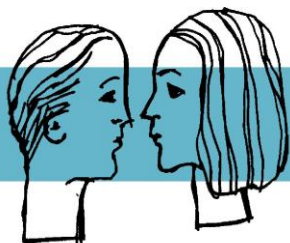
NOTE! IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE CENTRAL PROCUREMENT OFFICE



We are approaching the UCI 2017 Road Championship ("Sykkel-VM"), and in that connection Bergen's downtown and central areas will be closed for traffic and access in the period of the race (16 - 24 September 2017).

During this period, it will be difficult or impossible for our suppliers to deliver goods to large parts of UiB. We therefore kindly ask all of you to assess your storages and stocks for products you will need during the time of the race, and order any goods ahead of the start of the UCI 2017 Road Championship.

See also separate news story about the UCI 2017 Road Championship in the newsletter.



HR News

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.

Invitation



Rolf K. Reed has been the Head of Department for 12 years and will resign on August 31. We would like to thank Rolf for his considerable contribution by celebrating his last day as Head of Department.

We invite you to a social gathering on August 31st, at 15.00. There will be musical entertainment by students from Bergen Kulturskole, and we will serve tapas and cake. If you would like to say a few public words to Rolf, please contact Master of Ceremony Helge Wiig (helge.wiig@uib.no)

Please register [here](#) before August 25th

We welcome our new employees:



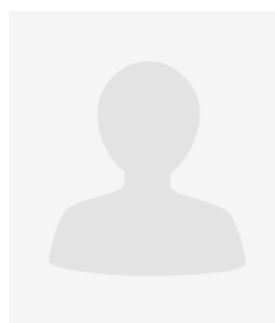
Sverre Grødem has completed his master's degree in Clive Bramham's group and continues there as staff engineer on the NFR-financed project «*Molecular control of Arc protein: Decoding a master regulator of synaptic plasticity and cognition*».



Jianhua Han is a new PhD candidate with Helge Wiig as supervisor, in the project "*New actors in blood pressure regulation - The extracellular microenvironment, immune cells and lymphatics in skin*".



Marianne Goris is employed in a permanent position as staff engineer in the neurotargeting group.



Anne-Maj Samuelsson Apel is employed as post doctor with Helge Wiig as supervisor, in the project "*New actors in blood pressure regulation - The extracellular microenvironment, immune cells and lymphatics in skin*".



Thomas Arnesen is employed as professor, transferring from the Department of Molecular Biology. He will be followed by the new research group moving into the 6th floor at BBB.



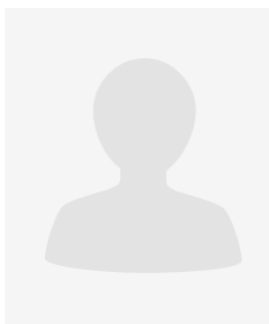
Robert Husa is a new trainee studying office and administration, under supervision of Torhild Johansen.



Fredrik Gullaksen Johannessen is a PhD candidate with Aurora Martinez as main supervisor, in the project «*The physiological and therapeutic regulation of protein-protein interactions for functional dopamine synthesis*».



Cara Wogsland is employed as Post Doctor in the project "Malignant Exploitation of Obesity-Linked Inflammation", financed by the Cancer Society, with Nils Halberg as supervisor.



Eva Elisabeth Holm Torgilstveit has started in a new position in the study section ("studieseksjonen"). She will provide technical support to various lab courses and perform administrative tasks.

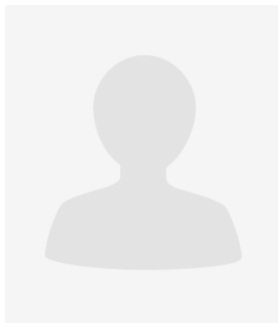
We say goodbye and thank the following for their efforts:



Cecilie Køhler resigns her position at the Section of Academic Affairs to new tasks at MSD Animal Health. Best of luck with your new work place!



Ana Jorge Finnigan resigned from her research position in the Biorecognition Group. We congratulate you on your new position at NHH and wish you all the best!



Marzieh Bahador resigned from her position in the Translational Cancer Research Group. We thank her for your efforts here and wish her all the best for her future career.

Information from the Faculty: home office during UCI 2017 Road Championship in Bergen

Questions have been asked towards whether or not employees can use home office solutions instead of showing up at their workplace during the UCI 2017 Road Championship in Bergen. *Employees at the Faculty of Medicine are obliged to show up for work at their workplace as normal during this period.*

On their home page, UiB has informed that staff members to a larger degree may allow work from home during the championship. However, the vast majority of the employees in our environments are unable to conduct their work task in a satisfactory manner from home, and the duty to show up for work is maintained as normal. A greater degree of lenience regarding the use of «flexible hours» will be shown in this period, but this must be in accordance with agreements with local unit leaders.

Introduction course for new employees at UiB

The University of Bergen offers introduction courses for new employees. The course will be addressing general themes around being a UiB employee, and is a great chance to meet other new staff members around at our institution. The first round will be on August 20, in Norwegian only. We will advertise the English version of the course as soon as it is announced.

Yoga practice at BBB



The yoga classes at BBB is free for Department employees and is a great way to reduce stress and tensions from work. Tuesday 22 August is the starting date for this autumn's yoga classes, at the 7th floor seminar room, at 15.30. Kjersti Næss is (as last spring) the instructor.

Welcome! 😊



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.



[The anti-vascular endothelial growth factor receptor-1 monoclonal antibody D16F7 inhibits invasiveness of human glioblastoma and glioblastoma stem cells.](#)

Atzori MG, Tentori L, Ruffini F, Ceci C, Lisi L, Bonanno E, Scimeca M, Eskilsson E, Daubon T, Miletic H, Ricci Vitiani L, Pallini R, Navarra P, Bjerkvig R, D'Atri S, Lacal PM, Graziani G.
J Exp Clin Cancer Res. 2017 Aug 10;36(1):106.

[Regulation of hypoxia-induced autophagy in glioblastoma involves ATG9A.](#)

Abdul Rahim SA, Dirkse A, Oudin A, Schuster A, Bohler J, Barthelemy V, Muller A, Vallar L, Janji B, Golebiewska A, Niclou SP.
Br J Cancer. 2017 Aug 10. doi: 10.1038/bjc.2017.263

[OLS Client and OLS Dialog: Open source tools to annotate public omics datasets.](#)

Perez-Riverol Y, Ternent T, Koch M, Barsnes H, Vrousseau O, Jupp S, Vizcaino JA.
Proteomics. 2017 Aug 9. doi: 10.1002/pmic.201700244.

[Increased NG2 and SOX2 expression is associated with high-grade choroid plexus tumors.](#)

Zhao P, Feng Z, Qi Q, Huang B, Chen A, Li X, Wang X, Wang J.
Oncol Lett. 2017 Aug;14(2):1802-1806. doi: 10.3892/ol.2017.6326. Epub 2017 Jun 7.

[Bufalin enhances radiosensitivity of glioblastoma by suppressing mitochondrial function and DNA damage repair.](#)

Zhang X, Huang Q, Wang X, Xu Y, Xu R, Han M, Huang B, Chen A, Qiu C, Sun T, Wang F, Li X, Wang J, Zhao P, Wang X.

[The notochord in Atlantic salmon \(*Salmo salar* L.\) undergoes profound morphological and mechanical changes during development.](#)

Kryvi H, Rusten I, Fjellidal PG, Nordvik K, Totland GK, Karlsen T, Wiig H, Long JH Jr.
J Anat. 2017 Aug 8. doi: 10.1111/joa.12679.

[Overexpression of Integrin \$\alpha 11\$ Induces Cardiac Fibrosis in Mice.](#)

Romaine A, Sørensen IW, Zeltz C, Lu N, Erusappan PM, Melleby AO, Zhang L, Bendiksen B, Robinson EL, Aronsen JM, Herum KM, Danielsen H, Sjaastad I, Christensen G, Gullberg D.
Acta Physiol (Oxf). 2017 Aug 3. doi: 10.1111/apha.12932.

[Impact of VEGFA polymorphisms on glioma risk in Chinese.](#)

Zhao P, Chen A, Qi Q, Zhou W, Feng Z, Wang J, Yang N, Li X, Wang J, Huang Q, Huang B.
Oncotarget. 2017 Jul 19. doi: 10.18632/oncotarget.19380.

[Therapeutic targeting of leukemic stem cells in acute myeloid leukemia - the biological background for possible strategies.](#)

Bruserud Ø, Aasebø E, Hernandez-Valladares M, Tsykunova G, Reikvam H.

[Molecular mechanisms of Charcot-Marie-Tooth neuropathy linked to mutations in human myelin protein P2.](#)

Ruskamo S, Nieminen T, Kristiansen CK, Vatne GH, Baumann A, Hallin EI, Raasakka A, Joensuu P, Bergmann U, Vattulainen I, Kursula P.
Sci Rep. 2017 Jul 26;7(1):6510

[Investigating Protein Sequence-structure-dynamics Relationships with Bio3D-web.](#)

Jariwala S, Skjærven L, Yao XQ, Grant BJ.
J Vis Exp. 2017 Jul 16;(125).

[Stimulus-evoked ERK-dependent phosphorylation of activity-regulated cytoskeleton-associated protein \(Arc\) regulates its neuronal subcellular localization.](#)

Nikolaienko O, Eriksen MS, Patil S, Bito H, Bramham CR.
Neuroscience. 2017 Jul 21. pii: S0306-4522(17)30496-7.

[Single factors alone can induce mesenchymal-like morphology, but not promote full EMT in breast cancer cell lines with different hormone statuses.](#)

Tveitarås MK, Reigstad I, Leiss L, Reed RK, Stuhr L.
Exp Cell Res. 2017 Jul 20. pii: S0014-4827(17)30393-2.

[Drug repurposing in cancer.](#)

Sleire L, Førde-Tislevoll HE, Netland IA, Leiss L, Skeie BS, Enger PØ.
Pharmacol Res. 2017 Jul 13;124:74-91. doi: 10.1016/j.phrs.2017.07.013. Review.

[Membrane Association Landscape of Myelin Basic Protein Portrays Formation of the Myelin Major Dense Line.](#)

Raasakka A, Ruskamo S, Kowal J, Barker R, Baumann A, Martel A, Tuusa J, Myllykoski M, Bürck J, Ulrich AS, Stahlberg H, Kursula P.
Sci Rep. 2017 Jul 10;7(1):4974. doi: 10.1038/s41598-017-05364-3.

[Proteogenomics approaches for studying cancer biology and their potential in the identification of acute myeloid leukemia biomarkers.](#)

Hernandez-Valladares M, Vaudel M, Selheim F, Berven F, Bruserud Ø.
Expert Rev Proteomics. 2017 Aug;14(8):649-663.

[Implication of the APP Gene in Intellectual Abilities.](#)

Myrum C, Nikolaienko O, Bramham CR, Haavik J, Zayats T.
J Alzheimers Dis. 2017;59(2):723-735.

[Macrophage migration inhibitory factor promotes vasculogenic mimicry formation induced by hypoxia via CXCR4/AKT/EMT pathway in human glioblastoma cells.](#)

Guo X, Xu S, Gao X, Wang J, Xue H, Chen Z, Zhang J, Guo X, Qian M, Qiu W, Li G.
Oncotarget. 2017 Jun 27. doi: 10.18632/oncotarget.18673

[Nuclear import of glucokinase in pancreatic beta-cells is mediated by a nuclear localization signal and modulated by SUMOylation.](#)

Johansson BB, Fjeld K, Solheim MH, Shirakawa J, Zhang E, Keindl M, Hu J, Lindqvist A, Døskeland A, Mellgren G, Flatmark T, Njølstad PR, Kulkarni RN, Wierup N, Aukrust I, Bjørkhaug L.
Mol Cell Endocrinol. 2017 Oct 15;454:146-157

[Structure of an unconventional SH3 domain from the postsynaptic density protein Shank3 at ultrahigh resolution.](#)

Ponna SK, Myllykoski M, Boeckers TM, Kursula P.
Biochem Biophys Res Commun. 2017 Aug 26;490(3):806-812

[Opiate Antagonists Do Not Interfere With the Clinical Benefits of Stimulants in ADHD: A Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Trial of the Mixed Opioid Receptor Antagonist Naltrexone.](#)

Spencer TJ, Bhide P, Zhu J, Faraone SV, Fitzgerald M, Yule AM, Uchida M, Spencer AE, Hall AM, Koster AJ, Biederman JJ Clin Psychiatry. 2017 Jun 20

[Stimulant Treatment Trajectories Are Associated With Neural Reward Processing in Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder.](#)

Schweren LJS, Groenman A, von Rhein D, Weeda W, Faraone SF, Luman M, van Ewijk H, Heslenfeld DJ, Franke B, Buitelaar JK, Oosterlaan J, Hoekstra PJ, Hartman CA.
J Clin Psychiatry. 2017 Jun 20

Requirement for Self-Archiving and Open Access

Since 2013, the Norwegian Research Council requires open access to all scientific publications that have resulted from NFR-funded research. All publications with such funding have to be self-archived. The University of Bergen received a letter from the research council in May 2017, reminding us of our obligation to comply with these requirements. They pointed out a significant number of articles produced by the Department of Biomedicine that are NOT publicly accessible in PDF format. We therefore want to remind you that all articles produced with NFR-funding not only have to be registered in CRISTin, but also need to be uploaded in PDF format. For good practice, this should be done with all other articles as well.



Forskningssrådet

Self-archiving at the UiB is done by uploading PDF files in CRISTin (<https://www.cristin.no>). Articles will then automatically be available in the Bergen Open Research Archive (BORA, <https://bora.uib.no>). It is the project managers who have to upload PDF files, and this also applies to articles published in open access journals. In addition to registration of articles, the NFR-project numbers need to be registered in conjunction with all publications that have received NFR-funding since 2015. From October 1, it will be mandatory for all project managers with CRISTin-access to use the research council's project number when registering articles in CRISTin.

For questions, please contact the university library, or research coordinator at IBM, Margarethe Bittins.

Bergen Stem Cell Consortium Annual Meeting 2017

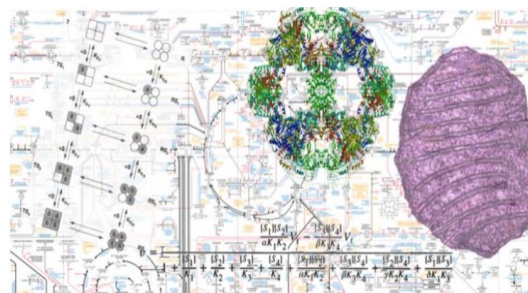
04 - 05 September, Bergen

BSCC is a collaboration between six local research groups that work within stem cell research. Their annual meeting has contributions from national and international presenters, distributed over 2 days. Participation with posters are welcome! For details and registration, click [here](#). Deadline for registration without accommodation is **31 August**, deadline for registration of posters are **28 August**. Contact: BSCC@helse-bergen.no



Methodologies for Digital Life – Focus on Metabolic Systems Meeting, 06 October 2017, Bergen

The Centre for Digital Life Norway is a national transdisciplinary research centre for biotechnology, research, and innovation. The focus of this meeting is on metabolic systems and on understanding the metabolism of living organisms by a systems approach - by studying the network of biochemical reactions rather than single enzymatic reactions. The meeting is free to attend, and the program/registration page is [here](#).



New International Center at UiB

The new International Center UiB has opened for daily operations, and the staff from the division of research administration, human resources, and the division of student affairs have taken office there.



The center will hold an official opening ceremony on August 30, but the doors already opened Monday August 7. Opening hours are Monday-Friday, 9.00-14.30, at Parkveien 1, Studentsenteret.

PhD Supervisor Workshop: 18-20 October in Åre, Sweden

The workshop takes place at Copperhill Mountain Lodge in Åre, Sweden, and is organized by [Digital Life Norway Research School \(DLNRS\)](#) and the [Norwegian Research School in Neuroscience \(NRSN\)](#).



The workshop is intended for researchers at post-doc level and above who are working in the field of biotechnology or neuroscience. There is no course fee, and the research schools will cover the costs of travel, accommodation and meals.

All participants should have some experience with PhD supervision in order to attend, and your PhD student(s) need to be member(s) of DLNRS or NRSN. If your student is not yet a member, (s)he can register [here](#).

Conference on brain research by the Research Council of Norway

The brain council arranges a one-day conference about brain research on 08 November, 09.30-16.00 in the facilities of the RCN. See full program and registration [here](#).

33rd Ernst Klenk Symposium 2017

We are glad to inform you about 33rd Ernst Klenk Symposium 2017 on **“Tissue regeneration, wound healing and fibrosis: Translating basic concepts into regenerative therapy”**

The symposium is taking place from Oct. 15 - 17, 2017 in the Lecture Hall of the Medical Faculty, University of Cologne (Germany) organized by the Center for Molecular Medicine Cologne.

This meeting brings together an outstanding and diverse group of scientists - leading experts - at the forefront of repair and regeneration research.vv

[Further information, Klenk Program 2017 and Klenk Poster 2017](#)

Participation in the Klenk Symposium 2017 is free of charge - [registration](#) is required.

Deadline for [poster abstract submission](#): **August 30, 2017**

Unit for Learning - program for the fall semester 2017

[Here](#) you can find the fall semester program from unit for learning at UiB.



The semester starts off with two exciting mini-seminars featuring canadian guest speakers from University of Calgary and McGill University, respectively. Canada is a pioneering nation within medical education and research within medical pedagogics, and this is a great opportunity to familiarize oneself with what they are doing, and to get inspiration and ideas to our own medical education strategies.

Throughout the fall semester, workshops with the theme MCQ - multiple choice questions and student-active teaching. The workshops are aimed at all teachers at the faculty. Please register by clicking on the links on the event page (NOTE! Places are limited!)

The unit for learning has been working for a long time towards developing a university pedagogic training program aimed at part-time staff members (less than 50 %). This is a group of employees with very few other alternatives for increasing their competence levels within pedagogics. We aim at offering this program for the first time during the spring semester of 2018, in the form of a 5 ECTS course. A similar offer will also be announced for PhD candidates and Post Docs.



Operations & HSE News

Reminder: UCI 2017 Road Championship to Bergen

In the period 16-24 September, the UCI 2017 Road Championship ("Sykkel-VM") will be held in Bergen. This means quite a bit of challenges regarding goods delivery and access to the BB-building.

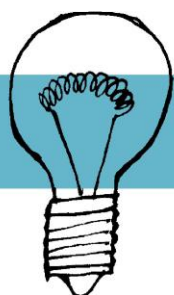
UiB encourages all employees and students to inform themselves properly on how to access work and places of study during this time. A general recommendation is to use public transportation, walk or use a bicycle to work – and set aside plenty of time!

Other consequences for UiB's daily operations

We encourage everyone not to plan any seminars, lectures, conferences or other major events in the period 16- 24 September 2017.

There will be numerous challenges associated with transport in and out of all central areas of Bergen, as well as relating to accommodation options for the entire Bergen area. During the championship, UiB will allow work from home to a greater degree than usual. Each employee must make appointments regarding such solutions with her or his closest supervisor. Also, arrangements need to be made in advance regarding increased need for flexibility when it comes to delivering and picking up children from day care or schools.

More information and links are available at UiB's [Staff pages](#).



Academic Affairs

Teaching in the fall semester? Look here!

The IT Department is responsible for operations and user support in the auditoriums and teaching rooms:

https://it.uib.no/Undervisningsrom_ved_UiB

Your own class schedule can be seen here: <https://tp.uio.no/uiB/timeplan/fagperson.php> (search by using username or last name).

Information and tutors about the learning management system/portal Mitt UiB:

<http://www.uib.no/foransatte/97623/mitt-uib>

Course evaluation reports in the Quality Base

Course evaluation reports for most of the spring semester courses are now available in UiB's Quality Base:

<http://kvalitetsbasen.uib.no>. New reports are being posted continually, as they are finalized.

Master's Theses registered in Cristin

The spring semester's Master's Theses issued from the Department of Biomedicine have now been registered in Cristin, click [here](#). **Please notify studie@biomed.uib.no if you notice anything missing!**

Tip: You will get a list of which Master's Theses you have been involved in as a supervisor when you log in to your personal page in the Cristin database.

Newsletter for the new curriculum in medicine for August 2017

The newsletter is available on the faculty web pages, along with other newsletters, which are available [here](#).

Announcement of grant funding for Erasmus+ Mobility in Teaching and Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for 2017/2018

The University of Bergen has this year once again received funding for mobility through the Erasmus+ Program. The program has grant funding available for staff going out to teach at Europeans collaborating universities (Mobility in Teaching) as well as student grants for exchange stays. More information about student exchange at UiB can be found [on this page](#), and for staff mobility [here](#). For 2017/2018, UiB has been awarded funding to conduct 27 student exchanges and 27 staff mobility travels.

Mobility in Teaching: the minimum requirements for qualifying for the Erasmus teaching mobility is 8 teaching hours. A valid Erasmus agreement must be in place between UiB and the institution of visit, which includes staff mobility within the academic area in question. An average grant is at 800 Euros per mobility.

Staff Mobility: if there is a shortage of funding vs. applications, UiB will prioritize employees not previously gone out on Erasmus mobility stays, and Departments/units which have not previously sent staff members on exchange stays.

Application deadlines for Mobility in Teaching is **20 August** and **20 January**. Both deadlines apply for applications for the academic year 2017/2018, but we are aiming at an even distribution of mobility grants for the fall and spring semester, if possible. Applications must be sent through ePhorte from the Department administration (for Dept. of Biomedicine: contact Stian Krog at the Section for Academic Affairs).



PhD Updates

Digital Life Norway Research School

The Digital Life Norway Research School (DLNRS) is part of the [Centre for Digital Life Norway](#), a national centre for biotechnology, research, and innovation. The Centre and the Research School are results of the Research Council of Norway's strategic priority: "Digital life - convergence of innovation". Membership in the DLN Research School is open to any PhD student or postdoc at a Norwegian institution who feels that their project relates to digital biotechnology and life sciences. You can be a member of several research schools simultaneously, and there are no obligations to being a member.

The research school arranges courses and offers travel grants to attend these courses e.g. [Metabolic Pathway Analysis](#), Trondheim October 2017; [Computational Neuroscience](#), Ås, 2018; [Correlative Light and Electron Microscopy](#), Tromsø, etc.





Funding Announcements

Current funding announcements/deadlines

1. Norges Forskningsråd (NFR)

- ⇒ **NEW** [Aurora mobility grants for researcher exchange with France](#) Scientific staff/groups of researchers at Norwegian institutions may seek funding for short-term stays in France to launch and develop joint research projects.



Deadline: 6 September

- ⇒ **NEW** [IS-DAAD: researcher exchange with Germany](#). Funding is available for short-term visits in Germany for the purpose of launching and developing new joint research projects. **Deadline: 6 September 2017**

2. Horizon 2020 / UiB – Project Establishment Support (PES) and Positioning funding (POS)

- ⇒ **New conditions for support for establishment of Horizon 2020 projects**

For each submitted coordinator- or partner-proposal, the applicant's academic department will receive a grant (without having to submit a PES application) provided the submitted H2020 application is formally approved (so-called "eligible"). Read more at UiBs [employee pages](#).



- ⇒ Positioning funding (POS) You can apply for POS support by filling in [POS application form](#) and sending it to Kristin.Hansen@uib.no.

3. Horizon 2020 - European Research Council (ERC) Frontier research grants

Local contact point at UiB: Anja Hegen

- ⇒ **NEW** [Advanced Grants](#): are designed to support excellent Principal Investigators at the career stage at which they are already established research leaders with a recognized track record of research achievements. **Deadline: 31 Aug 2017.**

- ⇒ **NEW** [Starting Grants](#) Upcoming call

Are you a talented early-career scientist who has already produced excellent supervised work, is ready to work independently and shows potential to be a research leader? The ERC Starting Grant could be for you. Preliminary deadline: 17 October 2017

- ⇒ **NEW** [Financial support to submit a new ERC grant proposal](#) The Research Council is offering up to NOK 500 000 in support to applicants who submit a new proposal within two years of submitting the original one.

4. Horizon 2020 - Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)

Local contact point UiB: Emmanuel Babatunde

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

- ⇒ [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: 14 September 2017

- ⇒ The [COFUND](#): aims at stimulating regional, national or international programmes to foster excellence in researchers' training, mobility and career development. **Deadline: 28 September 2017**

5. Horizon 2020 - Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation

Local contact point at UiB: Anja Hegen

- ⇒ [Twinning WIDESPREAD-05-2017](#): Twinning aims at significantly strengthening a defined field of research in a university or research organisation from a Widening country by linking it with at least two internationally-leading research institutions in other Member States or Associated Countries. In general, costs relating to administration, networking, coordination, training, management, travel costs are acceptable. **Deadline: 15 November 2017**

6. Horizon 2020 – Complementary Calls

- ⇒ [COST Action](#): funding for research networks. Proposals should reflect the main characteristics of COST Actions, namely providing for knowledge sharing, creation and application, being open and output-oriented while aiming at strengthening the scientific and technological basis of the proposed topic(s). **Deadline: 7 September 2017.**

Local contact point at UiB: Anja Hegen.

⇒ **NEW IMI** innovative medicines initiative. IMI is a joint undertaking between the European Union and the pharmaceutical industry association EFPIA. The following topics are under consideration for upcoming calls. *Local contact point at UiB: Sumathi Subramaniam/Katie Anders*

- [European Health Data Network \(EHDN\)](#) (pdf)
- [Analysing the infectious disease burden and the use of vaccines to improve healthy years in aging populations](#) (pdf)
- [Discovery and characterization of blood-brain barrier targets and transport mechanisms for brain delivery of therapeutics to treat neurodegenerative & metabolic diseases](#)(pdf)
- [European Screening Centre: unique library for attractive biology \(ESCuLab\)](#) (pdf)
- [Development of sensitive and validated clinical endpoints in **primary Sjögren's syndrome \(PSS\)**](#) (pdf)

7. EU Joint Programming Initiative "A Healthy Diet for a Healthy Live" JPI HDHL

⇒ **NEW** [Call for Joint Action Working Groups on diet-related chronic diseases](#). **Deadline: 29 August 2017**

8. The LEO-foundation

⇒ **NEW** [Grants for dermatological research projects](#). The LEO Foundation supports international dermatological research projects and activities that address issues in disease understanding, disease treatment, disease awareness and patient wellbeing. **Deadlines: 11 August and 6 October 2017**

Fellowships and Personal Grants

1. Novo Nordisk Foundation

⇒ [Postdoctoral fellowship program within endocrinology/metabolism at international elite research environments](#). The fellowship offers an opportunity to carry out a research project where a minimum of 3 years are dedicated to work at a university, hospital or other research institution abroad, followed by up to 1 year at a university, hospital or other research institution in a Nordic country. **Deadline: 21 Juni 2017**

2. NordForsk

⇒ [International Postdoctoral Research Fellowships within the Nordic Neutron Science Programme](#). The call is thematically open and supports fellowships within any scientific field using neutron scattering techniques. **Deadline: 30 August 2017**

3. EMBO (European Molecular Biology Organization)

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: throughout the year.**



4.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.

5. [Globallink – Scholarships to Canada](#) (Link in Norwegian)

⇒ Globalink allows for the Norwegian and Canadian master's and PhD students can apply for CAD 15.000 to conduct research practice in a business in the partner country.

Meetings/Workshops/Conferences

- ⇒ [Information meeting about EØS funds in Oslo with streaming](#), The Research Council informs about the research programs under the EØS funds and answers questions, 19 June, Oslo.
- ⇒ [Brain Tumour: Research and societal need](#), Policy and Research seminar, Brussels, European Parliament, 27 June
- ⇒ [Nordic PhD summit](#), 21.-22. August, Stockholm
- ⇒ [Sean McCarthy Course: How To Write The Impact In H2020 Applications](#), Norway's Research Council, Lysaker, 31 August
- ⇒ [Horizon 2020 - Application support - Level 2](#), Norges forskningsråd, Drammensvn. 288, Lysaker - FRISCH 2, 29 September 2017
- ⇒ Conference organised by EATRIS, the European Infrastructure for Translational Medicine: [Translational Medicine 2017](#), 24-26 September, Prague
- ⇒ [Building Bridges](#) Symposium on Epigenetics, 10+11 October, Helsinki

Financing for co-operation on higher education

- ⇒ [NordForsk – Nordic Centre of Excellence – New learning and teaching environments and practices](#)
- ⇒ [Partnership Programme for North America](#) (Link in Norwegian)
- ⇒ [Eurasia Programme](#)
- ⇒ [InternAbroad](#) (Link in Norwegian)
- ⇒ [UTFORSK Partnership Programme – two-year projects](#)
- ⇒ [Mobility grants North America in educational research \(UTNAM\)](#)

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