

MedIm

Norwegian Research School
in Medical Imaging

Bridging funds: Four short-term grants, each of NOK 200.000, from MedIm - Norwegian Research School in Medical Imaging

MedIm - Norwegian Research School in Medical Imaging will offer four short-term grants, each of NOK 200.000, earmarked for salary expenses, to recent master's graduates or medical doctors. Our aim is to offer talented researcher recruits the opportunity to establish themselves in the field of medical imaging. We aim to provide a source of income from final examinations until the initiation of a PhD project. The grant will be transferred to the applicant's department or unit, which will offer the recipient a temporary appointment for an agreed period – usually a minimum of 4 months.

Eligibility and criteria:

- The grant is restricted to applicants who complete their studies (master's degree, MD or other programme of professional study) during autumn 2011 or spring 2012. Medical Doctors who complete their internship in the same period are also eligible to apply.
- The applicant must be associated with an established research group, and must have a supervisor who is specified by name.
- The grant is earmarked for salary expenses. The recipient must work full time on preparation of the PhD project during the funding period. The last start date is 1 Oct. 2012

About the project:

- The project must be within the field of medical imaging.
- Applicants may come from a wide range of educational backgrounds.
- MedIm's focus areas are ultrasound, MRI, PET, CT, image-guided surgery, advanced biomedical microscopy and bionanotechnology.
- The project's scientific quality is the most important criterion. Earlier academic achievements will also be a deciding factor. The connection to a well established research group is important. A strong international network will be an advantage. The likelihood of a successful PhD grant application will also be considered. An interdisciplinary profile in the project application will be regarded favourably.

After the grant has been awarded, MedIm will transfer the funds to the recipient's academic department or unit. The grant will cover salary and additional expenses for about 4 months in a position as a research assistant [vitenskapelig assistent] or equivalent. MedIm's responsibility is limited to the provision of the grant. Employer responsibility rests with the recipient institution.

The application must include:

- Candidate:**
- Concise letter of application with project description (max. 3 pages)
 - CV (max. 1 page)
 - Publications list, if applicable

- Transcript of earlier grades/diploma from university and university college studies.
- Academic group:**
- Letter of recommendation from supervisor, which includes a description of the plans to achieve a PhD grant for the candidate (max. 1 page). Brief recommendations from other contacts may also be included.
 - Confirmation letter from the applicant's department/unit, offering temporary employment for no less than 4 months upon the reception of the grant. Normally, this implies that the recipient institution contributes in kind through a reduced overhead rate, or in cash through the provision of local funding to cover parts of the overhead.

The documents in the application must follow the sequence specified in the section above. Applications that fail to meet these criteria or lack essential documents will not be considered.

The application with all attachments should be submitted electronically to erik.ingebrigtsen@ntnu.no as one single PDF file. If the recipient cannot carry out the project in accordance with the application or the criteria specified above, MedIm reserves the right to transfer the scholarship to another applicant.

MedIm is funded by the Research Council of Norway, and organized as a consortium of the Norwegian universities NTNU, UiB, UiO, and UiT. Applicants aiming for a PhD position at one of these four partners or the corresponding University Hospitals will be given priority. Gender and geographic distribution may be taken into account.

Deadline for applications: 15 March 2012. The results of the evaluation process will be announced in early May 2012.

For additional information and submission of application: Project Manager Erik Ingebrigtsen - erik.ingebrigtsen@ntnu.no