



Norwegian Research School
in Medical Imaging

Bridging funds: Four short-term grants, each of NOK 225.000, from MedIm - Norwegian Research School in Medical Imaging

Deadline for applications: 30 April 2015

MedIm - [Norwegian Research School in Medical Imaging](#) will offer four short-term grants, each of NOK 225.000, earmarked for salary expenses, to recent Master's or medical doctor graduates. Eligible applicants are those completing their studies during 2014 or spring 2015. Applicants may come from a wide range of educational backgrounds. 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 minimum of 4 months full-time employment.

Eligibility and purpose of the grant:

- The grant is restricted to applicants who completed, or will complete, their studies (Master's degree, MD or other programme of professional study) during the calendar year 2014 or spring 2015. Medical Doctors who completed, or will complete, their internship during the same period, are eligible to apply. Candidates who completed their studies or internship prior to 01.01.2014 are not eligible.
- The applicant must be associated with an established research group, and must name a supervisor.
- The grant is earmarked for salary expenses including social costs and overhead within Norway. The recipient will work full time on preparation of the PhD project during the funding period. The project has to be initiated, at the latest, on 1 October 2015.

Focus area and evaluation criteria:

- The project must be within MedIm's focus areas: ultrasound, MRI, PET, CT, image-guided surgery, advanced biomedical microscopy and bionanotechnology.
- Evaluation criteria: The planned PhD project's scientific quality carries most weight (score 1-9). The applicant's potential, judged by earlier academic achievements such as grades, scientific presentations, publications, awards and relevant work experience, will also be a deciding factor (score 1-6). Equally important is the quality of the research group (score 1-6). A strong international network for the research group will be an advantage (score 1-3).
- Additional factors: The likelihood of a successful PhD grant application will be considered. An interdisciplinary profile in the project application will be regarded favorably. Applicants aiming for a PhD position at one of MedIm's four partner universities or the corresponding University Hospitals will be given priority. Gender- and geographic distribution may be taken into account.

After the grant has been awarded, MedIm will transfer the funds to the recipient's academic department or unit, upon the reception of a formal document confirming the recipient's full

time employment as a research assistant [vitenskapelig assistent] or equivalent for no less than 4 months. MedIm's responsibility is limited to the provision of the grant. Please note that the recipient institution is expected to provide the necessary facilities, and, if the total cost of employment, equipment and running costs exceeds NOK 225.000, these costs must be carried by the applicant's home institution. Employer responsibility also rests with the recipient institution.

Mandatory documents:

Candidate

1. Concise letter of application with project description (max. 3 pages)
2. CV (max. 1 page)
3. Candidate's publications list, if applicable (optional).
4. Transcript of earlier grades/diploma from university and university college studies.

Academic group:

5. Letter of recommendation from supervisor, which includes a brief description of the plans on how to secure a PhD grant for the candidate (max. 1 page)
6. Confirmation letter signed by the head of the applicant's department/unit, stating that the candidate will be offered temporary employment for no less than 4 months upon the reception of the grant.

The documents in the application must follow the sequence specified in the section above. Please note that the letter of application, CV and letter of recommendation from supervisor (documents 1., 2., and 5) must not exceed 5 pages combined. Applications failing to meet these criteria or lack essential documents will not be considered.

The application with all attachments should be submitted electronically to [MedIm](#) 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, University of Bergen, University of Oslo, and UiT – the arctic university of Norway.

Deadline for applications: 30 April 2015. The results of the evaluation process will be announced in late May 2015.

Submission form: <https://survey.medisin.ntnu.no/machform/view.php?id=37783>

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