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Søknadshjelpen – The MH Grants Office: Funding Updates

Welcome to the MH Grants Office's first funding newsletter of 2026! We start the new year with a celebration of the **funding success stories of 2025**. May these colleagues' successful grant applications serve as an inspiration for what is possible at the national and EU-level as you plan your applications and/or re-applications for 2026. Additionally, each month we will be profiling one of core facilities available at MH. Keep them in mind for your next project!

As we have a growing number of **early career researchers** subscribing to this newsletter, next month we will profile the main research grants available right after the PhD.

You can expect our newsletter in your inbox on the first Friday of the month, at most monthly and every 2nd or 3rd month during periods with fewer announcements to share.

Check out the [MH Grants Office website](#) to read more about the support services we offer, see an [overview of funding opportunities](#) available to health researchers in Norway, and more.

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MH Faculty Wall of Fame!

Stepping back from upcoming calls and funding opportunities, this month we would like to look back at 2025 and celebrate those researchers across MH who have successfully applied for funding.

Congratulations to all our researchers who succeeded in securing funding in 2025! We understand very well how much work and dedication went into these proposals and look forward to continuing to support both new applications and re-submissions and especially to see what 2026 has in store.

Below are MH’s grantees of research funds from national and international sources:

NORWEGIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL

FRIPRO RESEARCHER PROJECT FOR EXPERIENCED SCIENTISTS

Nathalie Jurisch Yaksi (IKOM)

Uncovering the neuromodulatory function of the choroid plexus and cerebrospinal fluid

Jonathan Whitlock (KIN)

Chasing algorithms: charting the brain’s internal models for predictive pursuit

FRIPRO RADICAL RESEARCH IDEAS FOR EARLY CAREER SCIENTISTS

Guglielmo Genovese (INB)

Measuring glutamate distribution in cellular and sub-cellular compartments with non-invasive imaging

RECRUIT A RESEARCHER FROM UKRAINE FOR AN ONGOING RESEARCHER PROJECT

Nathalie Jurisch Yaksi (IKOM)

Awarded to the FRIPRO Project: ‘Uncovering the neuromodulatory function of the choroid plexus and cerebrospinal fluid’

Dr. Dr. Oleg Tsupykov from the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine. uses electron microscopy (EM) and immuno-electron microscopy (immuno-EM) to study synapses, axons, and glial interactions, in health and disease. He will contribute his electron microscopy expertise to the project.

INNOVATION PROJECT RESEARCH AND INNOVATION TO STRENGTHEN THE SUSTAINABILITY OF MUNICIPAL HEALTH AND CARE SERVICES

Ingebrigt Meisingset (ISM) as coordinator

*Collaborative Musculoskeletal Management:
Enhancing Primary Care through Interdisciplinary
Team-based Care (COMMIT)*

Anne Sofie Helvik (ISM) as partner

*HOME - Sustainable and Adequate Care for the Elderly
Through Ageing in Place*

QUALIFICATION GRANT
RESEARCH COMMERCIALISATION FROM PUBLICLY FUNDED
RESEARCH

NTNU TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AS with Weijian Zong (Kavli)

Mini10k - The next generation miniaturized 2-photon microscope

COLLABORATIVE PROJECT TO MEET SOCIETAL AND INDUSTRY-RELATED CHALLENGES

Ben Brumpton (ISM)

HUNT - Genes IP: Industry supported programs for innovation in genomics

SUPPORT FOR RESEARCH SCHOOLS TO FOLLOW UP NATIONAL SUBJECT EVALUATIONS

Tom Ivar Lund Nilsen (ISM) with Therese Haugdahl Nøst (UIT)

Forskerskolen EPINOR - National research school in epidemiology: Building competence, networks and data-driven insights for future health research in Norway.

EUROPEAN PARTNERSHIPS

EUROPEAN PARTNERSHIP FOR PERSONALIZED MEDICINE
EP PERMED JOINT TRANSNATIONAL CALL (JTC) 2025

Åsmund Flobak (IKOM) as coordinator

ERKetype: Developing digital twins as complex biomarkers for ERK signalling therapy through the integration of pharmaco-genomics data and comprehensive analysis of ERK and alternative pathway signalling dynamics

THCS: BETTER CARE CLOSER TO HOME: ENHANCING PRIMARY AND COMMUNITY CARE.

Artur Serrano (INB) as coordinator

Co-creation of an INnovative TR Ecosystem accessible on a GRAnd scale to persons with disabilities living in the community

INNOVATIVE HEALTH INITIATIVE (IHI):
BOOSTING INNOVATION THROUGH BETTER INTEGRATION OF
FRAGMENTED HEALTH R&I EFFORTS

Grant Agreement under finalization

A researcher at MH has successfully partnered on an IHI project. The project will be [publicly announced on the call website](#) once the grant agreement is signed.

THE NORWEGIAN CANCER SOCIETY

RESEARCHER PROJECTS 2025

Åsmund Flobak (IKOM)

COSENSE-2: The Mona Lisa Project - Drug Repurposing for Metastatic Colon Cancer by Patient-Derived Tumouroids and Cell Painting

Tone Frost Bathen (ISB)

Prostate Cancer in the Era of Screening

Tarje Halvorsen (IKOM)

Randomized phase III trial investigating whether high-dose thoracic radiotherapy improves survival in limited stage small-cell lung cancer - an international, confirmatory trial

Horizon Europe

Upcoming calls from the Global Health partnership (EDCTP3)

Global Health EDCTP3 has published six calls for funding with upcoming deadlines.

NB: Proposals to the *Research and Innovation Actions* below are expected to include the effective in-kind and/or financial contribution of contributing partners, to produce more meaningful and significant effects enhancing the impact of the related research activities. **This does not apply to the Coordination and Support Action.**

RESEARCH AND INNOVATION ACTIONS

Deadlines: 04 March 2026 (pre-proposal),
17 September 2026 (full proposal)

HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2026-01-LRTI-02-two-stage

Global collaboration action for prevention and treatment of Lower Respiratory Tract Infections (LRTIs) in sub-Saharan Africa

Max budget: Approx. €8.475 million

[Read the full call here](#)

HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2026-01-TB-01-two-stage

Global collaboration action for the development of TB drugs for therapy and chemoprophylaxis in adults and children in sub-Saharan Africa

Max budget: Approx. €10 million

[Read the full call here](#)

HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2026-02-CH-01-two-stage

Global collaboration action on climate and health in sub-Saharan Africa

Max budget: Approx. €10 million

[Read the full call here](#)

HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2026-01-HIV-03-two-stage

Global collaboration action towards better prevention, treatment and clinical management of HIV co-infections or co-morbidities in sub-Saharan Africa

Max budget: Approx. €5 million

[Read the full call here](#)

COORDINATION AND SUPPORT ACTIONS (CSA)

Deadline: 02 September 2026

HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2026-03-DIGIT-02

Enhancing integrated research and healthcare in sub-Saharan Africa through digital innovation and Artificial Intelligence.

Max budget: Approx. €8 million

[Read the full call here](#)

HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2026-03-SERP-01

Training and innovation networks for sustained capacity development related to ethics, regulatory, pharmaceutical, and related digital regulatory platforms

Max budget: Approx. €5 million

[Read the full call here](#)

Upcoming call from the new European Partnership for Pandemic Preparedness (Be Ready)

The newly launched *European Partnership for Pandemic Preparedness* (BeReady) invites proposals for projects on the following topic:

Advancing knowledge of host and pathogen dynamics to better combat emerging diseases

Deadline: 13 April 2026 (pre-proposal)
20 August 2026 (full proposal)

Call Opens: 31 January 2026

Project duration: max. 36 months (3 years)

Maximum funding (Norwegian partners): €300 000.

Maximum funding (Norwegian coordinators): €400 000.

This planned call will support innovative, collaborative, interdisciplinary and transnational research projects aiming for a better understanding of the pandemic potential of emerging pathogens, elucidating the pathophysiology induced by these pathogens, and developing innovative medical countermeasures.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Calls from the European Partnership for Brain Health (EP BrainHealth)

The European Partnership for Brain Health (EP BrainHealth) has announced two collaborative Joint Transnational Calls.

Deadline: 10 March 2026 (pre-proposal)
30 June 2026 (full proposal)

Maximum funding (Norwegian partners): €300 000.

Maximum funding (Norwegian coordinators): €400 000.

JTC2026 Call 1: Neurological Mental and Sensory Disorders

Biological, social and environmental factors that impact the trajectory of brain health across the lifespan – in the field of neurological, mental and sensory disorders.

[Read the call text here.](#)

JTC2026 Call 2: Neurodegenerative Disorders

Biological, social and environmental factors that impact the trajectory of brain health across the lifespan – in the field of neurodegeneration.

[Read the call text here.](#)

If you have question about the above calls or generally about applying to calls from European Partnerships, send your question to soknadshjelpen@mh.ntnu.no and we are happy to help.

Reminder of upcoming deadlines from European Partnerships (EP)

Below is a summarized list of all deadlines to 2026 Joint Transnational Calls from European Partnerships. It includes both calls and draft calls described in our November newsletter, and those included above in this edition. More information about each call is available if you click on the partnership name and in our November and December newsletters.

EUROPEAN PARTNERSHIP	DEADLINE (STAGE 1)	DEADLINE (STAGE 2)
Transforming Health and Care Systems (THCS)	02.02.2026	30.06.2026
The European Partnership on One Health Antimicrobial Resistance (EUP OHAMR)	02.02.2026	17.06.2026
European Partnership for Personalized Medicine (EP PerMed)	10.02.2026	09.06.2026
European Rare Diseases Research Alliance (ERDERA)	12.02.2026	09.07.2026
Global Heath EDCTP3 (RIA Calls)	04.03.2026	17.09.2026
EP BrainHealth - Call 1 and Call 2	10.03.2026	30.06.2026
European Partnership for Pandemic Preparedness (BE READY)	12.03.2026	20.08.2026
Innovative Health Initiative (IHI)	03.04.2026	N/A
Global Health EDCTP3 (CSA Calls)	31.08.2026	N/A

More information about these calls and available support is available through the [Grants Office](#).

NTNU's Horizon Europe Brochure for 2026 / 2027 Health Cluster calls is now online: Not too late to be included!



You can now look for other researchers from MH and across NTNU who are interested in the same calls and topics as you, and open to partnering.

[Click here to see the Brochures](#)

That said, **very few researchers from our faculty have participated.**

If you are interested in an upcoming topic and think you have something to contribute, but lack the capacity, network and/or experience to coordinate a proposal, **fill out a survey and list yourself as open to partnering!**

NB: You can still be included. The brochures are updated regularly.

[Links to the participation surveys are available here.](#)

Advice for participation:

- Make sure to fill out the box asking for your specific expertise relevant to the call. That is the most helpful for researchers reading the brochure.
- Don't be afraid to be detailed about your expertise and skills.

Norwegian Research Council

Researcher Project for Early Career Scientists on Global Health and Development Research

The Norwegian Research Council has announced a thematic call on global health and development aimed at early career researchers (2-7 years post-PhD).

Deadline: 22 April 2026

Budget: 4 000 000 – 10 000 000 NOK

Duration: 36 – 48 months

[Further information in English will appear on the call website](#), at the latest when the call opens for applications. A full draft text of the call is [already available in Norwegian here](#).

Upcoming Call: Loneliness, exclusion and social inequality in health

The Norwegian Research Council has pre-announced a call for collaborative projects that contribute to sustainable health promotion and preventive measures, treatment and services to counteract loneliness, exclusion and social inequality in health.

Deadline: 10 June 2026

Budget: 4 000 000 – 16 000 000 NOK

Duration: 24 – 48 months

NB: This year's thematic collaborative calls from the Norwegian Research Council are anticipated to open in March/April.

[Further information in English will appear on the call website](#), at the latest when the call opens for applications. The Norwegian language text is often released ahead of the English, so it is a good idea to monitor both if this call interests you.

RCN announces changes to their application system and introduces a new application form.

The Norwegian research will introduce a new online application system, a new application form, as well as a new application processing/assessment system for most of its calls starting in February.

[There is an info video covering these changes available here.](#) (Norwegian)

- [You can read more about the new six-part grading scale here.](#) (Norwegian and English)
- [Information about the new application system and form is available here.](#) (Norwegian and English)

Core Facility of the Month

Comparative Medicine Core Facility



CoMed is a laboratory animal facility approved for rodents, rabbits, and pigs. They offer housing and care for laboratory animals, rent out laboratories and operating rooms, and assist researchers with training, planning, and conducting experiments.

The large animal facility also organizes various types of courses for healthcare personnel, in close collaboration with St. Olav's Hospital.

[More information about the facility is available on its website.](#)

Support Activities

NFR/RCN Proposal Reading Day

Time: February 11, 9:00-12:00 (register by 09.02)

Place: [03-047 Helgasetr.](#)

Did you miss the reading day in January? The MH Grants Office invites you to a another reading day of successful proposals submitted to the Research Council of Norway. Considering the varied schedules of researchers at the faculty, we have scheduled a second session, this time in the morning.

[Register here and choose up to 3 proposals.](#)

We have examples of successful proposals to both **FRIPRO** and **Collaborative Projects to Meet Societal and Industry-Related Challenges**

Overview of the available proposals

If you have any questions about securing funding from the RCN or would like more information, you can reach the MH Grants Office at: soknadshjelpen@mh.ntnu.no.

Reading Day Rules:

To protect the researchers who have been so kind as to share their ERC and NFR proposals, these rules will be in place during our reading days:

- You can only read the proposals at the set time and place
- You can't take the proposal out of the room
- No copying or taking pictures of the proposal
- You may take notes on paper, laptop or other digital note-taking device.
- Before you can see the proposals, you will have to sign a non-disclosure agreement

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