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MH Grants Office: Funding Updates

Welcome to the August newsletter from the MH Grants Office. Students are now back in Trondheim, Ålesund, and Gjøvik and the new academic year is about to start. With autumn slowly sneaking up on us, comes a new cycle of proposal deadlines. MSCA postdoctoral applicants are busy working with their NTNU supervisors ahead of the early September deadline, and hopeful ERC grantees are well into preparing starting grant applications for October. Whatever your funding hopes and ambitions are this year, we at the MH Grants Office are here to support you.

You can expect our newsletter in your inbox 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 and deadlines](#) in health and more.

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Horizon Europe

Upcoming Deadlines in the Health Cluster

Horizon Europe's first 2027 single-stage call and the 2027 two-stage call will likely have their deadlines moved up to February 17th, 2027, with a second round of single-stage calls due in September 2027.

NB: These new deadlines still need to undergo final approval before they are updated in the EU Funding and Tenders portal.

You may see all topics and descriptions under each call at the links below :

[Health \(Single Stage - 2027/1\)](#)

[Health \(Two Stage - 2027\)](#)

[Health \(Single Stage - 2027/2\)](#)

NB: At time of writing, the call links were not working with Microsoft Edge. A different browser is recommended.

These are calls for large collaborative projects requiring at least three partners, in at least three different countries, at least one of which must be an EU member state.

If you plan to apply to coordinate such a project, please get in touch with the [MH Grants Office](#) at least 6 months ahead of the deadline so that we can adequately support you.

Project Establishment Funding (PES)

Both coordinated and partnered applications qualify for PES to support the proposal preparation process.

More detailed information about PES and how to apply is [now available on our website](#).

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

Horizon Europe info days and brokerage event — Cluster 1: Health

Are you interested in Horizon Europe's collaborative health cluster calls?

Sign up for the official digital **info day** about the 2027 Health Cluster topics in the 2026-2027 Work Programme and connected brokerage event.



There will also be an online **brokerage event** before the info day, on **November 24-25**, to help interested researchers find collaborators and build consortia. This will include an online matchmaking platform, bilateral matchmaking meetings, and pitching sessions.

[Further information about both events is available here.](#)

Other Calls for Funding

NORM call for proposals on Antimicrobial Drug Resistance

The Norwegian Surveillance System for Antimicrobial Drug Resistance (NORM) announces funding for research with the following objectives:

- to map antimicrobial drug resistance
- to advance knowledge about the causes of resistance development
- to improve the quality of preventive measures against the development and spread of resistance

[Link to the application.](#)

Deadline: October 1, 2026

Support Activities

ERC Proposal Reading Day

Time: 14 September 2026, 14:00 – 16:00

Place: Room [04-066](#) (4th floor of the Helgasetr building)

Registration deadline: 10 September 2026

[Register here and choose up to three proposals you want to read.](#)

Abstracts, ERC type of the grant, panel are available from that form as well.

Do you plan to apply for an ERC grant in the coming calls?

Are you struggling with inspiration or tips on how to address the requirements?

The Grants Office at the Medical Faculty invites you to a reading day where you can read proposals from NTNU researchers that have been funded by the European Research Council. We believe that it is valuable to see how successful proposals are structured and formulated, whether it is from your specific field of expertise or not. This is an excellent opportunity, and we are very grateful to NTNU researchers who have agreed to share their proposals.

Please register and select the proposals you would like to read so that we can set them aside for you (and print the necessary number of copies if many would like to see the same proposal).

The event is open for any NTNU faculty, and we have proposals from various fields and faculties to read.

ARE YOU BASED IN GJØVIK OR ÅLESUND?

NTNU can cover your **travel expenses and one night of accommodation** to attend the Proposal Reading Day.

Contact [Kari Norheim Håland](#), Senior Advisor at Research, Innovation and External Relations Division, NTNU.

NFR/RCN Proposal Reading Day

Time: 21 September 2026, 12:00 – 16:00

Place: Room [03-047](#) (3rd floor of Helgasetr building)

Registration deadline: September 18th

The Grants Office invites you to a reading day of proposals that have been funded by the Research Council of Norway. It is invaluable to see how successful proposals are structured and formulated, whether you are writing your own proposal or helping others secure funding as an adviser.

[Register here and choose up to three proposals you want to read.](#)

We have examples of successful proposals to various types of **FRIPRO** proposals as well as **Collaborative Projects to Meet Societal and Industry-Related Challenges**.

[Overview of the available proposals](#)

If you have any questions about securing funding from the research council 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

Relevant Courses and Webinars from the Research Council

WEBINARS

25 August	<u>Are you going to apply for ERC Starting Grant in October 2026?</u>
2 September	<u>Lump sum proposals, budgets and projects</u>
3 September	<u>Looking for partners and joining consortia</u>
15 September	<u>Dissemination, Communication and Exploitation – Measures to maximise your impact</u>
Additional dates:	
• <u>12 November</u>	
13 October	<u>Legal agreements – the Grant Agreement and the Consortium Agreement</u>
21 October	<u>Research Data Management and Open Science approaches</u>
3 November	<u>Evaluation of Horizon Europe collaborative proposals (webinar)</u>
5 November	<u>Ethical issues, GDPR and data protection in Horizon Europe</u>

COURSES IN TRONDHEIM

10-11 September	<u>Horizon Europe Proposal Writing – Focus: Impact</u>
28 October	<u>Horizon Europe Proposal Writing: the first steps</u>

COURSES IN ÅLESUND

25-26 August	<u>Horizon Europe Proposal Writing – Focus: Impact</u>
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Check if you qualify for PES or an RRS position

If you are applying for external funding this fall or winter, you may qualify for project establishment grants (PES) to support your proposal preparation, or for a free RRS PhD position to add to your project.

Project Establishment Grants

PES Funding is available to support you in preparing both coordinated (where you are the primary or sole PI) and partnered proposals within Horizon Europe. This includes everything from applications to MSCA grants, ERC grants, Health Cluster, Pathfinder, Cancer Mission, European Partnerships, and more.

[You can read more about what costs PES can cover and how to apply on our website.](#)

RRS PhD Positions

RRS-positions (formerly RSO) are available for NFR and Horizon Europe projects where MH-faculty is allocated at least 6 million NOK of the externally financed budget.

The faculty covers salary, social costs and operating costs in compliance with the current routines for RRS positions at the faculty.

Requirements to qualify:

Notify the faculty that you are applying no later than 2 weeks before the application deadline/scheduled date of proposal submission.

The following information is required:

- The name of the call for proposals
- The project title
- The name and department of the project leader
- The total budget for the project
- MH-faculty's share of the externally financed budget.
- If the MH-faculty is a partner, please include the name and organization of the project manager.
- An email from the head of your department confirming their support for the proposal.

The above information should be sent by email to laila.berg@ntnu.no.

The MH-faculty reserves its right to use the "first come, first served" principle for prioritization if the annual RRS-resources earmarked for this purpose are exceeded.

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