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MH Grants Office: Funding Updates

Welcome to the MH Grants Office funding newsletter. You can expect our newsletter in your inbox at most monthly and every 2nd or 3rd month during quieter periods.

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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Horizon Europe

HEU Pillar II Health Cluster 2026/2027 draft calls and topics now available

If you are considering coordinating or partnering on a Horizon Europe Health Cluster proposal next year, it is not too early to start thinking about a project and speaking to potential partners.

The European Commission published the draft 2026/2027 Health Cluster Work Programme before the summer.

[The draft is available here.](#)

The new work programme includes topics on themes familiar to the HEU Health Cluster, along with several new topic areas, including some connected to climate change, digital technologies and mental health (children and youth), public trust in the life sciences and more.

The Grants Office has **an updated copy of this draft**, revised in July. If you'd like to receive a copy of this most recent version, contact: soknadshjelpen@mh.ntnu.no.

Calls Open: 2026/2027

If you wish to apply to one of these calls, get in touch with the Grants Office and we are happy to talk you through the protocols, best practices, as well as share with you the support options and resources we have available for applicants to these research schemes.

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

ERC Grants 2026: Changes to proposal template and information webinar for applicants

Are you applying for an ERC Grant this academic year? If you are familiar with the proposal format from past application attempts or have studied former successful proposals at a reading day, please be aware of recent changes to the proposal format.

B1 (formerly an extended synopsis) and B2 (formerly a complete proposal) should now avoid redundancy and repetition between the two parts, meaning each contains different information. **In the new format, B1 and B2 together form the complete proposal.** Since it does not need to repeat information contained in B1, the B2 section of the proposal has been reduced in length to max. 7 pages.

Part 1 (B1) will be assessed at step 1 of the evaluation, and reviewers at step 2 will evaluate both parts together (i.e. B1 and B2).

You can find detailed instructions for parts B1 and B2 of the ERC proposal [in the ERC's Information for Applicants](#).

On **August 28th**, the Norwegian Research Council is hosting an [information webinar for ERC Starting Grant applicants](#) where, among other things, they will discuss and answer questions about these recent changes, and how to structure your proposals in light of them.

Date: 28 August

Time: 10:00-15:00

[Register here](#)

*Registration is closed, but you may send an email to [Per Magnus Kommandantvold](#) at the NFR and ask for a link to the webinar.

On **September 11th** the [European Research Council will host a webinar with information on the ERC Work Program 2026](#). It will cover, among other things, the specific changes to rules and templates.

Date: 11 September

Time: 15:00-16:30

Registration: No registration necessary. The webinar can be viewed live and later in a recorded form at the link above. If you attend live, there is the opportunity to ask questions.

Part 1 to this webinar took place on July 10th. [A recording can be viewed here](#).

Other Calls for Funding

Upcoming Deadlines at the Research Council of Norway.

Below are upcoming thematic calls that may be relevant for medical and health science research.

Research and Innovation for Major Challenges in the Public Sector

Deadline: 24 September

If this call interests you, the RCN is hosting an [applicant webinar on 26 August \(10.00-11.00\)](#)

Research and Innovation to Strengthen the Sustainability of Municipal Health and Care Services

Deadline: 24 September

Collaborative Project to Prevent and Combat Violence in Close Relationships

Deadline: 12 November

If this call interests you, the RCN is hosting an [applicant webinar on 22 August \(9.00-10.00\)](#)

Considering applying to one of these calls?

We have several successful examples of Collaborative Projects to Meet Societal and Industry-Related Challenges available to read at our RCN reading days. While not identical to these above calls, they can still be helpful to read.

Support Activities

Horizon Europe Pillar II: Webinars for applicants

Applying or considering applying for a collaborative Horizon Europe (HEU) project in 2026/2027?

We recommend you consider attending some of the free webinars and courses offered by the NRC this fall. These applications (HEU Pillar II, Cluster Calls) have long and complicated templates, with sections and requirements that must be filled out a certain way, which is not always intuitive to those who are not already well familiar with these types of applications. These sessions cover some of the most unexpectedly unintuitive parts of the proposals.

Several webinars are held twice this autumn.

Lump sum proposals, budgets and projects

Time: 8:30-12:45

Dates: [1 Sep | Register here](#)

[25 Nov | Register here](#)

Specifics of Cluster projects - Call analysis

Time: 8:30-12:45

Dates: [3 Sep | Register here](#)

[11 Nov | Register here](#)

Ethical issues, GDPR and data protection in HEU

Time: 8:45-11:15

Date: [12 Sep | Register here](#)

Research Data Management and Open Science approaches

Time: 8:45-11:15

Date: [15 Sep | Register here](#)

How to integrate SSH, interdisciplinarity and gender dimension into Horizon Europe proposal

Time: 8:45-11:15

Date: [16 Sep | Register here](#)

Stakeholder engagement, social innovation and citizen science

Time: 8:45-11:15

Date: [22 Sep | Register here](#)

Dissemination, Communication and Exploitation – Measures to maximise your impact

Time: 8:30-12:45

Date: [22 Oct | Register here](#)

[19 Nov | Register here](#)

If you are struggling with the summary tables in section 2.3 of your proposal, get in touch with the [MH Grants Office](#). We have examples from successful proposals.

Webinar: Open Science in Research Funding Proposals

Open Science is increasingly becoming a formal part of the evaluation of proposals for research funding. With competition so tough, every aspect of your research proposal must shine for it to stand a chance of being funded.

In this webinar [Research Data @NTNU](#) will explain how Open Science is evaluated in **Horizon Europe** and **Research Council of Norway** proposals and what you should address in order for your research proposal to stand out from the crowd. The course will also cover your open science requirements if your project is funded and what tools and support are available at NTNU to help you to fulfill them.

Target group: Researchers applying for funding from Horizon Europe or the Research Council of Norway

Date: 27 Aug

Time: 10:00-11:00

Place: [Zoom/The Virtual Library](#)

Language: English

[Register here](#)

Did you know that NTNU University Library and NTNU IT-services have established a support service for research data? Research Data @NTNU is a free service for researchers and students at NTNU.

Contact [Research Data @NTNU](#) with any questions or to book a visit at your department or in your research group.

Event: Horizon @NTNU – Information and Networking for Researchers interested in HEU

Horizon @ NTNU is an information and networking event for all researchers at NTNU interested in Horizon Europe.

Time: 15 October | 11.30-16.00

Place: Gruva, NTNU

Registration: [Register here by October 10th](#)

NB: Lunch will be served at the start of the event

This is a collaborative event organized by EU advisors across faculties and all Strategic Research Areas at NTN, with the objective of sharing knowledge and fostering collaboration around Horizon Europe processes, including proposal development, project management, and internal support structures.



Agenda Highlights

- Presentations on NTNU's support structure and success stories
- Q&A and roundtable discussion
- Structured Networking Session: Join topic-specific tables to connect with experienced NTNU researchers and exchange insights
- Feedback Collection: We will gather input on your needs and challenges related to Horizon Europe participation. This will help us design tailor-made workshops and support services—including technical aspects—based on your feedback.

A detailed agenda will be included closer to the date.



Call for Co-Hosts

We are looking for **experienced researchers** who would be willing to **co-host a table** during the structured networking session. Each table will focus on a specific topic and be co-hosted by several experts to encourage rich and diverse discussions. Topics include:

- Proposal writing
- Building/finding a consortium
- Coordinating projects & administrative management
- Multidisciplinary collaboration
- Finances

If you are interested in contributing as a co-host, please indicate this in the event registration form.

NFR/RCN Proposal Reading Day

Time: 05 Sept | 12.00-15.00

Place: 03-047 Helgasetr

Registration deadline: 03 Sept

Register [here](#) and choose up to three proposals you want to read. [An overview of the available proposals can be found here](#)

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. We now have an updated and expanded our list of available proposals and are

very grateful to the 19 researchers who have agreed to share their work.

We have a selection of both FRIPRO and collaborative proposals to choose from.

To protect the researchers who have been so kind as to share their proposals, these rules will be in place:

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

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