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MH Grants Office: Funding Updates

Welcome to the special Easter edition of our funding newsletter!



Spring is in the air and with it a fresh wave of announcements, calls, deadlines, and funding opportunities – often arriving on short notice! To help you stay ahead and make the most of the season, we're bringing you this supplementary issue of the newsletter to keep you

informed and on track as we head toward summer.

Generally, you can expect our newsletter in your inbox on the first Friday of the month, 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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This Month from the Grants Office

Reminder: Upcoming EOI deadlines for ERC Starting Grants and EIC Pathfinder Challenges

Just a reminder of the upcoming EOI deadlines.

If you plan on submitting a coordinated application for the following, then please make sure to secure faculty support through submission of an EOI. Details are on the [grants office website here](#).

For pillar 2 applications in Horizon Europe (including health cluster, cancer missions etc.) get in touch with us directly at the [Grants Office](#).

EIC Pathfinder Challenges

Deadline(s): 29 October 2025 (application)
21 April 2025 (EOI)

ERC Starting Grants

Deadline(s): 14 October 2025 (application)
05 May 2025 (EOI)

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

Info-bit: What is an Expression of Interest (EOI) and why you should submit one

Submitting an EOI is *not* necessary for you to receive our hands-on-support with your application, but we do highly encourage it for several reasons.

1. We know **your time is valuable**, so we want to make sure it is well spent on competitive applications with a **realistic chance for success**. The EOI will be assessed based on the maturity of the research idea, whether it fits the scop of the call, and whether your experience fits the scope of the call (in the case of experience-based call types like FRIPRO and ERC). This allows us to give early feedback, before you've devoted, days, weeks or months on a proposal.
2. For EU grants, you need to submit an EOI if you plan to apply **for project establishment funding (PES)**. To support the application process for ERC grants, for example, you may qualify for up to 75.000 NOK from NTNU, with up to 300.000 NOK topped up by MH faculty.* The deadline for the ERC EOI is therefore important for the faculty to keep track of how many PES grants will be funded, as resources are limited. [Further information about OES can be found here](#).

If you contact us without an EOI, remember the earlier we hear from you, the more likely we are to have the capacity to provide thorough assistance with enough time for you to apply any feedback.

*Unfortunately, currently only ERC applications qualify for a possible faculty top up. All EU grant types are eligible for PES funding from NTNU.

Further information about the EOI process, along with application forms, [is available here](#).

Info-bit: Do you have UK Collaborators?

Remember that Norwegian institutes have access to UKRI funding as a partner on applications with a UK coordinator.

If you are interested in any of the UKRI calls [on their website here](#), please get in contact with us at the [Grants Office](#).

You can read more about collaborating on UKRI calls [here on the UKRI website](#).

Horizon Europe

Upcoming Calls: First draft of Horizon Europe Health Cluster 2026 and 2027 work programme is available.

We have received the first draft of Horizon Europe's Health Cluster work program for 2026/2027. This is an early draft so the information within it is still under development: some topics may be merged, new topics may be added, and grant sizes and deadlines are still tentative. However, it is a good indication of the thematic priorities for the topics in next year's calls.

It's not too early to begin networking and talking with potential collaborators if you believe you may be ready and interested in applying to any of these topics as a partner or coordinator next year. If you have any questions about applying to collaborative calls in Horizon Europe, send us an email at the [Grants Office](#) and we are happy to help.

Call: Single Stage 2026 - Health

Tentative Deadline: 16 April 2026

Destination - Staying healthy in a rapidly changing society

HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-STAYHLTH-01: Addressing disabilities through the life course to support independent living and inclusion

HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-STAYHLTH-02: Behavioural interventions as primary prevention for NCDs

Destination - Living and working in a health-promoting environment

HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-ENVHLTH-01: Towards a better understanding and anticipation of the impacts of climate change on health

HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-ENVHLTH-02: Integrating climate-related exposures into the human exposome and deciphering its evolution in response to climate change.

Destination - Tackling diseases and reducing disease burden

HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-DISEASE-01: Innovative healthcare interventions for non-communicable diseases

HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-DISEASE-02: Innovative interventions to prevent the harmful effects of using digital technologies on the mental health of children and young adults

HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-DISEASE-06: Development of monoclonal antibodies to prevent and treat infections from Flaviviridae

HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-DISEASE-08: Development of innovative antimicrobials or antibody-based therapies against critical pathogens resistant to antimicrobials (AMR)

Destination - Ensuring equal access to innovative, sustainable, and high-quality healthcare

HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-CARE-02: Personalised approaches to reduce risks from Adverse Drug Reactions due to administration of multiple medications

Destination - Developing and using new tools, technologies and digital solutions for a healthy society

HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-TOOL-01: Development of predictive biomarkers of disease progression and treatment response by using AI methodologies

Destination - Maintaining an innovative, sustainable, and competitive EU health industry

HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-IND-01: Cell-free protein synthesis platforms for discovery and/or production of biologicals

Call: Single Stage 2027 - Health
Tentative Deadline: 13 April 2027

Destination - Living and working in a health-promoting environment

HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-ENVHLTH-04: Towards climate resilient, prepared and carbon neutral populations and healthcare systems

Destination - Tackling diseases and reducing disease burden

HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-DISEASE-03: Long-term chronic conditions after post-viral or post-bacterial infections

HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-DISEASE-04: Development of novel vaccines for pathogens with epidemic potential

HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-DISEASE-05: Development of novel broad spectrum small molecule antiviral therapeutics for pathogens with epidemic potential

HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-DISEASE-07: Development of monoclonal antibodies to prevent and treat infections from Filo- Phenui-, Picorna- and Toga Viridae

Destination - Ensuring equal access to innovative, sustainable, and high-quality healthcare

HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-CARE-03: Identifying and Addressing Low-Benefit Care in Health and Care Systems

Destination - Developing and using new tools, technologies and digital solutions for a healthy society

HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-TOOL-02: Advancing bio-printing of living cells for regenerative medicine

HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-TOOL-03: Integrating New Approach Methodologies (NAMs) to advance biomedical research and regulatory testing

HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-TOOL-04: Virtual Human Twins (VHTs) for integrated clinical decision support in prevention and diagnosis

Destination - Maintaining an innovative, sustainable, and competitive EU health industry

HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-IND-02: Regulatory science to support translational development of patient-centred health technologies

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The **draft work programme** with the **call topics** and text is available from the MH Grants Office. **To receive a copy, send an email to: soknadshjelpen@mh.ntnu.no**

Other Calls for Funding

Upcoming Deadline: 2026 call for research funding from Samarbeidsorganet - Helse Midt-Norge

The 2006 calls for regional research funding from Samarbeidsorganet have now been published on the Central Norway Regional Health Authority's (Helse Midt-Norge) website.

The call for proposals includes:

- Three-year PhD fellowships
- Three-year Postdoctoral Fellowships
- Three Year Researcher Fellowships
- Project Fundds (500.000-1.500.00 NOK per year, max 3 years)

Deadline: June 2nd, 3:00 pm

There will be digital information meetings about these calls on April 24, 28 and 20th. [Information and links will be available here.](#)

[Click here for more information about the calls](#)

Upcoming Deadline: The Norwegian Cancer Society Researcher Projects 2025

The Norwegian Cancer Society has announced the 2025 call for research projects, with 47MNOK earmarked for breast cancer, 8 MNOK for cancer researcher outside of the Oslo area and aspiring cancer researchers, and 130MNOK open for all areas of cancer research.

Deadline: May 27th, 13:00 pm

[Click here for more information about the calls and how to apply](#)

Support Activities

Announcement: The allocation process for RRS positions (formerly RSO) for 2025 as been decided

Proposals for NFR and EU projects worth over 6 million NOK can now include a 3-year PhD position as own financing

MH-faculty awards a 3-year PhD position as own financing to awarded NFR and HEU 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:

1. You must notify the faculty that you are applying no later than 2 weeks before the application deadline/scheduled date of proposal submission (open-ended).

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 budge.
 - If the MH-faculty is a partner, please include the name and organization of the project manager.
2. The proposal must be supported by the head of department. An email from the head of department confirming their support for the proposal is sufficient.

Please submit this information, including documentation of support from the head of your department 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 RRS-resources for 2025 earmarked for this purpose is exceeded.

Retrospective effect

Proposals submitted between January 1 – April 15, 2025 can also qualify for this own financing. You must notify the faculty that you have applied as soon as possible and **no later than April 15, 2025**

In addition to the information described above, please also include the date of your proposal submission to laila.berg@ntnu.no.

Webinar: EIC Pathfinder Applications

NTNU's Department of Research, Innovation and External relations invites you to a digital application seminar for applicants and future applicants of EIC Pathfinder.

12:00-12.05 Welcome

12:05-12.20 "EIC, an instrument for science to create breakthrough technologies",

Waquar Ahmed, National Contact Point for EIC

12:20-12:30	Q&A for Waquar Ahmed
12:30-13:00	"Pathfinder and Transition a journey to success", Johann Riemensberger, Pathfinder Coordinator.
13:00-13:20	Q&A for Johann Riemensberger

Date: April 28th

Time: 12:00 – 13:30

Place: Zoom ([Click here for the zoom link to the seminar](#))

[Register for the event here](#)

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

Join a consortium or find partners at the Horizon Europe Health Cluster Brokerage Event

Are you interested in a Health Cluster topic but lack the capacity to coordinate and **would like to join a consortium?**

Do you intend to prepare a proposal for one of the upcoming calls in Horizon Europe's Health Cluster **need additional collaborators?**

This could be the event you've been looking for!

Date: 05-06 May

Place: Digital

Registration: Deadline to register is April 30
Deadline to submit a pitch is April 21st

The health National Contacts Points (NCP) network is organizing an online brokerage event dedicated to networking and consortium-building in Horizon Europe's health cluster.

The event will include online bilateral meetings with researchers and teams interested in the same topics and looking for collaborators for the 2025 health calls. During the morning on the 5th, there will also be space for pitching sessions. It is possible to join for the entire event, or just the pitching session or bilateral meetings alone.

[More information and event registration is available here.](#)

Workshop Series: Applying for Collaborative Calls under Horizon Europe's pillar II.

Are you planning to apply for a Horizon Europe Pillar 2 call this year, or in the future?

Navigating the complexities of large collaborative grant proposals can be daunting.

That's why the **EU Research Support Office** (IV) and **Søknadshjelpen** (MH) have teamed up to offer a series of workshops to supporting researchers from both the IV and MH faculties in the most important aspects of writing a proposal.

The series will include in-person workshops for all experience levels. Whether you're just getting started and don't know where to begin or are an experienced grant writer looking to refine your proposal, we will provide practical tips to help you put together a strong application.

A-Z of Writing a Pillar 2 Proposal

Date: 7th May

Time: 13:00 - 15:00

An overview of what you need to know to write a Pillar 2 proposal—from structure to key elements application

There is also an opportunity to attend a more basic introduction to Pillar 2 just before this session, if there is enough interest.

Call Analysis & Impact

Date: 15th May

Time: 14:00 - 16:00

Analyzing funding calls, understanding the policy context and what is meant by impact are essential to a successful application. This webinar is about how to align your project with funder expectations.

Implementation

Date: 20th May

Time: 14:00 - 16:00

How to manage and execute your research project effectively. The process begins long before your project is granted, and this webinar will offer insight into what to consider at each stage as well as what happens when your project is granted.

The workshops will be held at NTNU in Trondheim*. Precise location details will be sent to registered participants closer to the event dates.

*There is the option of digital participation for our researchers in Ålesund and Gjøvik.

If you are interested in participating in one or more of these workshops, [please fill out this form to register.](#)

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