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MH Grants Office: Funding Updates

Welcome to July's funding newsletter from Søknadshjelpen - the MH Grants Office. You can expect our newsletter in your inbox on the first Friday of the month, at most monthly and less frequently 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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Horizon Europe

Upcoming Deadlines in 2025 and 2026

To receive hands-on support with your proposal for these calls from the Grants Office, please submit an [Expression of Interest \(EOI\) by the relevant EOI deadline](#):

ERC Grants

Starting Grants 2026	October 29 th , 2025
Synergy Grants 2026	October 14 th , 2025
Consolidator Grants 2026	January 13 th , 2026
Advanced Grants 2026	August 27 th , 2026

Horizon Europe Pillar II: Large collaborative projects (thematic)

Health Cluster 2025	September 16 th , 2025
Cancer Missions 2025	September 18 th , 2025

Horizon Europe Pillar III: Innovation-based projects

EIC Pathfinder Challenges	October 29 th , 2025
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More information about these calls, information about future calls and topics, and available support is available through the [Grants Office](#).

Still looking for partners for your HEU project or future HEU collaborations?

We have collected catalogues showcasing researchers who are interested in partnering on health-related calls from several universities:

- Aalborg University, Denmark ([Available online](#))
- The Polish Academy of Science. Poland ([Available online](#))
- University of Otago, New Zealand ([Contact the MH Grants Office](#))

It is still not too late for you to be included in [NTNU's Catalogue](#). To be added, fill out the applicable survey(s) here:

- [CLUSTER 1: Health](#)
- [CLUSTER 2: Culture, creativity and inclusive society](#)
- [CLUSTER 4: Digital, Industry and Space](#)
- [CLUSTER 6: Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment.](#)

If you are considering applying in the next round of calls in 2026, the MH Grants Office has access to early drafts of the call topics. For information about these calls, future topics and available support, send an email to the [Grants Office](#).

Reminder: RRS positions for successful HEU and NFR proposals

Are you planning to submit a proposal to a HEU or NFR Call this fall? Remember that RRS-positions (formerly RSO) are available for NFR and Horizon Europe projects over 6 million NOK.

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 two weeks before the application deadline** or scheduled date of proposal submission (for open-ended applications).

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.

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](#).

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.

Other Calls for Funding

Update: Own Contribution for CAG 2026 call – Offer from MH

Samarbeidsorganet invites applications for Clinical Academic Groups (CAG) for 2026. Since 2021 there is a requirement for a personal contribution in the form of a three-year PhD scholarship from the university or university college from which the application originates. A guarantee of funding from the dean's office must be attached to the application.

The MH Faculty at NTNU will contribute a 3-year PhD position funded from the faculty's RRS framework as a personal contribution in the event of a successful CAG project for which the MH faculty is project manager or deputy project manager. The faculty covers salary + social costs and operations in line with the current framework for the faculty's RRS positions.

To qualify, the project manager / deputy project manager at MH must **submit a request**, containing the application title, name of the project manager and deputy project manager, and documentation of support from the head of the department **no later than September 5, 2025 [by email to Laila Berg](#)**.

An email from the head of department confirming support for the application is sufficient. The faculty will ensure that a guarantee of funding from the dean's office is sent to qualified applicants by the application deadline.

CAG application deadline: September 12, 2025, 15:00.

[Click here for the more information and the call for proposals.](#)

FRIPRO: Updated Calls and Templates

In June, the Norwegian Research Council updated the call criteria and templates for the following FRIPRO calls:

- [Researcher Project with International Mobility](#),
- [Researcher Project for Early Career Scientists](#)
- [Researcher Project for Experienced Scientists](#)

If you have been working on a proposal for one of these calls, make sure that you adapt the text to the new template before submission.

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

Support Activities

Webinar: ERC Starting Grant course for applicants

Time: 28 Aug 10:00–15:00

Registration deadline: 18 August

[Click here to register](#)

Do you plan to apply for an ERC Starting Grant in October?

The Norwegian Research Council is hosting a digital course for applicants with information and advice on how to write your project proposal to maximise chances of success in the highly competitive ERC Starting Grant scheme.

The webinar will cover how to plan and formulate a strong proposal, with a focus on tailoring the application to ERC's expectations and avoiding common pitfalls. The course combines presentations, examples, and interactive exercises.

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

Free Proposal Reviews: 2025 HEU Research Infrastructure Calls

Are you preparing a submission for the 2025 Horizon Europe Research Infrastructure Calls? RICH Europe is offering a free in-depth proposal review for up to 8 proposals.

Through detailed, constructive feedback from experienced Horizon Europe evaluators (officially appointed by the European Commission) applicants can refine their submissions and significantly strengthen their chances of securing funding. The service is free of charge for the proposers.

When: 2-hour consultation between 1st-5th September

Where: Online

Deadline to register: 13th August 2025.

[Register here now](#)

What is it?

The Proposal Check Event is organized by **RICH Europe, a network of Research Infrastructure National Contact Points (NCPs)** that provides services across Europe with the aim of strengthening the European research infrastructure ecosystem.

Each consultation is tailored to the individual proposer and will take the form of a dedicated online session lasting up to two hours. Following a brief pitch by the proposer, evaluators will provide feedback on all sections of the Horizon Europe proposal Part B – Excellence, Impact, and Implementation. All information shared during the session will remain confidential.

Who can apply?

The event is aimed at proposers who intend to submit proposal for the Horizon Europe Research Infrastructure 2025 Calls in the following destinations:

HORIZON-INFRA-2025-DEV-01: Consolidation and evolution of the European Research Infrastructure Landscape

HORIZON-INFRA-2025-EOSC-01: Enabling an operational, open and FAIR EOSC ecosystem

HORIZON-INFRA-2025-SERV-01: Research infrastructures services to support health research, accelerate the green transition and the digital transformation, and advance frontier knowledge

HORIZON-INFRA-2025-TECH-01: Next generation of scientific instrumentation, tools, methods, and advanced digital solutions of research infrastructures and foster innovation and co-creation with industry

The Call Deadline is September 18th, 2025.

How to apply?

Proposers interested in applying must complete a registration process, which will be considered an Expression of Interest. Potential proposers to the Proposal Check Workshop must follow these 2 steps and deadlines:

- Register at the event by 13th August 2025 [at this link](#)
- In August 2025, registered proposers will be contacted via email and invited to submit an advanced draft of their Part B proposal for the selected INFRA topic by August 20th. Submission of this draft is a mandatory prerequisite for participation in the Proposal Check Event.

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