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MH Grants Office: Funding Updates

Fall is here and the autumn semester is well underway. The October funding newsletter from the MH Grants Office comes to you a week early due to some upcoming events already in the first week of October. As we enter autumn, the 2026/2027 Horizon Europe work programmes are in the process of finalization, and you'll find information about the **Health Cluster** below.

Are you interested in health-related calls from **other thematic clusters**? Stay tuned, we'll cover these in the next issue.

We had a preview of Horizon Europe's successor which will come 2028 and we can tease that topics for thematic calls, like the Health Cluster, are expected to be more general and less prescriptive, leaving you with more flexibility in how to tackle the problems and achieve the expected impacts.

Interested in **NFR/RCN** funding? We anticipate thematic calls with early 2026 deadlines to be announced towards the end of the year. Stay tuned, we'll update you in this newsletter as soon as we know more.

Generally, you can expect our newsletter in your inbox monthly at most 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!

A big congratulations to **Jonathan Whitlock** from the Kavli Institute on being awarded his third FRIPRO grant! This new FRIPRO Research Project for Experienced Researchers is titled “Chasing algorithms: charting the brain’s internal models for predictive pursuit”

You can read more about Jonathan’s project on [Universitetsavisa](#)

If you have recently been awarded funding, let us know if you would like your success story to be featured next time as inspiration for others. Send an email to the Grants Office at soknadshjelpen@mh.ntnu.no . We would love to feature you!

Horizon Europe

Health Cluster: 2026 Upcoming Deadline in April

With this year’s deadline just behind us, we now wait in anticipation for the outcome of the Health Cluster proposals submitted by our colleagues at MH in September. Good luck to everyone who applied!

Meanwhile, the 2026 calls are already on the horizon!

Horizon Europe’s **Health Cluster calls come early in 2026** so if these are on your radar, it’s a good time to start planning.

Call: Horizon Europe Health Cluster 2026 – Single Stage

Call Opens: 19 February 2026

Deadline: 16 April 2026

NB: The deadline to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) is **November 15th**. Please contact us as soon as possible if you are interested but need more time.

TOPICS UNDER THIS CALL:

[Click here for the draft work programme with complete topic descriptions.](#)

Destination: Staying healthy in a rapidly changing society

HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-STAYHLTH-02:

Behavioural interventions as primary prevention for Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) among young people

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-04:

Towards climate resilient, prepared and carbon neutral populations and healthcare systems

Destination: Tackling diseases and reducing disease burden

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-03:

Advancing research on the prevention, diagnosis, and management of post-infection long-term conditions

HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-DISEASE-03:

Advancing research on the prevention, diagnosis, and management of post-infection long-term conditions

HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-DISEASE-09:

Multisectoral approach to tackle chronic non-communicable diseases: implementation research maximising collaboration and coordination with sectors and in settings beyond the healthcare system (GACD)

HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-DISEASE-11:

Understanding of sex and / or gender-specific mechanisms of cardiovascular diseases: determinants, risk factors and pathways

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

HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-CARE-03:

Identifying and addressing low-value care in health and care systems

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

HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-TOOL-03:

Integrating New Approach Methodologies (NAMs) to advance biomedical research and regulatory testing

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

HORIZON-HLTH-2026-01-IND-03:

Regulatory science to support translational development of patient-centred health technologies

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

To qualify for PES and application support, [please submit an Expression of Interest](#) by **November 5th, 2025**.

Cancer Missions: 2026 Upcoming Deadline in September

Horizon Europe's Cancer Mission call will open in December. If this is on your radar, it's a good time to start planning.

Call: Horizon Europe Cancer Missions 2026

Call Opens: 10 December 2025

Deadline: 15 September 2026

NB: The deadline to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) is **March 13th**. Please contact us as soon as possible if you are interested but need more time.

TOPICS UNDER THIS CALL:

[Click here for the draft work programme with complete topic descriptions.](#)

HORIZON-MISS-2026-02-CANCER-01:

Virtual Human Twin (VHT) Models for Cancer Research

HORIZON-MISS-2026-02-CANCER-02:

Microbiome for early cancer prediction before the onset of disease

HORIZON-MISS-2026-02-CANCER-03:

Pragmatic clinical trials to optimise immunotherapeutic interventions for patients with refractory cancers

HORIZON-MISS-2026-02-CANCER-04:

Earlier and more precise palliative care

HORIZON-MISS-2026-02-CANCER-05:

Boosting mental health of young cancer survivors through the European Cancer Patient Digital Centre (ECPDC)

HORIZON-MISS-2026-02-CANCER-07:

Improve the Quality of Life of older cancer patients

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

To qualify for PES and application support, [please submit an Expression of Interest](#) by **March 15th, 2026**.

EOI Deadlines for 2026

Here are the upcoming deadlines to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) for calls in 2026. If you plan on applying for the following, then please make sure to secure faculty support through submission of an EOI. [Details are on the grants office website here.](#)

EOI DEADLINE	CALL	APPLICATION DEADLINE
15.11.2025	Health Cluster 2026	16.04.2026
26.02.2026	ERC Advanced 2026	27.08.2026
12.06.2026	ERC Consolidator 2026	13.01.2026
13.03.2026	Cancer Mission 2026	15.09.2026
04.05.2026	ERC Starting 2027	est. 10.2026

For applications to Pillar II (e.g. Health Cluster, Cancer Missions) get in touch with us directly at søknadshjelpen@mh.ntnu.no to discuss if you wish to express interest but do not yet have a solidified project idea. We understand that solidifying great ideas, especially when it involves multiple collaborators, can take time. Therefore, we may accept late EOIs on a case-by-case basis.

WHY SHOULD YOU SEND US AN EOI?

In addition to acting as an assessment tool aiming to prevent you from spending time on an application that may have little chance of success, for EU proposals, the following *support* is available following EOI approval:

- **Project Establishment Grants (PES):** MH faculty tops up PES funding from the central level up to 300 000 NOK to help you prepare your application.
 - If you need more, or if you have costs not covered by NTNU/Faculty PES funding, [Samarbeidsorganet offers a max 250 000 NOK top-up](#) for projects collaborating with health enterprises in Helse Midt-Norge.
- **Hands on assistance with your proposal:** We offer proposal reviews with feedback, budget assistance from our EU economist, help with the application portal and more.
- **For ERC Applicants who make it to stage two,** we offer coaching in preparation for the interview, including mock interview sessions with real and relevant experts.

Horizon Europe proposals also qualify for a **3-year RRS PhD position** for projects where at least 6M NOK of the budget goes to MH (this also applies NFR proposals)

To qualify, send the following information to Laila Berg at least 2 weeks before the proposal deadline:

- Confirmation of support from the head of department (an email from them is sufficient)
- 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.

More information about the EOI process and the support offer is available through the [Grants Office](#).

Seeking More Information About Horizon Europe?

ST Olavs Hospital: Seminar about research funding and upcoming EU calls: October 2nd

The EU's Health Research Programme for 2026-2027 is beginning to take shape, and the Research Department at St Olavs would therefore like to invite you to a seminar about what this is and the calls and topics we expect during 2026 and 2027.

This seminar is for both those who are new to the EU research programmes, and for those who have participated in them before. The seminar is open to all researchers at St. Olavs and connected institutions (including NTNU).

A simple lunch is included.

When: October 2nd, 11.00-11.20

Where: Room KS12, Kunnskapssenteret

[Register Here!](#)

Agenda

11.00-11.05 Welcome

11.05-11.20 Briefly about Horizon Europe and what it means to apply for funds here

11.20-12.00 Review of upcoming calls

There will be time to take questions after the seminar.

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

Reminder: Horizon @NTNU

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.

NFR Åpen Kafé: Cancer Mission - 2026 Call (på norsk).

In Collaboration with the Cancer Mission Hub Norway, the Research Council of Norway is holding a digital open café to share and discuss information about the topics in the upcoming Cancer Missions call. NB: This event is in Norwegian.

When: October 14th, 9.00-10.30

Where: Online

[See the Cancer Mission Hub website](#) for more information and to register.

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

To qualify for PES and application support, [please submit an Expression of Interest](#) by **March 13th, 2025**.

Other Funders

Mental Health Award: Transforming early intervention for anxiety, depression and psychosis in young people

The Wellcome Foundation announces funding for projects that robustly test the real-world effectiveness and assess implementation strategies of scalable transformative early interventions for anxiety, depression and psychosis in young people.

Projects may be based anywhere in the world (apart from mainland China). The research itself must take place in the United Kingdom and/or low- or middle- income countries.

Foundation Phase application deadline: 11 November 2025

More information is available here: [Mental Health Award: Transforming mental health outcomes for young people | Research Funding | Wellcome](#)

Support Activities

ERC reading day in Trondheim

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

The Research Council of Norway organises "ERC Proposal Reading Days" for researchers who are planning an application to the European Research Council (ERC).

Date: November 11th

Morning: 9.00 - 12.00 [Click here to register](#)

Afternoon: 12.30 - 15.30 [Click here to register](#)

Place: NTNU Gløshaugen, Hovedbygningen room 329

Registration deadline: November 2nd

Conditions for the Reading Days:

- Only by preregistration
- You must sign a declaration of confidentiality
- Photocopying or photos of the applications are not allowed
- Applications cannot be taken out of the reading room
- The registration is binding.

Interested in the Reading Day but based in Ålesund or Gjøvik? NTNU will pay for your travel!

If you are from Ålesund or Gjøvik, NTNU will pay for your travel to attend the ERC proposal reading days and Horizon Europe courses organized by the Norwegian Research Council in Trondheim or Oslo.

If you are interested in attending a reading day in Trondheim or Oslo, you can send an email to the MH Grants Office, and we will set this up for you: soknadshjelpen@mh.ntnu.no

Søknadshjelpen can visit you!

We offer bespoke presentations, seminars, webinars, courses etc. to support you in the application process.

Based on past requests we have held presentations, both physical and digital, on:

- ↳ Introduction to FRIPRO
- ↳ Navigating the Horizon Europe landscape
- ↳ Upcoming EU calls in a group's research area
- ↳ Grant Writing
- ↳ And more!

We accept invitations from both organized research groups and informal groups of researchers, both big and small, with a shared interest (e.g. are you a team planning to apply to something together? A group of early career scholars wanting to know what's out there? etc.), as well as invitations at the department level (do you have a departmental research seminar or other the of meeting you'd like to invite us to?).

We can cater a workshop, presentation, or seminar to your needs and interests.

Just send us an email at soknadshjelpen@mh.ntnu.no.

Check out our FAQ for project leaders

Are you preparing to apply for research funding or currently a PI on an externally funded project?

The MH faculty's guide and FAQ for the proposal process and management of externally funded projects is at your disposal.

[Click here to access the webpage.](#)

Here you'll find answers to the most frequently asked questions we receive about all stages of the proposal and project management process.

The website covers what you need to know about:

Proposal development: internal application protocols, available support, etc.

HR: Hiring and recruiting PhDs and postdocs, RRS positions, etc.

Economy: Pre-award budgets and post-award reporting, etc.

Post award management: grant agreements, amendments, reporting etc.

And more...
