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MH Grants Office: Funding Updates

Fresh summer green has been replaced by warm autumn shades on our campuses as we are already halfway through the semester. Some deadlines have, but others are still ahead including the EIC Pathfinder challenges at the end of October and Horizon Europe & NFR collaborative calls. Whether coordinating or partnering on a call, the MH Grants Office is here to support you.

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.

In other news we say a very sad goodbye to wonderful colleagues of the Grants Office [Roman Volchenkov](#) and newsletter founder [Anna Gora](#). They will very much be missed! søknadshjelpen@mh.ntnu.no will still be here for you!



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Horizon Europe

Upcoming calls

Now is the season where we will be hearing more about the upcoming calls for the European Partnerships; these are a great foot into a Horizon Europe collaborative project.

Been, Gone & Coming Soon

We have seen the back of the [ERC Starting Grant deadlines](#) this week and they will come back around the same time next year. We also have coming up the [EIC Pathfinder Challenges](#) deadline on Biotechnology for ageing and the [Marie Curie Doctoral Networks](#) in the next couple of months. Remember, these are yearly calls so if you missed them this time around, have a chat with us to talk about next time.

ERC Consolidator Grant

Grant for groundbreaking research by outstanding mid-career researchers. The deadline is soon so if you have a developed idea and think it might be an ERC, get in contact ASAP. We particularly welcome past applicants because the **eligibility window has increased to up to 15 years post PhD!**

Deadline: 12 January 2027

ERA4HEALTH: IICS4all

Call pre-announcement with the aim of the call being to support **[pragmatic, phase III, randomised controlled, multi-national interventional Investigator-Initiated Clinical Studies \(IICS\)](#)** that meet the following criteria:

- Comparative effectiveness studies or drug repurposing studies of off-patent drugs
- In CVD, Metabolic diseases, autoimmune diseases or non-communicable respiratory diseases
- Inclusion of diverse populations

Online Info-session Date: 10 November 2026

Pre-proposal submission Date: 14 January 2027

EP PerMed: CGT4PM2027

Call pre-announcement with the aim fund [research projects in human health on Cell and Gene Therapy \(CGT\) for PM approaches](#). Proposals must focus on the development and validation of an innovative and novel CGT for personalised medicine.

At least one of the following approaches must be employed:

- Somatic cell therapeutics;
- Gene therapeutics;
- Combined cell- and gene therapeutics;
- Novel biological products such as mRNA, other nucleic acid-based methods, and extracellular vesicles as vehicle for gene-based therapeutic procedure.

Research projects in all disease areas are encouraged.

Online Info-session Date: 03 December 2026

Pre-proposal submission Date: 20 January 2027

As usual, it is expected that there will be around 400,000 EUR available for a Norwegian coordinator but we await the publishing of the calls

Upcoming webinars for applicants

Are you planning to apply to a 2027 Horizon Europe Health Cluster, or other thematic call?

Check out these events for applicants hosted by the European Commission:

Horizon Europe Proposal Writing: the first steps (Trondheim)

Date: 28 October 2026, 09:00 to 15:00

Target group: Applicants and beneficiaries who are or will be involved in lump sum grants

[Event Website: Horizon Europe Proposal Writing: the first steps \(Trondheim\)](#)

(Registration deadline: 21 October at 15:00)

Lump Sum Funding in Horizon Europe: How does it work? How to write a proposal?

Date: 12 November 2026, 10:00 to 12:00

Target group: Applicants and beneficiaries who are or will be involved in lump sum grants

[Event Website: Lump Sum Funding in Horizon Europe](#)
(remote only, no need to register)

Horizon Implementation Day: Finding opportunities and submitting a proposal in Horizon Europe

Date: Date passed - YouTube recording available from website (24 September 2026)

[Finding opportunities and submitting a proposal in Horizon Europe](#) (YouTube recording available)

Horizon Europe info days- Cluster 1 (Health)

Cluster 1 is a section of Horizon Europe (Pillar 2) that contains the large scale thematic collaborative projects. The work programme has already been published so if you see anything of interest, sign up for this online info day.

Date: 26 November 2026, 09:00 to 17:00 (Online)

Target group: Anyone who is interested in applying for pillar 2 applications in the next year

[Register here](#)

You can keep on top of Horizon Europe events on their webpage [here](#).

Recap from the August Newsletter:

13 October	Legal agreements – the Grant Agreement and the Consortium Agreement
21 October	Research Data Management and Open Science approaches
3 November	Evaluation of Horizon Europe collaborative proposals (webinar)
5 November	Ethical issues, GDPR and data protection in Horizon Europe

Are you considering applying to a call in Horizon Europe as coordinator or partner?

If coordinating, we recommend that you submit an expression of interest 6 months ahead of the proposal deadline. This gives us time to properly support you and qualifies you to receive PES. ([Click here for instructions and templates](#)). Let us know if you need more time and we are happy to accommodate.

These proposals can qualify for an RRS PhD position from the faculty. Information on this is found in our [March newsletter under ‘Research Support’](#).

Proposals to calls within Horizon Europe qualify for [project establishment funding \(PES\)](#).

For more information about applying for PES or about these calls, send an email to soknadshjelpen@mh.ntnu.no.

Upcoming webinars for grant holders/awardees

Are you a PI for an ongoing or recently funded Horizon Europe project?

Check out these events for PIs hosted by the European Commission:

Horizon Implementation Day: Grant Agreement Preparation in Horizon Europe

Date: Date passed - YouTube recording available from website (8 October 2026)

[Event Website: Horizon Implementation Day 08.10](#)

Horizon Implementation Day: Grant Management in Horizon Europe

Date: Date passed - YouTube recording available from website (15 October 2026)

[Event Website: Horizon Implementation Day 15.10](#)

Other Calls for Funding

NTNU Global South Initiative: Project and seed funding

NTNU Global South initiative has recently announced calls for research projects (PhD positions), seed funding to establish networks and/or apply for external funding, in addition to stimulus funding for student organizations.

The initiative has four thematic priority areas:

- Just climate transition and renewable energy
- **Global Health – Public Health and Health System strengthening**
- Global development and social justice
- Biodiversity and environmental sciences

Seed funding call for establishing networks for early career academic staff

Permanent and temporary academic staff who are within 2-7 years of completing their PhD may apply for 50 000 to 100 000 NOK for activities contributing to establishing a network of early career scientific staff at NTNU and across national or international institutions for research and higher education.

Deadline: 21 October 2026

Seed funding call for developing applications for external funding and/or dissemination

Permanent academic staff can apply for 50 000 to 200 000 NOK for activities contributing to the preparation of external applications for research, innovation and education (e.g. Horizon Europe, ERASMUS+, The Research Council of Norway, Norhed, HK-Dir, etc.)

Deadline: 21 October 2026

Call for proposals – Research Project, PhD position

Permanent academic staff can apply for one 3-year PhD position and 100 000 NOK earmarked for developing applications for external funding.

Deadline: 6 November 2026

[Further information and the complete call tests are available on the NTNU Global South Initiative website](#)

Funding for Research Dissemination activities

Both temporary and permanent NTNU employees can now apply for funding from a new pilot scheme supporting innovative dissemination and public engagement activities. A total of NOK 1.3 million is available for projects that help make NTNU's research, knowledge and societal contributions more visible and impactful.

The initiative has four thematic priority areas:

- You can apply for up to NOK 150,000 per project
- Projects should Support outreach, public engagement, AI-enabled dissemination, new communication methods, and collaboration with society
- Projects should be aimed at Norwegian target groups

For more information on how to apply, check out the innsida post [here](#).

Deadline: 1 November 2026

Collaborative Funding from Trondheim Municipality

Funding is available to support new research and innovation collaborations between NTNU and Trondheim Municipality within the themes of democratic participation, children and young people, and sustainable health and social services. Projects can apply for up to NOK 300,000, with a total call budget of NOK 1 million. The project manager must be employed at NTNU and have a designated contact person in Trondheim Municipality.

Deadline: 30 October 2026

[See here for more information](#)

K.G. Jebsen Centre 2027: Call for expressions of interest

The deadline for the 2027 call for K.G. Jebsen Centres for Medical Research is anticipated sometime in May.

Together, NTNU and St. Olavs Hospital can send a maximum total of 4 applications. Therefore, in preparation, MH Faculty and St. Olavs invite those interested in applying to submit an expression of interest (EOI) with their project pitch [using the designated template](#) to [Laila Berg](#) at MH faculty.

Deadline to submit an EOI: 25 November 2026

EOIs will be evaluated together by MH and St. Olavs and the 4 top ranked projects will be invited to submit an application to K.G. Jebsen in May.

[Further instructions are available on Innsida \(in Norwegian\).](#)

Update: NTNU Social Innovation – Call for Project Funding is now open

Deadline: 16 November 2026

As announced in our [September newsletter](#), NTNU has launched a new funding scheme to strengthen the use of knowledge. It offers support for further development of innovation ideas from research to help solve important societal challenges. The call has now been published, and the deadline has been extended to November 16th.

[Read the social innovation call and apply here.](#)

Support Activities

Horizon Europe Cluster 1 Brokerage event

A much more interactive event than an info day, these brokerage events function as a forum in order to help researchers, innovators and stakeholders build strong international consortia for the upcoming Cluster 1 Health calls. **If you are looking to build a consortium, sign up!**

Date: 24-25 November 2026, 09:00 to 15:00

The following day will be the Health cluster info day.

[Sign up here.](#)

NFR Reading Day

The time has come again. We are hosting an NFR reading day, one of the most helpful things you can attend if planning on applying for any NFR project e.g. FRIPRO.

Date: 5 November 2026, 09:00 to 15:00

We have a great selection of different successful applications [which you can see here](#) so please join us next month!

[Sign up here.](#)

Early Career

NTNU Global South Initiative: Funding for early career networks

NTNU Global South has recently published several calls, including a call to support networking for early career researchers who are working on topics connected to the global south.

The call is described earlier in this newsletter under 'Other Calls for funding'

EU Funding Workshop

We have had limited spaces for a workshop on EU funding and career building for early career researchers in NV, MH & IV faculties hosted by the precision medicine group. We look forward to seeing those who signed up there, and to those who missed the opportunity, please feel free to get in contact where we can share some slides.

Date: 16 November 2026: FULLY BOOKED

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