

March 31st, 2026

Søknadshjelpen – The MH Grants Office: Funding Updates

Welcome to the MH Grants Office's funding newsletter for April 2026. Heading into the Easter holiday, there are many upcoming calls with spring and autumn deadlines to update you on, including informational webinars connected to several of them. Hope you have a restful and/or productive break, and we look forward to continuing to support your applications when we return to the office next week.

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

MARIE SKLOTOWSKA CURIE ACTIONS: DOCTORAL NETWORKS (MSCA ND)

We are very happy that two applications within the faculty, one from Kavli and one from ISM, were awarded a MSCA Doctoral Network grant last week!

We can share more details once their grant agreements are complete.

NORWEGIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL

RESEARCHER PROJECT FOR EXPERIENCED RESEARCHERS (FRIPRO)

The first successful FRIPRO at MH in 2026 has been awarded! We look forward to seeing what the remainder of the year brings.

Ulrik Wisløff (ISB)

Norwegian trial of physical exercise after myocardial infarction - extended follow-up

OTHER

HUMAN FRONTIER SCIENCE PROGRAM (HFSP)

We are delighted that two young researchers at MH have been each awarded a prestigious HFSP postdoctoral fellowships.

Competition for these was fierce with just a 7% success rate. These are the only HFSP fellowships awarded in Norway in 2026, and the first in Norway since 2014. Congratulations to our new HFSP Scholars!

Preethi Rajamannar | Supervisor: Nathalie Yurisch-Yaksi (IKOM)

Modulation of brain physiology by the choroid plexus secretome

Gilberto Rojas Vite | Supervisor: May-Britt Moser (Kavli)

Neuromodulatory control of ultraslow medial entorhinal dynamics by the locus coeruleus

Horizon Europe

Upcoming Deadlines within Horizon Europe

Pillar 1	MSCA Postdoc Fellowship	9 Sept. 2026
	ERC Advanced Grant	27 Aug. 2026
	ERC Plus Grant	2 Sept. 2026
	ERC Synergy Grant	5 Nov. 2026
Pillar II	<u>Health Cluster - Single Stage 2027 - Call 1</u>	13 April 2027
	<u>Health Cluster - Single Stage 2027 - Call 2</u>	22 Sept. 2027
	<u>Health Cluster - Two Stage 2027</u>	(1 st) 13 April 2027 (2 nd) 22 Sept. 2027
Pillar III	EIC Pathfinder Open	12 May 2026
	EIC Pathfinder Challenges	28 Oct. 2026

INFORMATION

- Tips for **partnering** in Pillar II calls in are found in the [April 2025 Newsletter](#).

- The link to include yourself in NTNU's **2025/2026 Horizon Europe brochure** is in our [December 2025 newsletter](#).
- What are **ERC grants** and how they compare with FRIPRO in our [June 2025 Newsletter](#).

APPLICANT SUPPORT

Proposals within Horizon Europe qualify for project establishment funds. Details about PES are available in our [March Newsletter](#) and in our [Proposal Development FAQ](#).

For individual proposals and coordinated collaborative proposals, we ask that you send us [an Expression of Interest](#) at least 6 months ahead of the deadline. For partnered proposals, the deadline is 3 months ahead of the deadline.

MSCA PF 2026 – Info webinar for applicants, supervisors and advisors

Date: 17 April 2026

Time: 10:00 – 11:30

[REGISTER HERE](#)

If you plan on applying for a MSCA postdoctoral fellowship this fall or are the supervisor for a potential incoming applicant, this webinar is for you.

Organized by the Research Council of Norway, the webinar will cover information and application tips for the 2026 call, which has an [application deadline of 9. September 2026](#).

AGENDA

10:00 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

- Per Magnus Kommandantvold and Berit Sundby Avset, MSCA NCPs, The Research Council of Norway

10:10 HOW TO APPLY FOR AN MSCA POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

- Eleonora Sconci, Project Officer, The Research Executive Agency (REA), The European Commission

10:50 MY EXPERIENCE AS AN MSCA APPLICANT AT UIS

- Daniel Joe Bowman, University of Stavanger

11:10 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

NB. NTNU will no longer organize the 2-day MSCA Symposium in 2026. We recommend that interested applicants attend this webinar instead. ***If you are the supervisor for an MSCA PF application, please forward this webinar to the applicant.***

All confirmed applicants to NTNU who contact the MH Grants Office can receive redacted examples of successful proposals.

We can also review confirmed incoming proposals for adherence to formal requirements, alignment with the evaluation criteria, and overall readability.

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

ERC Advanced Grant Applicant Webinar

Date: 29 April 2026

Time: 10.00 – 13.30

[REGISTER HERE](#)

The network of National Contact Points (NCPs) mERCury, for the European Research Council (ERC) invites researchers interested in the ERC Advanced Grant to their online event

Towards an ERC Advanced Grant: from groundbreaking idea to successful proposal.

The event will guide you in how to shape a truly “groundbreaking” idea and help you to understand the evaluation process.

The webinar will include time for Q&A. A complete agenda for the day is available at the registration link above.

ERC Proposal Reading Day in Trondheim

Date: 5 May (register by 27 April)

Location: NTNU Gløshaugen, Main building room 329

Registration:

[Morning Session: 9:00 – 12:00](#)

[Afternoon Session: 12:30 – 15:30](#)

The Research Council of Norway is bringing their "ERC Proposal Reading Day" to Trondheim. This is a quiet reading session for researchers who are planning an application to the European Research Council (ERC). The RCN has a collection of over 70 successful ERC applications from across Norway, including proposals as new as 2025.

Further details re available at the registration links.

Norwegian Research Council

Upcoming call: Pilot project to develop centre applications to strengthen sustainable municipal health, care and welfare services

Deadline: 1 October 2026

Funding Scale: NOK 4 000 000-16 000 000

[Read the Call Here \(in Norwegian\)](#)

This call is to prepare municipalities and research organisations to lead or participate in applications to establish three national research and innovation centres to strengthen sustainable municipal health, care and welfare services by:

- stimulating cooperation between municipalities to identify research and innovation needs,
- stimulating municipalities to collaborate with research organisations to develop a centre application,
- stimulating collaboration between pre-projects within the same topic to develop a national centre application

This is connected to the planned call: [National research and innovation centres to strengthen sustainable municipal health, care and welfare services](#)

Applicant Webinar for the collaborative call on loneliness, exclusion and social inequality in health (*in Norwegian*)

Date: 17 April 2026

Time: 12.30 – 13.30

[Register for the webinar here](#)

This is an informational webinar for researchers interested in the planned call on [Loneliness, exclusion and social inequality in health](#) with a deadline on June 10th. There will be an opportunity to ask questions during the webinar.

Invitation to MH's FRIPRO Webinar: April 22nd

Date: 22 April

Time: 12.00 -15.00

[Register for the webinar here by April 20th](#)

The MH Grants Office (Søknadshjelpen) invites you to an informative and inspirational FRIPRO webinar. This session is open to all researchers interested in FRIPRO, but especially for those actively planning to apply within the next two years.

AGENDA

12:00 INTRODUCTION TO THE FRIPRO PORTFOLIO WITH THE MH GRANTS OFFICE

- We'll take you through the different calls and the recent changes and updates from the NFR.

12:30 EVALUATION CRITERIA, COMMON MISTAKES AND WRITING TIPS WITH THE MH GRANTS OFFICE

13:00 REFLECTIONS FROM SUCCESSFUL FRIPRO APPLICANTS

- Catherine Appleton, IPH, FRIPRO 2020
- Nathalie Jurisch-Yaksi, IKOM, FRIPRO 2025 and 2020

14:30 THE MH GRANTS OFFICE: OUR SUPPORT PROCESS

NB: There will be time for questions and a short break between the speakers.

This is a general seminar about the project development process as it pertains to FRIPRO and how to best address the evaluation criteria. The shared experiences and tips will be relevant to all disciplines within MH.

The webinar will take place on Teams. An Outlook invitation with the link will be shared closer to the event date.

If you have questions or concerns about whether your research idea fits the scope of FRIPRO you are welcome to contact us for a chat at soknadshjelpen@mh.ntnu.no.

Other Funders

Familien Blix fond: Cardiovascular diseases and cancer

Deadline: 25 June 2026.

Apply here (*in Norwegian*)

Familien Blix fond supports medical research, particularly in the fields of cardiovascular diseases and cancer, including medical diagnostics in these fields.

Around one million kroner are distributed each, particularly to projects combining basic and clinical research, with *special emphasis on applications from younger researchers*.

No funds will be provided for salaries, courses, computer equipment or congress travel. The electronic application form for support is available on the fund's website, The Blix Family Fund.

For more information, contact [Ingvild Heggstad](#), Research, Innovation and External Relations Division

Kreftforening/ the Norwegian Cancer Society Researcher projects 2026

Deadline: 26 May 2026, 13:00

[Click here for more information](#)

A total of 226 MNOK will be award across the following thematic priorities:

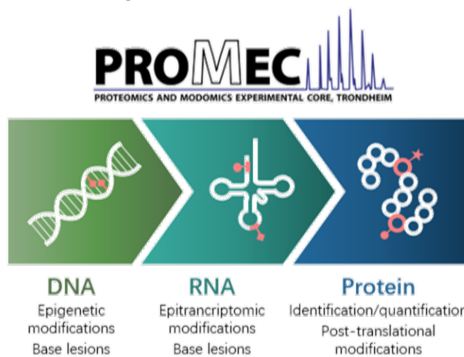
- 133,5 MNOK to all areas of cancer research (former Open Call)
- 54,5 MNOK to breast cancer research (Rosa sløyfe-funds)
- Approx. 32 MNOK to Genomic testing
- 8 MNOK to cancer research outside of the main city area of Oslo/young aspiring cancer researchers

There will be a webinar for applicants on April 22nd, 13.30 – 15.00.

[Sign up for the webinar here](#)

Core Facility of the Month

Proteomics and Modomics Experimental Core Facility (PROMEC)



PROMEC offers advanced mass spectrometry-based analyses of proteins and DNA/RNA modifications, including damage, epigenetic, and epitranscriptomic modifications. The facility also provides technical guidance on experimental design, data processing, and interpretation of results. PROMEC supports projects locally and nationally, making advanced analytical technology available to a wide range of research communities.

[Read more about PROMEC here](#)

Research Support

NTNU TTO's workshop on research impact for early career scientists

NTNU TTO invites staff at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences to express their interest in a practical *Research Impact workshop*, where we will explore how research can create

tangible value in society, in the healthcare sector, and through commercialization.

Date: Workshops will be adapted to participant schedules.

Once enough people have expressed interest, they will be organized into small groups and given dedicated timeslots based on their schedules.

The workshop is based on the **Research Impact Canvas**, an effective tool for structuring and clarifying the potential of your own research. Through focused work, we will examine, among other things:

- Which problems the research addresses
- Who benefits from the results
- What is new about the approach
- What opportunities exist for application and societal benefit

The workshop will help to highlight the broader societal and health impacts of the research and can also lay the groundwork for commercialization.

This program is **aimed at early-career researchers**, and we encourage participation alongside your advisor to ensure the greatest possible benefit and long-term impact.

NB: The workshop can be held in both English and Norwegian depending on your preferences.

Why participate?

- Strengthen the impact section of your grant applications (EU, Research Council of Norway, etc.)
- Become more aware of the opportunities inherent in your own research
- Identify paths toward application, collaboration, and commercialization
- Gain a concrete method you can use in future projects and grant applications

How do you participate?

Contact Yngve Sommervoll to register your interest in this opportunity.

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