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Søknadshjelpen – The MH Grants Office: Funding Updates

Welcome to the MH Grants Office's funding newsletter for September 2026. We're now deep into the fall semester with autumn funding deadlines well on the way. Let's keep our fingers crossed for our HEU Cancer Mission applicants who are submitting today. Below you'll find information on upcoming calls and events, including a reading day of successful NFR proposals.

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

Horizon Europe info days: Health Cluster (online)

Join the Horizon Europe Health info day to learn more about the 2027 topics of the forthcoming Work Programme 2026-2027.

Date: 26 November 2026

Time: 9:00

The event will be streamed online. More information about the event and how to connect can be found at the [event website here](#).

Questions about the calls or topics?

You can submit questions ahead of the event via [sli.do](#) using the hashtag #HorizonEU. These will be answered during the live session.

[Submit your questions here.](#)

Health Cluster Brokerage Event 2027

Are you considering applying to one of Horizon Europe's 2027 Health Cluster calls?

Horizon Europe Cluster 1 National Contact Points invite you to an online event dedicated to supporting the formation of strong consortia for the upcoming health cluster calls.

This annual event includes bilateral matchmaking meetings, pitching sessions, and access to a dedicated online matchmaking platform for finding suitable project partners.

[Registration will open in October on the event website.](#)

Other Funders

NTNU launches new funding for social innovation

Deadline: Mid October 2026

NTNU is launching a three-year pilot project for social innovation this fall. The first call for proposals is expected in mid September with a deadline in mid-October.

Funding is available for two-year projects with a budget up to 800 000 NOK.

With the quick turnaround between publishing the call and deadline, we recommend that those interested already do not wait for the final call text to start developing project ideas and potential collaborations.

The pilot program is intended to:

- Increase the practical application of research and research-based knowledge
- Strengthen capacity and expertise in social innovation at NTNU
- Contribute to innovation in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors
- Develop models and collaborations that shorten the path from research to application
- Create networks between researchers and stakeholders who will put the knowledge into practice

The initiative has a total budget of 9.6 million kroner for the period 2026–2028, and the goal is to support approximately 12 projects.

More information about the criteria and application process will be available when the call for proposals is published.

NTNU launches new funding for social innovation

Deadline: 1 November 2026

NTNU's Pro-Rector of Social Responsibility and Outreach has announced 1.3M NOK in funding for research dissemination activities at NTNU.

Funding is available for wide range of projects and activities related to public engagement and user-oriented dissemination. Both permanent and temporary employees may apply.

[Further information is available on Innsida.](#)

Helse Midt-Norge Grants for research visits abroad

Deadline: 1 October 2026

HMN awards grants to cover overseas research stays twice annually (spring and fall). Apply in October for a 2–12-month research stay abroad.

Applications require that you have plans for collaboration on research publications with the foreign partner.

Further information and the application link [are available though Helse Midt-Norge](#).

Do you work in Global Health?

You can also apply for funding for a research stay in Norway for researchers based abroad who are involved in projects that are linked to the joint initiative on global health between the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, NTNU and St. Olavs Hospital and have collaboration with the following countries: Nepal, Malawi, Sierra Leone, Tanzania and South Africa.

The application is the same one as for above.

DKNVS Research Fund

Deadline: 11 October 2026

The Royal Norwegian Society of Sciences and Letters has launched a call for proposals for research and dissemination projects. The total budget for call is 300 000 NOK, which will be divided across an undetermined number of projects.

The aim is to support research and dissemination projects that would otherwise be difficult to realize without this support. Projects may have other sources of funding but can not be funded by other government schemes (e.g. NFR, HMN, etc).

[Click here for further information and access to the application portal.](#)

NB: While the call description is available only in Norwegian, you may choose to submit your application in a Scandinavian language or English

Research Support

NFR/RCN Proposal Reading Day

Date: 21 September 2026

Time: 12:00 – 16:00

Place: Room [03-047](#) (3rd floor of Helgasetr building)

Registration deadline: September 18th

The Grants Office invites you to a reading day of proposals that have been funded by the Research Council of Norway. It is invaluable to see how successful proposals are structured and formulated, whether you are writing your own proposal or helping others secure funding as an adviser.

[Register here and choose up to three proposals you want to read.](#)

We have examples of successful proposals to various types of **FRIPRO** proposals as well as **Collaborative Projects to Meet Societal and Industry-Related Challenges**.

Overview of the available proposals

If you have any questions about securing funding from the research council or would like more information, you can reach the MH Grants Office at: soknadshjelpen@mh.ntnu.no.

Reading Day Rules:

To protect the researchers who have been so kind as to share their ERC and NFR proposals, these rules will be in place during our reading days:

- You can only read the proposals at the set time and place
- You can't take the proposal out of the room
- No copying or taking pictures of the proposal
- You may take notes on paper, laptop, or another digital note-taking device.
- Before you can see the proposals, you will have to sign a non-disclosure agreement

Early Career

IK Lykkes Fond: Support for researchers under 30 in Trøndelag

Deadline: 11 October 2026

The Royal Norwegian Society of Sciences and Letters has launched the 2026 call for the IK Lykkes Fond which will award a total of 150 000 NOK to students and young researchers in Trondheim for support of research projects at the master's level or higher. The call is open for all subjects and disciplines.

Only researchers who are not already funded by a major grant may apply.

[Click here for further information and access to the application portal.](#)

NB: While the call description is available only in Norwegian, you may choose to submit your application in a Scandinavian language or English.

Additional Relevant Funding

Funding for research visits (PhDs and Postdocs)

If you can get support for your application from your head of department and your travel is connected to a collaborative publication with someone at the host institution, you may be eligible to apply for the **Helse Midt-Norge Grants for research visits abroad**.

Read more about this call under 'Other Funders' earlier in this newsletter.

Funding for Research Dissemination

The Royal Norwegian Society of Sciences and Letters has also launched their **Research Fund's call for dissemination projects**. Young researchers at the PhD and Postdoc level can also apply.

Read more about this call under 'Other Funders' earlier in this newsletter.

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