



External funding possibilities: if there is something for me?

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Deadline: 6. May 2020



Proposal structure



NFR - Project description template 2019 (10 pages)

Excellence

This chapter should provide a description of the planned project to enable an assessment of its excellence, i.e. the novelty/originality and quality/validity of the proposed work.

1.1. State of the art, knowledge needs and project objectives

- Summarise the state of the art of the research area/field and describe the knowledge needs and challenges that justify the initiation of the project.
- State the overall project objectives and aims in the context of the state of the art and knowledge needs.

1.2. Novelty and ambition

- Describe the potential for development of new knowledge beyond the current state of the art, including significant theoretical, methodological, experimental and/or empirical advancements.
- Highlight any particularly novel, original or ambitious aspects of the project, e.g. in the objectives, research questions/hypotheses, approaches and/or methodology.

1.3. Research questions and hypotheses, theoretical approach and methodology

- Describe in detail the research questions and/or hypotheses.
- Describe thoroughly the theoretical approach and/or methodology chosen to address the project objectives, research questions and/or hypotheses.
- Give a brief account of possible risks that might endanger achieving the project objective and describe how to manage these risks.
- If relevant, specify why an interdisciplinary approach has been chosen.
- If there are ethical issues to consider, describe how these will be dealt with.
- If relevant, describe
 - how gender perspectives are taken into account in the research context
 - how potentially undesirable effects from carrying out the project, on human and animal health, climate and the environment and society at large, can be avoided
 - how relevant stakeholder/user knowledge will be used

Excellence - please note:

Make sure that the theoretical approach and/or choice of methods is well accounted for and described, and that it is clear how the methods are adequate for addressing the research questions, hypotheses, and project objectives.

The checklist issued by the national committees for research ethics may be used when preparing the grant application:

<http://www.nrk.kom.no/ru/Forkningsregulativ/etik-rettning/prosjekt/forkningsetik-veileder/>

Impact

This chapter should describe the importance of the anticipated results in terms of the potential scientific impact, and, if relevant, the potential societal impact of the research. The potential impact can be in the short or longer term. The chapter should also specify the planned measures for exploitation, communication and dissemination of the project results.

1.4. Potential impact of the proposed research

- Building on the description of project objectives and novelty in chapter 1, describe clearly why and how the project outputs may address important present and/or future scientific challenges and have an impact on the research area/field, if successful.
- If relevant, building on the description of knowledge needs and challenges in section 1.1., describe why and how the project outputs, if successful, have the potential to meet the mentioned societal challenge(s).
- If relevant, describe how new knowledge and project outputs have the potential to address one or more of the UN sustainable development goals.

1.5. Measures for communication and exploitation

- Describe the target audience and stakeholders/users of the project results and outputs (in or beyond the scientific community).
- Outline briefly the scope and plan for communication and engagement activities.
- Provide a brief description of planned activities that will contribute to the realisation of the potential impacts of the project results and outputs (in or beyond the scientific sphere).

Impact - please note:

The description of the potential impact should be project specific and related to the planned research. General elaborations on the benefits of research in a wider context should be avoided.

If the proposal is initiated in the context of a specific societal challenge, please describe how the project outputs can contribute to addressing this challenge. If this is a relevant context for the project question, the item does not have to be addressed. This description will be used by the expert panel, together with the rest of the project description, to assess the quality of the project (irrespective of what funding scheme it is submitted to). In addition, it will be used by the Research Council for the strategic assessment of relevance to the specific programme call (not applicable to proposals submitted to FRIPRO). Avoid explicit references to the call.

The 17 UN sustainable development goals (SDGs) provide a global roadmap for a better future for all (UN). If relevant for your project, describe how the knowledge and outputs generated in this project can contribute to solving challenges and/or shed light on important issues related to one or more of the UN's sustainability goals. If this is a relevant context for the project in question, the item does not have to be addressed.

Implementation

This chapter should provide a description of the project team, work plan, task allocation, organisation and management.

3.1. Project manager and project group

- Describe the expertise and experience of the project manager in the context of the proposed project to complement the information in the CV.
- Describe briefly the project team, including collaborators, to complement the information in the CV. In particular, describe the complementarity of the participants in the context of the proposed project.

3.2. Project organisation and management

- Describe the work plan using a structure of work packages and Gantt chart(s).
- Provide a brief overview of research infrastructure and other resources that will be essential for carrying out the proposed project.
- Describe the allocation of tasks to the project team members, linking the tasks to specific work packages.
- Describe the organisation and management structure.
- If applicable, describe stakeholder/user involvement in the project, and explain why this will contribute to carrying out the specific measures which are proposed for the exploitation of the results (see section 2.2).

Implementation - please note:

Avoid repeating information already contained in the CV. Focus on the concrete roles and tasks and how the project team, including key collaborators, is suitable and adequate for the research project.

The work plan, work packages and tasks should present a realistic and feasible approach to using the methodology and achieving the objectives presented in the first chapter. The ambitions and workload should be realistic in terms of resources such as personnel, expertise, research infrastructure, etc.





FINNUT: Up to NOK 100 million for research on education

Funding is available for research on and for the educational sector. The objective is to generate knowledge of high quality and relevance for policy development, the public administration and the field of practice, and to promote knowledge-based development.

The four priority areas are:

- Learning processes, assessment forms and learning outcomes;
- Praxis, professional practice and competence development;
- Governance, management, organisation and achievement of results;
- Education, society and working life.





Global Development calls

NORGLOBAL: NOK 90 million for international development research to promote **poverty reduction and sustainable development**

To be eligible for funding, the grant application must address at least one of the following priority areas:

- Education;
- Humanitarian issues;
- Business development and job creation, taxation;
- Conflict, security and vulnerability;
- Climate, the environment, oceans and renewable energy.





Up to 60 million for research on global health

The grant application must be of relevance to one or both of the following priority areas:

- The project must generate new knowledge on the structure, organisation, delivery, economics and financing of **health services**, including **prioritisation and distribution between available services**.
- The project must generate new knowledge **on the implementation and/or delivery of new and/or improved health services**.





Up to 60 million for research on global health

The grant application must in addition satisfy the following requirements:

- the application must give a clear account for how the project will contribute to achieving [Sustainable Development Goal 3](#), and **specifically Target 3.8.3.8** *Achieve universal health coverage, including financial risk protection, access to quality essential health-care services and access to safe, effective, quality and affordable essential medicines and vaccines for all*
- The application must have justification in, and describe, **the users' needs and participation in all parts of the project**. In this context, users may be patients, clients and relatives, the general public, employees in the health and care services system, government administrators and the authorities





Health

HELSEVEL: NOK 60 million for services research within the health, care and welfare services

- Health and care services
- Labour and welfare services
- Child and family welfare





Health

BEHANDLING, BEDREHELSE and HELSEVEL: 150 millioner til forskning på folkehelse, behandling og tjenester i kommunene

KVINNEHELSE: 50 millioner til forskning på kvinners helse og kjønnsperspektiver

BEHANDLING: 35 millioner til forskning på oral helse, multimorbiditet og pasientsikkerhet

Research organisations may also submit applications under the calls for **Collaborative Project to meet Societal and Industry-related Challenges** with a **deadline of 2 September 2020**. Grant applications submitted under these calls are required to incorporate collaboration with relevant stakeholders from outside the research sector.





FRIPRO Ground-breaking research

- [Large-scale Interdisciplinary Researcher Project](#)
- [Researcher Project for Scientific Renewal](#)
- [Researcher Project for Young Talents](#)
- [Three-year Researcher Project with International Mobility](#)





Experts who have reviewed applications

The evaluation Process

FRIPRO is high-risk/high-gain approach

...The panel agreed the applicant and wider collaborative network were **international leaders in this field**. However, the panel felt that **excellence of the research team was not matched by the goals and innovation of the proposal**. Specifically, the applicants have already published the roles of xxx therefore the current aim to explore XXX cell involvement were **more incremental than significant advances in current knowledge...**





Fellesløft IV: Large-scale Interdisciplinary Researcher Project

Purpose

Funding is intended to advance the research front by providing larger-scale allocations to interdisciplinary projects. The Research Council will provide support for researchers from **different subject areas to work together to generate new knowledge that would not be possible** to obtain without interdisciplinary cooperation.

The researchers participating in the project must represent two or more different subject groups as defined [at level 2 of the Norwegian Classification of Scientific Disciplines](#).





Fellesløft IV: Large-scale Interdisciplinary Researcher Project

Budget

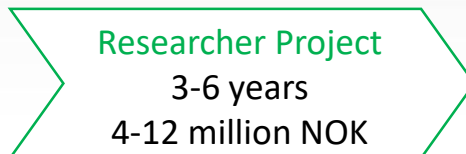
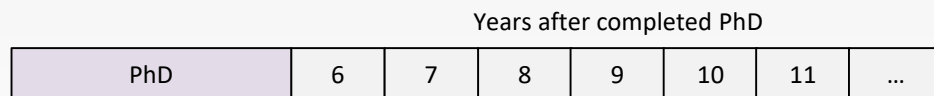
Applicants may apply for a minimum of **NOK 12 million** and a maximum of **NOK 25 million** in funding from the Research Council. This amount includes both Research Council funding and the research institution's own contribution under the Fellesløft IV joint funding initiative.





Researcher Project for Scientific Renewal

- For established researchers.
- You can be the project manager for a proposal if it is at least six years since your doctoral dissertation and defense was approved or attaining competence at associate professorship level.
- The research idea is of the highest significance in the review process.



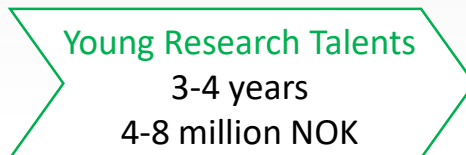
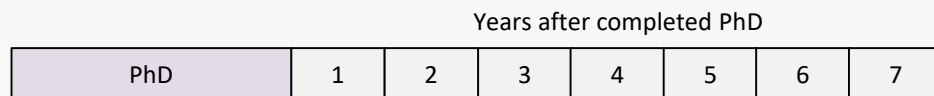
Success rate:
8-10 % previous years





Researcher Project for Young Talents

- Young researchers with a *little experience* after their PhD. You may apply up to 3 times and only receive funding once.
- *Younger than 40 years old* at the application submission deadline (b. 7. May 1980 or later). Most applicants: 25-39 years old.
- Employed in your main position by the Project Owner (applicant organisation) and must dedicate at least 50% of the research component of your position to the project.



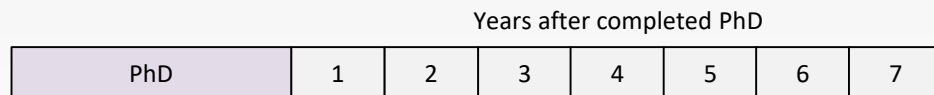
Success rate:
9-13 % previous years





Three-year Researcher Project with International Mobility

- Researchers *very early* in their career (recently defended or will soon defend their PhD dissertation). You may only receive funding once.
- As of the application submission deadline, you may not have lived or worked in the country in which the host institution abroad is located for more than 12 months in the past 3 years.
- You must be employed by the Project Owner (Norwegian research organization – must have authorized the submission of the grant application) for the entire duration of the project period.



FRIPRO Mobility Grant
3 years (2 abroad, 3rd in Norway)
3-3.9 million NOK

Success rate:
15-20 % previous years





Evaluation of NFR 2019

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FRIPRO statistics 2019



Researcher Projects

2303 grant applications assessed → 261 grant applications awarded funding

Success rate = 11.3 %

Grade	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Percent	4	25	36	26	7	1	0



FRIPRO statistics 2019



Young Research Talents

467 grant applications assessed → 55 grant applications awarded funding

Success rate = 11.7 %

Grade	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Percent	5	28	33	27	7	0	0



FRIPRO statistics 2019



Mobility grants

114 grant applications assessed → 12 grant applications awarded funding

Success rate = 10.5 %

Grade	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Percent	4	23	38	26	8	0	0





The Norwegian regional health authorities jointly announces a call for applications for funding of clinical multicentre studies with the aim of improving existing treatment procedures and/or developing or evaluating new regimens. The total budget available for 2020 is approximately 140 mill. kr. This year the call is divided into two different project types:

A. Project applications to KLINBEFORSK (Open Call, full application)

As for the last few years, KLINBEFORSK provides funding for clinical multi-centre studies. Projects are supported by for a period of up to five years. The budget should be within the range of **NOK 5-20 mill.** for the entire project period.

The call is thematically open. However, in **2020 priority will be given to applications related to comparative studies of intensive habilitation of children/adolescents with brain damage, provided that the projects are of sufficient quality.**

This call requires *full applications* with a max. 10 p. project description for the deadline *30 April 2020*.

Note that the success rate the last two years was very high: 23% in 2019 (9 out of 39 applications funded) and 22% in 2018 (7 out of 32 applications funded).





B. Program for needs-identified research within personalized medicine/precision medicine for cancer (sketches)

This year KLINBEFORSK has allocated up to NOK 50 mill towards «needs-identified research» for one national study programme for personalised/precision medicine in cancer treatment. The requirements include:

- **Equal access for patients** from all health regions.
- The study program requires **collaboration with industry**
- Cooperation with key partners beyond the pharmaceutical industry, such as the **Cancer Registry**, should be described.

For this call, there will be a 5 p. *outline* for the deadline 30 April 2020. Applications that goes through to the next stage will be invited to write a full application. The deadline for this is yet to be decided, but would most likely be before the end of 2020.

All projects funded by KLINBEFORSK should include participation from clinical research groups in all four health regions, provide equal inclusion opportunities for all Norwegian patients and user involvement.



Trond Mohn Foundation (TMS) Starting Grant

Eligibility:

- Candidates who hold a *permanent position* as an Associate Professor or professor at UiB are *not eligible* for nomination.
- Only candidates nominated by a faculty at UiB may apply. A candidate *cannot be nominated two consecutive years*.
- Candidates who *have reached the age of 40 by 16 March 2020* are normally *not eligible*.
- The *age limit may be extended* for a maximum of 2 years (parental leave, long-term illness or clinical training or national service).

Trond Mohn Foundation (TMS) Starting Grant - [Call](#)

- Support to young researchers to develop into successful research leaders by providing *long-term funding for own salary and staff*.
- Aid UiB in attracting and retaining excellent young scholars in *research areas in line with UiB's strategies and priorities* and where the university foresees recruitment needs within the next 4 years.
- The nominating faculty is required to *announce a permanent faculty position within the grantees' field of research*, before the end of the 4-year project period.
- TMS encourages the university to nominate candidates currently based outside of Norway.



Peder Sather Center - Call

- The primary mission of the Peder Sather Center for Advanced Study (the Center) is to strengthen ongoing research collaborations and foster the development of new research collaborations between faculty at the University of California, Berkeley (UC Berkeley) and from the consortium of nine participating Norwegian academic institutions.
- Applications from all fields and disciplines are welcomed. No field will be excluded from consideration
- The Center will make a minimum of \$550,000 available for projects each year and offers grants of between \$10K and \$25K. Funds are made available for two academic years.
- Grants can support activities such as workshops, mini-conferences, virtual intellectual exchanges, the undertaking of exploratory and pilot studies, activities such as PhD student exchanges, longer-term stays for principal investigators, the collection and analysis of data, and other core research activities.





Application processes at IGS



Thank you!



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