

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR RESEARCH FUNDING FOR 2020

### Felles forskningsutvalg (the Joint Research Committee) between St. Olavs hospital and the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, NTNU

**Deadline for submission of grant applications: 13 June at 15:00**

Felles forskningsutvalg (FFU), the joint research committee between St. Olavs Hospital and the Faculty of Medicine, NTNU manages research funds from the Central Norway Regional Health Authority.

The following call for proposals is announced:

- Two-year research projects of up to NOK 1 million
- Researcher positions 50% (up to 3 years duration)

FFU's main objective is to strengthen research activity and research collaboration between the two institutions. The aim is to increase activity and to improve the quality of research, to contribute to the development of research groups, and to foster a research culture.

The projects must be strategically relevant to the health sector. Relevant strategies are research and innovation strategies for the Central Norway Regional Health Authority, St. Olavs Hospital and Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences.

#### Who can apply?

Applications for research funding and positions can only be submitted by people employed at St. Olavs hospital or Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences:

- St. Olavs hospital - in collaboration with the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences\*, NTNU
- Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences\*, NTNU - in collaboration with St. Olavs hospital

*\* Applies to employees at the Medicine and Health Sciences, NTNU in Trondheim. Employees at NTNU Ålesund and NTNU Gjøvik are not eligible for applying.*

#### About the application categories:

##### Two-year research projects

Applications can be submitted for a *maximum of NOK 1 million* for use up to two years. There is no upper or lower limit for the annual amount, but the total amount for the whole period must not exceed NOK 1 million. Expenses for the procurement of services from regional and national research infrastructures may be included in the budget.

It is possible to apply for funding for, among other things:

- Technical/administrative research personnel (research nurses, etc.)
- Use of research infrastructure
- Completion of PhD projects for which the candidate does not have previous funding as an employed PhD candidate
- Research projects with innovation potential
- Replacement in clinical positions

## Researcher position 50 %

Researcher at 50% position for up to three years. The researcher will contribute to strengthening research at the integrated university hospital, and actively contribute to collaboration between the department and the clinic. The collaboration between the department and the clinic must be made visible in the project description, and there must be a plan for appointment before the application is submitted:

- Applicants who are employed in a clinical position at St. Olav's hospital at the time of application, shall be appointed in a 50% researcher position at a department at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences.
- Applicants who are employed in a scientific position at a department at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences at the time of application, shall be appointed as a 50% researcher position in a clinic at St. Olav's hospital.

Applicants for researcher positions must have completed PhD. The grant is given according to the [Research council's rates](#) for Post-doctoral research fellowship. No required duties are included in the position. We note that applicants for researcher positions may be called for an interview.

## **Formal requirements for the application:**

- **Documented collaboration between St. Olavs hospital and the Faculty of Medicine.** The research collaboration must be described in the project description. Active participation from both partner institutions is required. All partners must confirm their participation using the eSøknad electronic submission service. *Projects that do not involve confirmed collaboration between the institutions will not be considered.*
- **Management commitment.** The application must be approved at management level, through the head of the clinic (St. Olavs hospital) and the head of department at Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, NTNU. Documentation of management commitment is provided through a comment to the application in eSøknad from the head of clinic, while head of department (MH) approves the application using a separate [management commitment form](#). The form must be attached to the application. Applications involving more than one clinic/department, may be approved by management at a higher level. *Applications that do not have confirmation of management commitment within the deadlines will not be considered.*
- **User involvement.** Users are defined as patients and their dependents. The application must explain to what extent the users are involved in the planning and implementation of the project. If user participation is not regarded as relevant to the project in question, reasons for this must be provided.
- **Benefits.** The project applications must describe the expected benefits for the patient and the service, and how new knowledge can be applied in the service. Assessment of benefits is on an equal footing with assessment of quality.

## **All applicants are requested to study the following additional documents carefully:**

1. [Current regulations for regional research funding from Helse Midt-Norge RHF](#) (pdf)
2. [Template for project description FFU and attachment criteria](#) (docx)
3. [Management commitment form FFU](#) (pdf)

***Applications that do not meet the formal requirements will be rejected.***

## **Submission of applications and allocation of funds:**

The application must be submitted via the health authorities' electronic application system [eSøknad](#). Select "Helse Midt-Norge" and "Felles Forskningsutvalg" on the front page. Instructions for completing the application are integrated in the application system.

eSøknad will open by 30 April. **Deadline for submitting applications is 13 June 2019 at 3 p.m.** It is not possible to submit applications after the deadline.

# Felles forskningsutvalg

St. Olavs hospital og Fakultet for medisin og helsevitenskap

Samarbeidsorganet in Helse Midt-Norge RHF will decide on the allocation of funding on behalf of Felles Forskningsutvalg in November 2019. The allocation will be published on the Felles forskningsutvalg website.

Projects awarded in this announcement may commence from 1.1.2020 at the earliest and must be initiated no later than 1.8.2020.

**Questions about the call for proposals can be addressed to:**

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*Note: In case of a conflict, the Norwegian call for proposals is the legally binding version.*