# **Template for project descriptions - applications for research funding from Samarbeidsorganet**

All applications sent to Samarbeidsorganet must follow the template for project description.

## Format requirements:

## - The project description must be written in English

## - Number of pages: max. 10 A4 pages including figures/tables and reference list

## - Font: equivalent to Calibri 11 point or Times New Roman 12 point, single line spacing, minimum 2 cm margins. Font 9 can be used for the list of references and any text in figures

# **Project title**

The project title must reflect the content of the project. The title cannot exceed 150 characters.

## The application’s connection to other applications in this Call for funds [if relevant]

If this application is one of several applications connected to the same research project, please include the application-ID and title of each related application. Additionally, provide a brief description of how these applications are interconnected and outline the unique contribution of each sub-project.

# **Introduction**

Provide a concise overview of the project background and identify the key knowledge gaps within the discipline. Please describe:

* Summarize the existing knowledge within the discipline
* Highlight the gaps in knowledge within the discipline, both nationally and internationally
* Describe the background of the project
* Explain the significance of the research project within the discipline and/or its originality

You must write the project summary/abstract in the application form in [eSøknad](https://forskningsmidler.ihelse.net/) [max. 1500 characters/200 words].

## Benefits for treatment of patients and next of kin [in eSøknad only]

In the application form in [eSøknad](https://forskningsmidler.ihelse.net/), you must describe the significance of the project or its benefits regarding patient treatment, both in the short and long term. Additionally, explain how the project can help prevent diseases and/or improve the organizational structure and quality of the health services. [max 3000 characters / 400 words]. Describe specifically whom the research will affect and how the results of the work may be useful. You may give an elaborate account of this in the project description if necessary.

# Research questions and goals

Present the projects research questions and/or hypotheses clearly in relation to the primary and secondary goals. Describe the primary and secondary goals in [eSøknad](https://forskningsmidler.ihelse.net/) [max. 750 characters]. You may provide a more elaborate account of these goals in the project description if necessary. The goals should be clearly defined, concrete and verifiable. Please describe:

* Research questions and/or hypotheses
* Short-term and long-term goals
* The expected results of the project, e.g.:
  + Necessary skills development in the health services
  + Development of methodological knowledge or techniques

In applications for doctoral and postdoctoral fellowships, clearly state the fellow's contributions in the project.

# **Feasibility**

Feasibility is an expression of the extent to which it is likely that the project will be carried out in the best possible way within the project period.

## Study design, choice of methods and analyses

Provide an account for the chosen scientific method(s). Describe your choice of methods and explain how they are suited for addressing the research questions and/or hypotheses in this project. If relevant, calculate the statistical power needed to answer the research question.

## Organization and collaboration

The project description must include an overview of the project’s organization and collaborative constellations.

Please describe:

* The project’s organizational structure and, if applicable, its positioning in the research group
* The expertise, infrastructure and other resources of the research community that are significant for the implementation of the project.
* The scope of external/regional/national/international collaboration in the project.
* The collaboration with the clinic if the project is to be managed outside a health trust, e.g. NTNU

All active partners in the project must be listed in the application form [eSøknad](https://forskningsmidler.ihelse.net/) and confirm the participation.

## Budget [in eSøknad only]

The budget must be included in the application form [eSøknad](https://forskningsmidler.ihelse.net/) and provide a good overview of the financial framework for the project. The budget must be consistent with the goals and content of the project. If some of the project expenses are (sought) covered by other funding sources, you should register these to illustrate the scope of the project.

## Plan for progress and publishing

Describe the activity plan (milestone plan) for the project in the application form ([eSøknad](https://forskningsmidler.ihelse.net/)). The project description must include a detailed description of the activity plan, including your plan regarding your dissemination of publications, articles, websites, lectures, popular science dissemination, etc.

## Plan for implementation

Please describe:

* How new knowledge can be used in the health care service
* The plan for implementation of the results from the research project
* If relevant, describe the project’s innovation potential

## Research group plan [only for the application category: Project funds]

Please describe the development plan for the research group and pinpoint the continuation of research both during and after the project period. The project funds category should stimulate development of new and/or robust research groups and thus enable these groups to compete for external funds.

# 5. User involvement

Please describe how your project fulfills the requirement for user involvement. User involvement means involving users in research projects, not as study objects, but as advisers, collaborators, fellow researchers or as representatives/ observers.

* Give an account of how user involvement can make your research project better
* Describe how users are involved or how you plan to involve users throughout the different phases of your project. Do not include name and/ or diagnosis of the users involved unless otherwise agreed.
* If you do not regard user participation as relevant, you must explain why.

# 6. Ethics

Explain any ethical issues associated with the research project, and how you will be dealing with these in this project. If there are no ethical issues, you must account for this.

# 7. References

The references included must cite up do date and relevant literature that supports the subject content of the project.