

CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR RESEARCH FUNDING FROM SAMARBEIDSORGANET 2021

The Central Norway Regional Health Authority (RHA) has allocated funds for strengthening research and academic development within medicine and health sciences in the region. The funding is allocated via The Liaison Committee for Education, Research and Innovation in Central Norway (Samarbeidsorganet). Subject to the financial framework for the Central Norway RHA, a call for proposals for research funding for 2021 has been approved, and includes the following categories:

1. Research fellowships*
 - PhD research fellowships, known candidate
 - PhD research fellowships, unknown candidate
 - Postdoctoral research fellowship
 - Researcher fellowship
 - Innovation focused PhD research fellowships, known candidate
 - Innovation focused PhD research fellowships, unknown candidate
 - Innovation focused Postdoctoral research fellowship
 - Innovation focused Researcher fellowship
2. Project funds
3. Mobility grant

The deadline for application is 15 June 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

*The fellowships have a duration of up to 3 years and it is possible to apply for additional funds to cover running costs and mobility grants for all fellowship-positions. The hiring institution is responsible to follow all current laws, acts and regulations that governs the employment of candidates in fellowship positions granted of Samarbeidsorganet.

Please refer to the document [Guidelines requirements and regulations for the application categories](#) for information about the formal requirements of each category.

It is the aim of the Central Norway RHA to strengthen research in the whole region. All health trusts in Central Norway are therefore encouraged to submit applications, and to collaborate with other health trusts in the region on joint project proposals. It is also a goal to reach a more even gender balance among project leaders who are granted funds through Samarbeidsorganet, because of this we invite women project leaders in particular to apply.

Strategic research areas

The applications are expected to fall within one or more of the following strategic research areas:

- Clinically relevant research that is close to the patients
- Person-adapted medicine
- Research on quality and patient safety
- Register-based research in combination with health surveys and patient data
- Medical technology and digitalization of health services
- Research on health services
- Global health research
- Health education research

Helseplattformen is Mid-Norway's largest e-health initiative and is a means to create a more efficient, holistic, safe and patient-centered health service. Research on Helseplattformen is necessary to understand the possibilities and limitations of information technology-driven change work and to uncover best practices in the area through research. We especially encourage applications for research projects related to Helseplattformen that:

- Uses and / or builds on Helseplattformen within the respective strategic research areas
- Evaluates effects and changes in the health service by using Helseplattformen in various contexts

For more information on relevant strategies we refer to Central Norway RHA's [research strategy 2016 – 2020](#) and [innovation strategy 2016-2020](#) [only available in Norwegian].

Applications may be submitted by employees in the following institutions:

- Health trusts (HT) in Central Norway
- Universities and university colleges in the region, in collaboration with HT in Central Norway
- Regional Private-sector parties that have an agreement with the Central Norway RHA, in collaboration with a HT in Central Norway.

We encourage collaboration with different sectors, including universities and university colleges, municipalities, private establishments and commercial businesses. The research projects must be relevant to the health services, and it is required that all projects are conducted with participation from a HT. The projects are expected to result in scientific publications where the given health trust is listed as an affiliation.

Formal requirements for the application

1. [Template for project description for application for research funds from Samarbeidsorganet](#) must be followed
2. [Guidelines requirements and regulations for the application categories](#) must be followed
3. [Current regulations for regional research funding from the Central Norway Regional Health Authority](#) must be followed
4. Documented collaboration with a health trust is a requirement

All projects must document active- cooperation and participation from at least one person employed in a HT in the region. This implies that the HT-employee must have participated actively in planning- and writing the project description and that the person in question has a central role in the project. This is to be described in the application. All project participants must confirm their participation in [eSøknad](#).

5. Documented management commitment is a requirement

All applications must be approved by the head of clinic at the applicant institution. An approval indicates that the management approves of the HT-employee's contribution in the project and recognizes that participation may require clinic resources. Applications coming from the higher education sector or private sector, must in addition include a completed [commitment form](#) signed by the appropriate authority of the host institution as an attachment.

The deadline for approval by the head of clinic is 3 July

Applications that do not fulfill the formal requirements will be rejected

Limitation on the number of applications

One and the same person can submit a maximum of three applications as project manager. It is not permitted to submit two or more applications with identical project descriptions. In such cases, all applications may be rejected. If several applications relate to one and the same main-project, the different applications must include project descriptions that clearly describes a) which applications are related to each other, and b) the unique contribution of each sub-project to the main-project. If the application has previously been evaluated in one of Helse Midt-Norge's calls without being granted funds, this must be stated in the project description.

Submitting applications

Applications is to be submitted through the health trusts' electronic application system, [eSøknad](#). Choose the call «Samarbeidsorganet Helse Midt-Norge» on the front page and follow the instructions integrated in the eSøknad-system.

It is not possible to edit your application after it has been submitted or to submit an application after the **submission deadline 15 June 2020 at 3:00 p.m.**

Allocation of funds

All applications, except for those rejected based on any lack of formal requirements, will be evaluated by an academic committee. The committee give their recommendations on who they think should be granted funds to Samarbeidsorganet based on an evaluation of the [scientific value](#) of each application, where the assessment of utility value and professional quality is emphasized equally. All applicants will receive a brief written feedback on their application from the committee.

Samarbeidsorganet will on November 5. 2020 decide on the allocation of funds. The results of the 2020-allocation of funds will be published on Central Norway RHA's website.

The projects that are granted funds may start the earliest 01.01.2021 and latest 01.09.2021

Questions about the call for proposals can be addressed to

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