

**Call for proposals**  
**The Liaison Committee for Education, Research and Innovation in Central Norway (Samarbeidsorganet)**

**Deadline for applications: 13 June 2019 at 15:00.**

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 2020 has been approved, and includes the following categories:

Research fellowships\*

- Doctoral (PhD) research fellowships, known and unknown candidates (up to 3 years)
- Postdoctoral research fellowships (up to 3 years)
- Researcher fellowships (up to 3 years)
- Positions focused on innovation (PhD, postdoctoral or researcher fellowships, up to 3 years)
- Project funds (NOK 500 000 to NOK 1 000 000 per year for a period of 1-3 years)
- Mobility grants (period of 3-12 months)

\*It is possible to apply for additional running costs (equivalent to up to 200 000 NOK/year for up to 3 years) in applications for PhD, postdoctoral and researcher fellowships.

Please refer to the document [\*Information about the application categories\*](#) for information about the formal requirements of each category.

**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
- Translational research
- Research on quality and patient safety
- Register-based research in combination with health surveys and patient data
- Medical technology and digitalization
- Research on health services
- Global health research
- Health education research

Applications for research projects related to Helseplattformen are especially encouraged, which

- 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.

Helseplattformen is Mid-Norway's largest e-health initiative ever and at the same time a program 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 research best practices in the area.

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.

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Strategic research areas are based on the Central Norway RHA's [research strategy 2016 – 2020](#) and [innovation strategy 2016-2020](#) (in Norwegian).

### Who can apply?

Applications for research funding may be submitted by persons employed in the following institutions:

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

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

### Formal requirements for all applications:

- **Confirmed collaboration with a health trust.** All projects must have active participation from at least one person employed in a health trust in the region. Active participation means that the clinical employee must have participated in the planning and writing of the project description and have a central role in the project as described in the application. All partners must confirm their participation in eSøknad. *Projects lacking confirmed collaboration with a health trust will not be considered.*
- **Confirmed management commitment.** All applications must be approved by the head of clinic at the specified applicant institution (deadline: 3 July 2019). Commitment from the clinic means that the management approves the contribution of the clinic employee and understands that participation may require resources from the clinic. For applications from the higher education sector or parties in the private sector, management commitment must also be confirmed by the applicant's own institution (head of department/unit) by using a separate [commitment form](#) (must be uploaded with the attachments in eSøknad).
- **User involvement.** The application must describe who the users of the research project results will be (i.e. patients and their dependents), and explain the extent of user involvement in the planning and implementation of the project. If user involvement is not regarded as relevant to the project in question, reasons for this must be provided. *Applications lacking description of user involvement will not be considered.*
- **Impact.** 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 impact is on an equal footing with assessment of quality.

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

- [Current regulations for regional research funding from the Central Norway RHA](#) (pdf)
- [Information about the various application categories](#) (pdf)
- [Template for the project description and attachment requirements](#) (docx)

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

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### **Limitation on the number of applications:**

One project manager can submit a maximum of three applications. One person may not submit two (or more) identical project descriptions. In such cases, all applications may be rejected. If there are several proposals relating to the same project, the project descriptions should clearly describe a) which applications are related to each other, and b) what is the unique contribution of each project proposal. If the application has previously been evaluated in Helse Midt-Norge's calls without being awarded, this must be stated in the project description.

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

Applications should be submitted through the health trusts' electronic application system, [eSøknad](#). Choose the call «Samarbeidsorganet Helse Midt-Norge» on the front page. Instructions for completing the application form are available in the application submission system.

**eSøknad opens for applications on 30 April 2019. The application deadline is 13 June 2019, at 15:00.**

Samarbeidsorganet will decide on the allocation of funding during its meeting on 6 November 2019. The result of the allocation will be published on Central Norway RHA's website.

The projects awarded in this announcement may commence from 1 January 2020 at the earliest, and must be initiated by 1 August 2020 at the latest.

Written assessment of applications will be sent to all applicants by 31 December 2019. The assessments will also be sent to the nearest clinic manager/head of department after allocation, for internal strategic work, on request. If applicants do not wish to provide access to the assessment, this must be stated in eSøknad when the application is submitted.

### **Contact persons for the funding call:**

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*Note: in case of conflict between the Norwegian and English version of the funding call, the Norwegian is the legally binding version.*