

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

Deadline for applications: 13 June 2017 at 15:00.

The Central Norway Regional Health Authority (RHA) has allocated substantial 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 2018 has been approved. This year's announcement includes the following categories:

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

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

Strategic research areas

The following strategic research areas have been defined by Samarbeidsorganet:

- Clinically relevant research that is close to the patients
- Research on quality and patient safety
- Medical technology and digitalization
- Research on health services, including coordination, logistics, and development of services
- Translational research
- Register-based research in combination with health surveys and patient data
- Global health research
- Health education research

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.

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 with a health trust in the region. This person should have contributed to the project proposal, and his or her role in the project must be clearly outlined. All collaborating partners must confirm their participation in eSøknad. *Projects that do not involve 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 relevant host institution (deadline: 1 July, 2017). 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](#) (in Norwegian - must be uploaded with the attachments in eSøknad).
- **User involvement.** The application must describe who the users of the research project results will be, 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.
- **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](#)

[Information about the various application categories](#)

[Template for the project description and attachment requirements](#)

Those who apply for positions focused on innovation must attach [a separate form that clearly describes the project's innovation aspect](#).

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

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.

Submission of applications and allocation of funds

Applications should be submitted through the health trusts' electronic application system, [eSøknad](#). Instructions for completing the application form are available in the application submission system.

eSøknad opens for applications on 2 May 2017. The deadline for applications is 13 June 2017, at 15:00.

Samarbeidsorganet will decide on the allocation of funding during its meeting on 1 November 2017. The result of the allocation will be published on Central Norway RHA's website.

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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.