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Updated on: 11 December 2024 (for continuous, updated announcements of new calls and relevant courses/information webinars, keep an eye on the GFI team channel "Proposal support and funding opportunities".)

New call or postponed deadline (since previous UFO update)

Planned call

Course/ information meeting/other

For open-ended (no fixed deadline) calls, scroll to the end of this table.

DEADLINE	PROGRAM	TYPE	CALL
2024			
20 Dec	ÅSGARD	Norway-France mobility	<p>Exchange program aiming to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop scientific exchange between France and Norway; - Facilitate research collaboration and technology transfer; - Facilitate international collaboration for French and Norwegian researchers. <p>Researchers from Norway or France can apply to visit France or Norway for 5 days (between 01/02 and 31/10 2025) to meet actors in research and innovation.</p> <p>More information: https://www.france.no/no/vitenskap-og-forskning/samarbeidsprogrammer/asgard/</p>
2025			
Several dates	NFR	Courses for writing EU project applications	<p>Many different types, with different dates:</p> <p>https://www.forskningsradet.no/en/events/?timeframe=0&type=Course</p>
Several dates	UiB FERD	Mainly for early career scientists	<p>Training courses in transferable skills, career guidance, proposal writing, etc.</p> <p>https://www.uib.no/en/ferd</p>

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14 Jan	ERC CoG	Ground-breaking, excellent research project	€2 000 000 for 5 years excellent research project by researchers of any nationality with 7-12 years of experience since completion of PhD and a scientific track record showing great promise. https://erc.europa.eu/apply-grant/consolidator-grant
15 Jan (and 15 Sep)	ERASMUS+	Teaching staff mobility	Erasmus+ mobility for training gives employees the possibility to receive training, new knowledge and new experiences. Some examples of Erasmus+ training mobility: - Technical and administrative staff travel to a university abroad, to benefit from the partner institution's experience and good practice. - Training in a company or at a university (scientific staff or researches in laboratory training, method courses, job shadowing for administrative-technical staff). - Language course https://www.uib.no/en/foremployees/148640/erasmus-staff-mobility-training
14 Feb	UiB idé	Innovation (testing potential of an idea)	Are you a student with an idea of how your municipality could serve its citizens in a better way, but you don't know how to proceed? Or are you a researcher and believe that your research results could really make a difference to peoples' lives or be valuable to an industry or other group, but you do not know how to turn it into an actual product? With UiB idé, UiB has a program that can support your idea with both advice and funding, to help you to reach your goal. https://www.uib.no/en/innovation/142589/do-you-have-good-idea-seek-support
05 Mar (opens 22 Jan)	NFR	Large, interdisciplinary research project	Support for large, interdisciplinary (min. 2 discipline groups) to address challenges in: - Impact on ecosystems and ecosystem services. Consequences of several influences and change processes for nature's basic functions and resilience. Including cumulative effects and any tipping points. - Land meets coast meets sea. Impacts that contribute to, or may contribute to, ecosystem changes in the transition between land and sea and what risk and consequence the various influencing factors may have. E.g. pollution, environmental toxins, plastics, alien species, floods, runoff, acidification, higher temperatures and sea level rise.

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			<p>- Risk understanding and solutions. Better and more comprehensive knowledge of social risk based on processes, influences and conditions in climate and nature, as a starting point for measures, tools and solutions for sustainable management of nature.</p> <p>https://www.forskningsradet.no/utlysninger/2025/stort-tverrfaglig-forskerprosjekt/</p>
05 Mar (<i>opens 22 Jan</i>)	NFR	Top-down Research project	<p>Research project for scientific renewal. Relevant topics: climate risk and impacts; Cross-cutting topics: areas under pressure, with emphasis on challenges linked to nature and/or climate</p> <p>https://www.forskningsradet.no/utlysninger/2025/forskerprosjekt-fornyelse-tematisk/</p>
05 Mar (<i>opens 22 Jan</i>)	NFR	Top-down collaborative project	<p>Collaborative Project to Meet Societal and Industry-related Challenges. Relevant topics:</p> <p>Cross-cutting themes - food, environment, climate and public health</p> <p>Cross-cutting themes - increased social security - extreme events, energy supply security, food security, conditions in the Arctic and Antarctic</p> <p>Energy - energy transition and effects on society - Climate, natural consequences of energy infrastructure, resource use, etc.</p> <p>https://www.forskningsradet.no/en/call-for-proposals/2025/collaborative-project-societal-industry-challenges/</p>
01 Jun (<i>and 01 Dec</i>)	Bjerknes visiting fellow	Research mobility	<p>Bjerknes-affiliated staff can apply for support funding to host an “established outstanding scientist” during Autumn 2025. https://bjerknes.uib.no/en/article/member-info/bjerknes-visiting-fellow</p>
XX MMM (<i>opens in Feb</i>)	Young CAS grant	Seed funding for building research leader skills	<p>The Young CAS Grant is a collaborative initiative between CAS, the Young Academy of Norway (AYF) and The Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters (DNVA). The programme is designed to empower and support young researchers in their pursuit of project development and network expansion through residential fellowships. By providing financial support and fostering research endeavours, Young CAS Principal Investigators (PIs) gain valuable experience as research leaders. The PIs have the opportunity to invite colleagues from around the world to participate in</p>

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			collaborative, independent fundamental research at CAS. The support includes funding, office spaces, and administrative support. More information: https://cas-nor.no/call-applications-young-cas-grant
XX Mar	Svalbard Strategic Grant	Coordination and Support Activities	<p>Funding for cooperation/network activities, initiating pre-projects, planning of larger projects, workshops, that contribute to increased scientific quality in Svalbard research, and/or contribute to placing Svalbard research in a pan-Arctic or global perspective. The activities should enhance international and inter-disciplinary cooperation and stimulate to open sharing of data.</p> <p>More information: https://www.forskningsradet.no/en/svalbard-science-forum/ssf-tools-and-funding-schemes/svalbard-streategic-grant-ssg/</p>
1 Apr	Peder Sather Grant	Research collaboration projects between UC Berkeley and Norway	<p>Supports projects carried out by researchers at UC Berkeley in collaboration with researchers from eight Norwegian universities. The Center offers grants between \$10K and \$25K. Funds are made available for two academic years.</p> <p>Grants can support activities such as workshops, mini-conferences, virtual intellectual exchanges, the undertaking of exploratory and pilot studies, activities such as PhD student exchanges, longer-term stays for Principal Investigators, the collection and analysis of data, and other core research activities.</p> <p>More information: https://sathercenter.berkeley.edu/peder-sather-grant/</p>
28 Aug (<i>call opens May</i>)	ERC AdG	Ground-breaking, excellent science	€2 500 000 for 5 years ground-breaking ambitious project by active researchers who have a track-record of significant research achievements in the last 10 years. https://erc.europa.eu/apply-grant/advanced-grant
XX Sep	PHC Aurora	Norway-France mobility	<p>Funds short-term stays for French and Norwegian researchers working on bilateral projects. The projects must be approved by both nations.</p> <p>The purpose of PHC is to exchange expertise in research and technology, between research laboratories in France and Norway, by promoting new collaborative projects.</p> <p>https://www.france.no/no/vitenskap-og-forskning/samarbeidsprogrammer/phc-aurora/</p>

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XX Sep (<i>opens in June</i>)	Åsgard Horizon	Norway-France seed funding for research collaboration	<p>Supports the organisation of scientific conferences, workshops and meetings of experts to structure and develop ambitious research networks and to facilitate the development of large-scale international projects.</p> <p>Who: French and Norwegian research teams. Projects may include one or more additional partners, only French and Norwegian actors will be eligible for the funding programme.</p> <p>What: Coordination of international research projects and development of ambitious research networks between teams in France and in Norway.</p> <p>When: The programme is spread over two consecutive years. Particular attention will be paid to long-term cooperation projects.</p> <p>How: Organisation of a scientific event in France and a scientific event in Norway. Priority will be given in particular to collaborative projects with a European dimension.</p> <p>Call for applications: https://www.france.no/no/vitenskap-og-forskning/samarbeidsprogrammer/asgard-horizon/</p>
01 Oct	Fulbright		<p>Arktis-stipend : "Distinguished Arctic Scholar" (formerly "Arctic Chair") grant for research on the northern regions or Arctic/polar-related issues.</p> <p>Purpose: increase researcher mobility between Norway and the USA and promote knowledge exchange about the Arctic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All fields of study that may be relevant for knowledge about the northern regions (also humanities and social sciences). • Scholarship amount: NOK XXX • Duration of stay: 3 - 12 months. It is assumed that the research or lecture stay has not already started in the USA. • Earliest possible start date: XX 2026. Latest possible start date: XX 2027. <p>More information: https://fulbright.no/stipend-for-nordmenn/forskere/arktis-stipend/</p>
01 Oct	Fulbright	Research mobility to USA	<p>ONLY FOR NORWEGIAN CITIZENSHIPS. Forskerstipend: forskningsmobilitet til USA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alle fagfelt. • Stipendbeløp: fra NOK XXX,-. Det forutsettes at forsknings- eller forelesningsoppholdet ved søknadstidspunkt ikke allerede er påbegynt i USA.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oppholdets varighet: mellom 3 og 12 måneder. • Tidligst mulig startdato: XX 2026. Senest mulig startdato: XX 2027 Mer informasjon: https://fulbright.no/stipend-for-nordmenn/forskere/forskerstipend/
01 Oct	Fullbright	MSc and PhD mobility	ONLY FOR NORWEGIAN CITIZENSHIPS. Fulbrightstipendet tildeles studenter som ønsker å gjennomføre hel, eller del av, en master- eller doktorgrad i USA.
15 Oct ?	UH-nett Vest	Seed money for consortium building and dissemination	UH-nett Vest sin støtteordning skal bidra til å styrke samhandlingen og bygge sterke relasjoner mellom academia og eksterne aktører i regionene. Støtten skal gis som såkornsmidler til nettverksbygging og prosjektutvikling. Det kan søkes om såkornsmidler til et bredt spekter av prosjekter som skal være samfunnsrelevante, og bidra til fornying og innovasjon i regionene. https://uhnettvest.no/forskningsutvalg/ *UH-nett members are: UiB, Universitetet i Stavanger, Høgskulen på Vestlandet and Høgskulen i Volda. NLA Høgskolen and VID vitenskapelig høgskole are associate members.
XX Oct (<i>opens in June</i>)	CAS Research Grant	Research collaboration	The Centre for Advanced Study (CAS) invites researchers to pursue excellent, fundamental, curiosity-driven research in Oslo during the 2026/2027 academic year. Assemble your international dream team of prominent researchers and apply for a research stay at CAS. Details here: https://cas-nor.no/node/963
XX Oct/Nov	ERC StG	Ground-breaking, excellent science	€1 500 000 for 5 years excellent research project by researchers of any nationality with 2-7 years of experience since completion of PhD and a scientific track record showing great promise. https://erc.europa.eu/apply-grant/starting-grant
XX Oct/Nov	ERC SyG	Excellent and synergistic approach to research question(s)	€10 000 000 for 6 years to a group of two to maximum four PIs working together and bringing different skills and resources to tackle ambitious research problems. Evaluated on the sole criterion of scientific excellence which takes on the additional meaning of outstanding intrinsic synergetic effect. https://erc.europa.eu/apply-grant/synergy-grant
01 Dec	Bjerknes FTI	Focused, short-term research activity	The Fast Track Initiative is set up to support pilot studies, proposals, synergy works and other initiatives. We have several large projects today that started out as a fast track initiative. Limits to application: Maximum 500 kNOK Who can apply: Anyone affiliated with the Bjerknes Centre for Climate Research, resident in Bergen. https://bjerknes.uib.no/en/article/member-info/fast-track-initiative

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Open-ended			
(Re-)Submission restrictions apply! Read the entire call description CAREFULLY.			
Open-ended	NFR FRIPRO	Ground-breaking researcher projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three-year Researcher Project with International Mobility (FRIPRO) (PhD + 0-7 yrs) • Researcher Project for Early Career Scientists (FRIPRO) (PhD + 2-7 yrs) • Researcher Project for Experienced Scientists (FRIPRO) (PhD + 6+ yrs)
Open-ended	UiB	Seed money for innovative idea development	Both researchers and students can apply for a maximum of NOK 25 000 from UiB tidleg idé (UiB early idea), which aims very early projects, that later can qualify for the maximum amount. You can apply for UiB tidleg idé throughout the year, as there is no application deadline. https://www.uib.no/en/fia/142589/do-you-have-good-idea-seek-support
Open-ended	NFR	Support for conferences/workshops/seminars/etc.	Funding for events that serve as a meeting place for disseminating research results, exchanging knowledge, expanding the knowledge-base and/or establishing new scientific collaboration. Notification from Aug 26 th : There is no money left for events within climate and land-based biodiversity and environment. More information and application form: https://www.forskingsradet.no/en/call-for-proposals/2023/support-or-events/
Open-ended	NFR	Mobility	Personal Overseas Research Grant for Doctoral and Post-doctoral Fellows who are already funded by NFR as part of an ongoing project. More info: https://www.forskingsradet.no/en/call-for-proposals/2019/personal-overseas-research-grant-for-doctoral-and-post-doctoral-fellows/
Open-ended	UW, MUN (USA) and UiB exchange	Mobility for researchers and PhDs	Supports PhD students and researchers from UiB to carry out ca. 1 semester research, teaching or both, in any subject, at either University of Washington (UW) or Memorial University of Newfoundland (MUN).

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			Covers flights expenses and visum-related expenses. More information: https://www.uib.no/forskning/74936/utvekslingsprogram-university-washington-og-memorial-university-newfoundland
Open-ended	NFR	Supplementary funding for MSCA fellows	Supplementary funding for those who have been awarded an MSCA postdoctoral fellowship (to go abroad from Norway) or who are participating in a MSCA doctoral network. Certain conditions apply: https://www.forskningsradet.no/en/call-for-proposals/2020/top-up-financing-of-outgoing-msca-fellows/

NOTE: UiB is member in a number of national and international networks, organisations and centres, which offer various opportunities for UiB employees. Find information about funding, courses, mobility opportunities and network building here: [Tilbud til ansatte fra UiBs nasjonale og internasjonale partnere | Ansattsider | UiB](#)