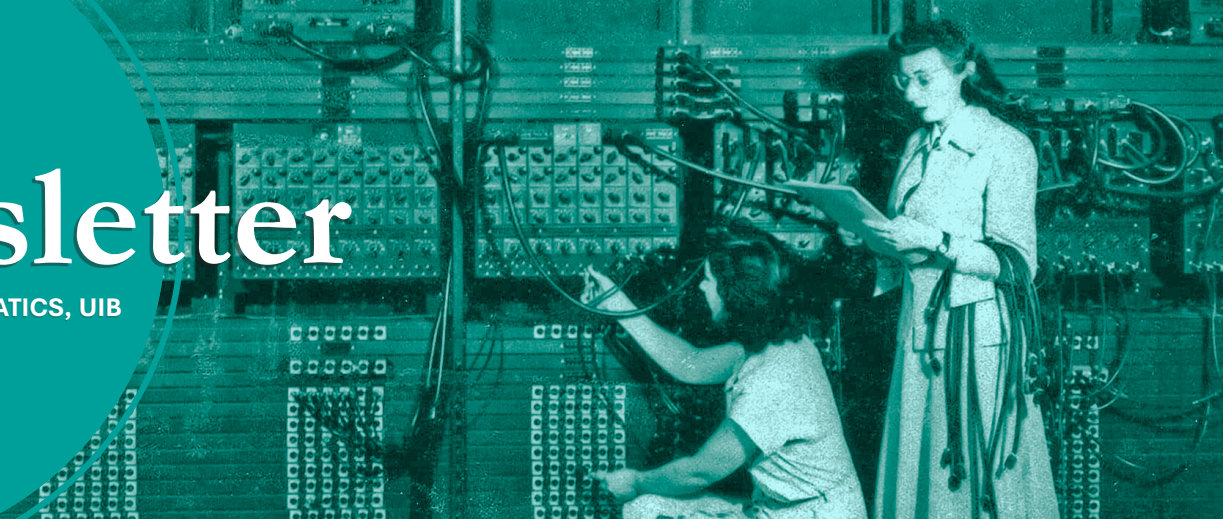


Newsletter

DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATICS, UIB

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Contributions or comments to the newsletter are very welcome.
Old newsletters can be found [here](#).

Dear Colleagues,

I hope you too are enjoying the longer days and sunny weather when it pays a visit! Soon the days will also get warmer :)

Next week, many of us will go to the department gathering at Solstrand and I really look forward to this. Of course I look forward to the nice hotel, the view and enjoying the pool, but most of all to meeting with all of you! Then we will have time for discussions and for social interactions and discussions about science (and life) in the evening.

One of the main topics for this meeting will be the EVALMIT reports. Six of our groups were reviewed and we got the reports for the groups and for the department last Friday. The national report will be launched on Monday. I am very happy that several of our groups got really excellent feedback and “grades”. Congratulations!

At Solstrand, we will have a presentation from each of the six participating groups summarizing their report and the group’s strategy going forward. Leading up to EVALMIT, we worked out a new strategy for the department and for each of the groups. The EVALMIT reports gives us an outside view and assessment. The expert panels have had a good basis for their work through the self-assessments we submitted and through externally provided bibliometric analyses. The reviews focus on our research. But as we are a research university and one of our strengths is to provide research-

based education, this is also highly relevant for our educational activities. I expect each group to study their report carefully and reflect on what should be sustained or strengthened to retain and improve performance. At the department level we also need to think carefully about how to best use our resources going forward to maintain high quality in research – and in our education.

At Solstrand we will also have a session focusing on health, safety and environment (HSE). It is important in itself that we (staff and students) feel well and have a good and safe psycho-social work environment – as well as good offices, chairs etc. But our well-being is also crucial for our ability to do our work – to produce high-quality research and perform educational activities, as well as supporting administrative and technical support, at a high level. I am happy that we got a good participation rate in the ARK survey, and we will have a session at Solstrand looking into the results and thinking of what we can do to sustain good aspects and further improve our daily life.

I wish you all a very nice weekend!

Inge



The Dean’s Blog - Gunn Mangerud

[The Dean’s blog](#) aims to inform us of ongoing work and processes at The Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences. Her latest posts:

[Doktorgrad gir merverdi for samfunnet](#)

[Nytt kurs i undervisningsmetoder for undervisningsassistenter og gruppeledere](#)

PhD updates



There's a new PhD in town...

Congratulations, Kenneth Langedal!

Kenneth Langedal successfully defended his thesis "Graph Neural Networks in Algorithm Engineering" on the 27th of March.

Congratulations, Kenneth!

Current issues

"The powerful make pilgrimages to this hated building"

BA's political editor has written a column about the urgent need for action regarding the need for upgrading the faculty's buildings.

Read the article here: ["No valfartar maktpersonane til dette forhatte bygget"](#)

(In Norwegian, no subscription needed)



One Ocean Week 2025

The University of Bergen is heavily involved in various activities during [One Ocean Week](#), which will be held from 5th to 11th April 2025.

For the third time, Bergen is hosting a week of exciting and entertaining events spotlighting a sustainable ocean.

Several of our researchers are involved in a range of events throughout the upcoming week.

[Here you will find an overview of UiB's programme for the week.](#)

I hope many of you will participate in some of the activities taking place during One Ocean Week.



Bicycling to the department gathering

Join us for a scenic bike ride from Høyteknologisenteret (or somewhere along the route) to the seminar at Solstrand. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the beautiful surroundings, get some fresh air, and connect with fellow participants before the seminar. Departure from Høyteknologisenteret 0630.

The return will of course also be by bike, and we will figure out a way to transport luggage.

Contact Pal.Gunnestad@uib.no if you want to know more.

-Fredrik and Pål



NG5 meetup

Things are happening in Nygårdsgaten 5.

Today at 14:45, there will be a tower running race from the first to the ninth floor of the building. The signup for participating has closed, but you can still go as a spectator. Afterwards there will be after work drinks and pasta in the café. All UiB staff are welcome.

Fire prevention course: Last chance to sign up!

If you want to put out a fire on Monday the 7th of April, please sign up today! Even if you have done the course before, you are free to do it again as a refresher.

Sign up here: [Fire prevention course](#)

Inclusive learning environment week 2025

7-11 April

A digital lectures series on inclusive learning environment.

Organized by: BI & Universitetet i Innlandet

Platform: digital, on Zoom

Fee: free of charge

More information & sign up:

[Tilgjengelighetsuka 2025](#)

Service Centre for salary, travel, and absence

From 1st of March, you can contact the Service Centre for salary, travel, and absence if you need help with, for example, travel expenses, salary, holiday, the self-service portal, leave of absence, and more.

The Service Centre's support team has the following three channels and opening hours:

- UiBhjelp: Available 24/7
- Telephone (via Teams or mobile phone): 10:00 – 14:00
- Chat: 9:30 – 14:30

Find more information on the Service Centre's website here: [Service Centre for salary, travel, and absence.](#)



Photos from CBU's booth at Forskningstorget 2024

Forskningsdagene 2025

Forskningsdagene is a research festival held across Norway every autumn with the purpose of bringing research to the people. There are several different events for kids and adults. It has been announced that this year's festival will be held from the **17th till the 28th of September**, and **the theme will be "safety"**.

The exact events have not been announced yet, but there is always an exhibition in the middle of the city where universities/research institutions are encouraged to have a booth for showing off their work. You can also organize your own event.

If you are interested in participating and/or organizing an event, you can send an email to Randi H Eilertsen for help with planning/developing your idea.

If you already know that you are going to participate, you can contact Silje Vik Pedersen (silje.pedersen@uib.no).

If you want to sign up with a booth at Forskningstorget, you can use this form: [Skjema, Forskningstorget](#)



UiB Ferd Career Centre supports doctoral candidates, postdoctoral fellows, researchers and associate professors. We offer a range of services designed to help you develop your career within or beyond the university. [You can read more and sign up for the UiB Ferd newsletter here.](#)

Upcoming events:

08.04.2025: [Pitching workshop](#) (Course)

Registration deadline: 07.04.2025 at 23:31

08.04.2025: [Practical use of AI for UiB researchers](#) (Course)

08.04.2025: [Proposal reading sessions for early stage researchers - day 1 of 3](#) (Workshop)

Registration deadline: 07.04.2025 at 23:55

08.04.2025: [Career Fair / Young Researchers @ UiB](#) (Event)

Registration deadline: 07.04.2025 at 23:59

09.04.2025: [Getting started with LaTeX](#) (Course)

Registration deadline: 07.04.2025 at 12:00

09.04.2025: [Proposal reading sessions for early stage researchers - day 2 of 3](#) (Workshop)

Registration deadline: 07.04.2025 at 23:55

09.04.2025: [How to finalise your project and feeling good about yourself?](#) (Lecture)

Registration deadline: 07.04.2025 at 23:18

10.04.2025: [International Mobility - how and why?](#) (Event)

Registration deadline: 09.04.2025 at 23:04

10.04.2025: [From Research to Academic Startup](#) (Workshop)

Registration deadline: 09.04.2025 at 23:59

10.04.2025: [Proposal reading sessions for early stage researchers - day 3 of 3](#) (Workshop)

Registration deadline: 07.04.2025 at 23:55

10.04.2025: [How to streamline the process of cleaning and transforming data](#) (Lecture)

Registration deadline: 10.04.2025 at 10:00

10.04.2025: [PhDs - The SuperNinjas of Knowledge](#) (Event)

Registration deadline: 07.04.2025 at 23:55

08.05.2025: [Predicting the Buried Past: Using Digital Tools in the Search for Hidden Graves in the Falstad Forest](#) (Lecture)

Registration deadline: 07.05.2025 at 15:00

09.05.2025: [Make your research visible using researcher profiles](#) (Course)

Registration deadline: 07.05.2025 at 23:00

[See full UiB Ferd calendar.](#)

Open Science webinars

Open Science webinars planned for the spring of 2025:

04.04.2025 [Hands-On Data Management Planning](#)

09.05.2025 [Make your research visible and open using researcher profiles](#)

23.05.2025 [Research Data Management: Humanities, Law, Fine Arts](#)

International HR Newsletter

Are you an international researcher or staff member?



Read about upcoming events that may be relevant to you in the [March edition of the international newsletter](#).

Our competitors in newsletterology

Did you know there are other people who also make newsletters?

Here are a few that may be relevant to you:

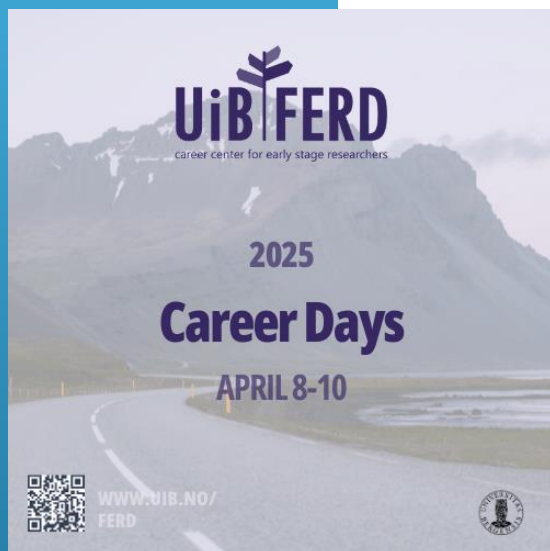
- [UiB Ferd newsletter](#)
- [Nytt fra W4-prosjektet \(In Norwegian, only available to UiB employees\)](#)
- [Eitri Medical Incubator](#)
- [Newsletter for international UiB staff](#)

Vacant positions

[Temporary researcher in Cryptographic Elements of Trustworthy AI](#)

[See all vacant positions at UiB](#)

Please visit the [HSE page on uib.no](#) for info about health and safety efforts at our department, as well as info about your representatives



UiB will be holding its Career Days between 8-10 April 2025.

The program has a focus on *career development activities for younger researchers* and will feature a lot of exciting activities related to various aspects of reflecting and preparing for the next career step. There will be sessions on AI in research, on how to do mock interviews, on how to prepare an elevator pitch, on external funding (proposal reading sessions with insight presentations from successful grantees), on innovation and entrepreneurship, on mental health, on PhDs as the SuperNinjas of knowledge, and more. [You can have a look at the full program for the UiB Career Days by following this link.](#)

UPCOMING FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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Research Council of Norway – Support for networks to follow up on national subject evaluations:

“The purpose is to [support network activities aimed at addressing needs described in the national reports for subject evaluations](#) of natural sciences (EVALNAT), mathematics, ICT and technology (EVALMIT), biosciences (EVALBIOVIT), and medicine and health sciences (EVALMEDHELSE). Evaluated research environments can apply for support for coordination and network activities for collaboration nationally and internationally within the same sector or between sectors for research groups that participated in the evaluation.”

Application deadline: 4 June 2025
(tentative)

Research Council of Norway – Support for research schools to follow up on national subject evaluations: “The Research Council of Norway is announcing [funding to establish new research schools as part of the follow-up of the subject](#)

[evaluations](#) of natural sciences (EVALNAT), mathematics, ICT and technology (EVALMIT), life sciences (EVALBIOVIT) and medicine and health sciences (EVALMEDHELSE). The research schools will give research fellows access to doctoral courses of high scientific quality and academic networks. The research schools should contribute to renewal, development and collaboration aimed at new research needs within the evaluated subject areas.”

Application deadline: 4 June 2025
(tentative)



UPCOMING FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

New COST: “[COST funds interdisciplinary research networks called COST Actions](#). These Actions bring together researchers, innovators and other professionals including industry specialists, who are based in Europe and beyond, to collaborate on research topics for a period of 4 years. The funding a COST Action receives covers the expenses of networking activities rather than research. As such is used to organise and fund events, Short-term Scientific Missions, Training Schools, communication activities, grants to attend interesting international conferences, and virtual networking tools.”

Application deadline: 21 October 2025

NordForsk - Responsible use of Artificial Intelligence:

“Making the most of the potentials and mitigating the risks and harmful consequences of the [use of Artificial Intelligence in the Nordic-Baltic region](#). NordForsk announces funding for a minimum of 12 Nordic and Nordic-Baltic research projects.”

Application deadline: 13 May 2025

EU - MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships (PFs): “The objective of PFs is to support researchers’ careers and foster excellence in research. The [Postdoctoral Fellowships](#) action targets researchers holding a PhD who wish to carry out their research activities abroad, acquire new skills and develop their careers. PFs help researchers gain experience in other countries, disciplines and non-academic sectors.”

Application deadline: 10 September 2025 (tentative)

Peder Sather Grant Program: “The Peder Sather Center for Advanced Study [supports projects carried out by researchers at UC Berkeley in collaboration with researchers from eight Norwegian universities \[incl. UiB\]](#).”

Funding can be used for core research activities, pilot studies, smaller events and networking.

Application deadline: 12 May 2025

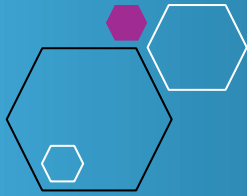
NordForsk - Nordic Research Infrastructure Hubs: “[NordForsk announces funding for approximately 12-15 Nordic research infrastructure \(RI\) hubs](#). [...]”

The consortium must include research performing organisations* in at least three Nordic countries. Nordic countries are defined here as Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Faroe Islands, Greenland, and Åland Islands. [...] Maximum amount of funding that may be sought: NOK 6 million in total and NOK 1,2 million per year. Each consortium must provide resources equalling twice the amount of funding sought from NordForsk. The own contribution can be cash or in-kind as long as the resources are dedicated exclusively to the infrastructure hub and are necessary for its implementation.”

Application deadline: 21 May 2025

Young CAS Grant: “Early-career scholars can apply for a [Young CAS Grant](#) to establish a research group and gain valuable experience from organising multiple workshops and a two-month research stay at the Centre.”

Application deadline: 21 May 2025



UPCOMING FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Research Council of Norway – ICT research: The

Research Council of Norway has a call for [Researcher Project for ICT Renewal and Development](#). «The purpose of this call is to promote innovation and development in research that can contribute to advancing the international research front in ICT, including digital security and sovereignty, the next generation of data processing/ICT systems and other ICT research areas.»

Application deadline: open-ended

Research Council of Norway – Groundbreaking research:

- [Researcher Project for Experienced Scientists \(FRIPRO\)](#)
- [Researcher Project for Early Career Scientists \(FRIPRO\)](#)
- [Three-year Researcher Project with International Mobility \(FRIPRO\)](#)

Application deadline: open-ended

Research Council of Norway – Radical Research Ideas for Early Career Scientists:

This call is aimed at [early career researchers \(2-7 years after PhD\) who want to test particularly bold research ideas](#). Project leaders for successful research idea projects can later apply for larger projects in FRIPRO and be prioritized there.

Application deadline: The call has not been opened yet and changes in the details may occur. Stay tuned for updates!

Research Council of Norway – Norwegian Centres of Excellence (SFF, stage 1):

The Research Council of Norway has launched a preliminary call for this funding scheme. “The [SFF scheme](#) gives Norway's leading researchers the opportunity to organise themselves into centres to achieve ambitious scientific goals. The research shall move the international research front, be innovative and groundbreaking. Centres are funded for up to ten years (six + four years).”

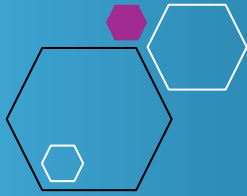
Application deadline: 12 November (tentative)

Research Council of Norway – Top Researchers: Researcher Projects to Develop World Leading Research Communities: This call will support [projects where collaboration between two or more researchers is a prerequisite for achieving the project's research objectives](#). It is expected that project leaders will, later on, also apply for an ERC grant.

Application deadline: The call has not been opened yet and changes in the details may occur. Stay tuned for updates!

Research Council of Norway – Support for events: You can apply for [funding to organize conferences, workshops and seminars](#).

Application deadline: open-ended



UPCOMING FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

New Research Council of Norway – 2 ERC applicants can get funding from the Research Council: "The Research Council will, as a [three-year trial scheme, finance two projects each year – one of each project type \[StG, CoG\]](#). The trial scheme applies to ERC calls in 2024, 2025, and 2026. Relevant candidates from the 2024 calls will be contacted directly by us when the call is ready on our website. The planned application deadline is June 5th, and the allocation will be in the autumn."

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COURSE

ERC Proposal Reading Day in Bergen - morning

Where: UiB, Nygårdsgaten 5, rom: Nordre allmenningen 3

Target group: Researchers and EU-advisors

Fee: Free

Registration deadline: May 4 at 11:58 PM

8 May 09:00–12:00

[Register here](#) ➤

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COURSE

ERC Proposal Reading Day in Bergen - afternoon

Where: UiB, Nygårdsgaten 5, rom: Nordre allmenningen 3

Target group: Researchers and EU-advisors

Fee: Free

Registration deadline: May 4 at 11:58 PM

8 May 12:30–15:30

[Register here](#) ➤