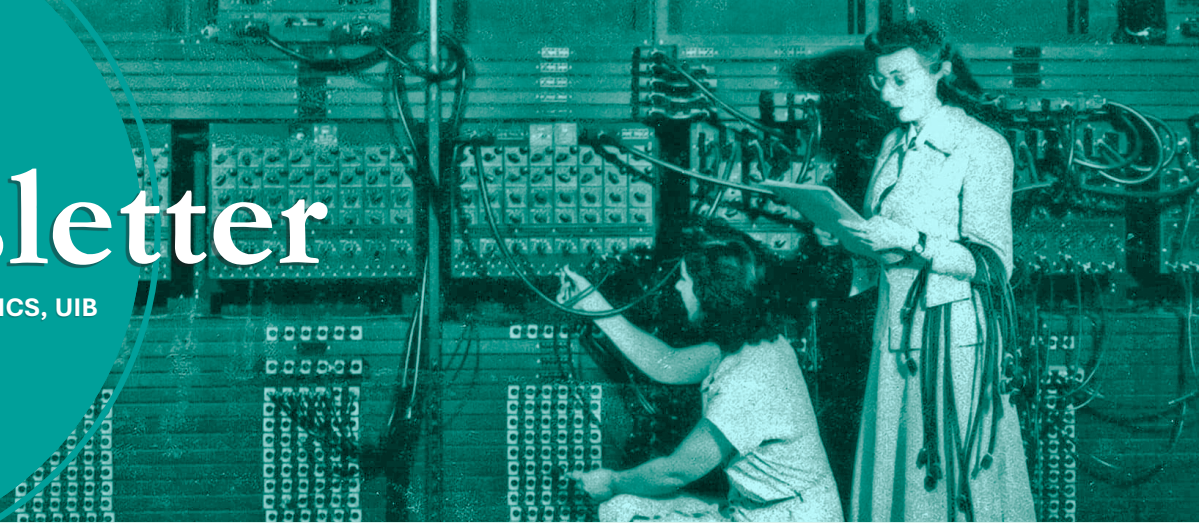


# Newsletter

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

## Dear Colleagues,

I write this on my way back from Brussel where the heads of departments as well as the “dean team” of the Science and Technology Faculty have been for a two-days workshop. We had a very interesting program including presentations from people having central roles at different levels involved in EU policy developments, shaping of the framework programs and Norwegian representatives working in Brussel to bridge between their national organization and the EU. Even though I have been in Brussel and at the UiB office here several times, I learnt a lot – and we also had many good discussions among heads of departments and faculty leadership.

One thing that made an impression on me is the close coupling between political decisions in EU and the downstream shaping of the research and innovation support (framework) programs. Research and innovation are seen as key elements by the commission and new political decisions and strategies are reflected in the framework programs and in new calls for proposals, especially in [Pillar Two](#). It is important that we have some understanding of how this works. We can engage at different stages in policy and research program development to influence shaping of policy and calls. And finally, we need to see which calls we can respond to :)

Luckily, the European Research Council (ERC) are funding curiosity driven research where the only criterion is excellence. EIC, the innovation council, also have open calls. Charlotte Eide, who is leading the UiB

office in Brussel, can offer advice and host meetings in Brussel, for example if you want to gather potential consortium partners from across Europe to discuss a joint proposal.

Next week we will have an ad out for a tenure track position in information security at the Selmer center where one requirement is that applicants should be able to get security clearance. The position is linked with a new initiative that we are planning towards information security in space – a collaboration with the Norwegian National Security Authority (NSM) and Simula UiB. Hiring a faculty member with possibility for security clearance enables us to enter into new types of projects. But this does not mean that our new colleague will only work on this type of projects. Our department will remain as open as possible and we will work out what extra measures might be needed as projects and activities develop.

We are still waiting for the results of the EVALMIT assessment, the latest I heard is that we may expect results towards the end of March. In the meantime, make sure to follow and engage in the upcoming elections (see page 4)!

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:

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

[Statsbudsjettet viser at vi må bygge sterkere allianser.](#)

# CEDAS hackaton

*CEDAS hosted a Hackathon in collaboration with Eviny from January 31st to February 2nd. Seven teams worked throughout the weekend using data from Eviny car chargers, and the winners have now been announced.*

*In the bachelor category, the winning team was Team Lil' Data, consisting of bachelor students Njål Pedersen, Olav Eikanger, Tord Vikestad, and Trym Kvitnes. In the master/PhD category, the winner was Team YoungAI, comprising PhD candidates and former students Jonas Triki, Naphat Amundsen, Morten Blørstad, Herman Mostein, Fredrik Larsen, and Sigurd Solberg. Second and third places were also awarded.*

*Congratulations to all participants!*



## PhD updates



### Upcoming PhD

#### Svein Høgemo

Svein Høgemo will be defending his thesis "Mapping Graphs to Trees" on the 27th of February 11:15 in Lille auditorium.

See event on uib.no:  
[Svein Høgemo disputas](#)



# Current issues



## The cake club is back

This year Kakeklubben is going to be held on Tuesdays from 12:00. Drop by Kantarell for some cake and a chat in Norwegian!

## Funds for collaboration (Global Challenges)

[The UiB unit for Global Challenges](#) has allocated funds to stimulate interdisciplinary collaboration - application deadline March 1, 2025.

- Total framework: NOK 600,000.
- Maximum of NOK 100,000 per project.
- The funds must be used by the end of 2026.
- The main applicant must submit a CV (maximum two pages).
- Evaluation of the work must be submitted at the end of the activity in a separate form.

Read more on the info page (ironically only available in Norwegian):

[Midler til samarbeidsprosjekt og faglige møteplasser innen globale samfunnsutfordringer 2025](#)

UArctic's mobility program north2north provides opportunities to study in different parts of the North. Experience life in another North by studying at another north2north partner university. Universities and colleges throughout USA, Canada, Iceland, Greenland, the Faroe Islands, Denmark, Finland, Sweden, Norway, France, United Kingdom and Australia participate in the north2north program. They also provide [courses](#) that are specifically northern focused.

Scientific, technical and administrative staff can apply for [funding for this programme](#). You can also invite employees from north American and British N2N partner universities.

Applications and questions can be sent to [nedelina.naydenova@uib.no](mailto:nedelina.naydenova@uib.no).

Application deadline: 7<sup>th</sup> of March (note: the form incorrectly says 1<sup>st</sup>, but 7<sup>th</sup> is the correct date.)

[Read more about the North2North programme.](#)

[North2North application form.](#)



## First aid course

[You can now sign up for the first aid course 2025](#)

Date: Tuesday, March 25

Time: 09:30 - 12:30

Location: Blåbær (505O2)

Suitable for everyone.

Participants will learn basic life-saving first aid. The course is designed to combine theoretical instruction with practical exercises.

# Super election year

2025 is a great year if you like to vote for stuff!

Here are the groups that will elect representatives in various positions at the university:

- Group A: Permanent faculty (scientific staff)
- Group B: Temporary scientific positions
- Group C: Administrative and technical staff
- Group D: Students

## Department council

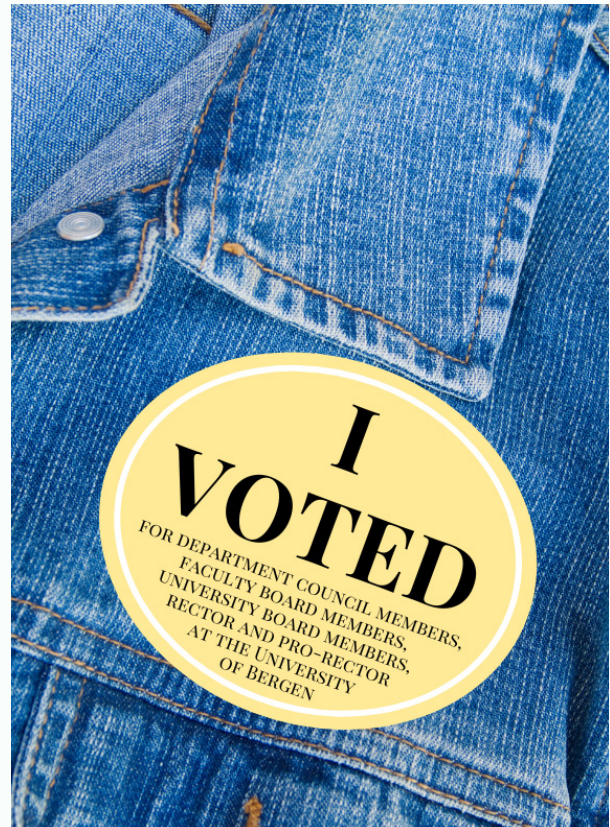
In 2025, we are electing new representatives for the department council in all four groups.

- Gr. A** - 4 members and 3 substitute members
- Gr. B** - 1 member and 2 substitute members
- Gr. C** - 2 members and 2 substitute members
- Gr. D** - 2 members and 2 substitute members

**If you want to run for the department council, or you know someone who would make a good candidate, we would like to hear from you!**

**Deadline for the nomination of candidates is 19. March 2025, at 12:00 PM**

Read more: [Department council election](#)



## Faculty board members

The faculty board will also elect new members in all four categories.

- Gr. A** - 3 members and at least 2 deputies
- Gr. B** - 1 member and at least 2 deputies
- Gr. C** - 1 member and at least 2 deputies
- Gr. D** - 2 members and at least 2 deputies

**Deadline for the nomination of candidates is 19. March 2025, at 12:00 PM**

Read more: [Faculty board election](#)

## University Board members

- Gr. A** - 2 members and at least 2 deputies
- Gr. B** - 1 member and at least 2 deputies
- Gr. C** - 1 member and at least 2 deputies

Group D has their own election for the university board, organized by the student parliament. more: [Students for the University Board](#)

**Nomination deadline is Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at 12:00 PM.**

Read more: [University leadership election](#)

## Rector and Pro-Rector

The Rector and Pro-Rector are elected as a pair. All four groups can vote for Rector and Pro-rector. Election period is **March 24-27, 2025**. The election starts at 9:00 AM on March 24 and ends at 12:00 PM on March 27.

The candidates are:

[Margareth Hagen, rektor](#)  
[Sigrunn Elisassen, prorektor](#)

[Lise Øvreås, rektor](#)  
[Endre Tvinneim, prorektor](#)

**The candidates will hold a debate for our faculty at the VilVite auditorium on the 7th of march at 12.** Read more about the debate: [NT Election debate](#)

Read more about the election: [University leadership election](#)

## International HR Newsletter



Are you an international researcher or staff member?

Read about upcoming events that may be relevant to you in the [January 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](#)



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:

[12.03.2025: Introduction to OpenRefine for Data Cleaning](#) (Workshop)

Registration deadline: 11.03.2025 at 12:00

[21.03.2025: How to manage and share sensitive research data](#) (Course)

Registration deadline: 20.03.2025 at 12:00

[04.11.2025: Hands-On Data Management Planning](#) (Course)

Registration deadline: 03.04.2025 at 10:00

[08.04.2025: UiB Ferd CAREER DAYS 2025](#) (Event)

Starts - Event ends at 10.04.2025

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

Registration deadline: 07.04.2025 at 12:00

## Open Science webinars

Open Science webinars planned for the spring of 2025:

21.03.2025 [How to manage and share sensitive research data](#)

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](#)

## Vacant positions

[Professor / Associate Professor in Visual Data Science / Visualization](#)  
[PhD Research Fellow in Algorithms](#)

[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



## UPCOMING FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### CONTACT

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[Research support services](#)

**New** Half a billion kroner extra for groundbreaking research. The Research Council of Norway has announced an additional allocation of 500 million kroner for 2025 to support groundbreaking research. This increased funding will enable the introduction of several new funding mechanisms:

- 30 million kroner for short-term Researcher Projects to test radical research ideas
- 160 million kroner for top researchers – large Researcher Projects to develop world-leading research environments
- 30 million kroner to implement groundbreaking research
- 60 million kroner to stimulate more world-leading research environments and to increase the number of applications to the ERC
- 100 million kroner for follow-up of subject evaluations

[You can find out more in this press release.](#)

**Update** Research Council of Norway – International Partnerships for Excellent Education, Research and Innovation (INTPART): Under this call, “[Norwegian research organisations can apply for funding for partnerships with Brazil, Canada, India, Japan, China, South Africa, South Korea and the USA.](#) [...] The call supports the establishment and further development of formalised institutional collaboration on research and higher education. The projects that receive funding must be based on an ongoing research project [NFR, EU], centre or cluster at Norwegian research organisations.”

UiB can submit in total 10 applications to this call. If you are planning to apply, please send Stefanie Meyer the required information by no later than 27 February, 12.00 (see email to [vitas on 14 Feb](#)).

Application deadline: 30 April 2025 (tentative)

**New** Seed funding within Climate and energy transition: [UiB has published a call for seed funding within its priority area Climate and energy transition.](#) The funds can be used for different activities - either related to the preparation of external funding applications, or related to the development of interdisciplinary teaching offers (incl. EVU).

If you plan to apply, please let Stefanie Meyer know as soon as possible.

Application deadline: 9 April 2025

**Info** MSCA Doctoral Networks: “The objective of [Doctoral Networks](#) is to implement doctoral programmes by partnerships of organisations from different sectors across Europe and beyond [...]” If you are involved in a proposal for a [Joint Doctorate](#), please [inform Stefanie Meyer](#) by no later than 26 May 2025.





## UPCOMING FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### **New 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

### **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

### **Research Council of Norway – 5 March deadline:**

- [Researcher Project for Scientific Renewal \(Thematic Call\)](#)
- [Researcher Project for Early Career \(Thematic Call\)](#)
- [Large Interdisciplinary Researcher Project \(Thematic Call\)](#)
- [Collaborative projects](#)
- [Competence-building projects](#)

### **Research Council of Norway – Maritime Research Centre for Artificial Intelligence:**

“The purpose of this call is to establish a research centre for the application and development of artificial intelligence (AI) for the benefit of maritime stakeholders. [The Maritime Artificial Intelligence Centre](#) (MAI centre) will increase innovation for maritime stakeholders and value creation for maritime companies through increased use of AI.”

Application deadline: 12 March 2025

**UiB id:** “[UiB idé gives employees and students the opportunity to apply for support to test and develop good innovation ideas](#). [...] The maximum funding amount is NOK 500,000 for researcher projects, and NOK 100,000 for student projects.”

Application deadline: 14 February 2025

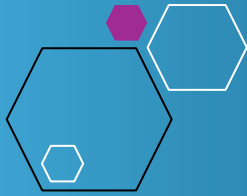
### **Research Council of Norway – Support for events:**

You can apply for [funding to organize conferences, workshops and seminars](#).

Application deadline: open-ended

**Research Council of Norway – Industrial PhD:** “Under the [Industrial PhD scheme](#), a company collaborates with a university or university college on a doctoral project. The doctoral project is carried out by an employee and must be of clear relevance to the company’s activities.”

Application deadline: 12 March 2025



## UPCOMING FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### Research Council of Norway – Public sector PhD:

“Employers in the public sector can apply for the [Public Sector PhD scheme](#) (OFFPHD) on support for an employee to complete a doctoral project. The project must be relevant to the entity's area of responsibility and build knowledge and expertise that is relevant and applicable to the public sector body.”

Application deadline: 12 March 2025

### Research Council of Norway – Support for

**Research Day events:** You can apply for [support for events held during this year's Research Days](#), both physical and digital events.

Application deadline: 12 March 2025

### 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 \(FRIPRO\)](#)

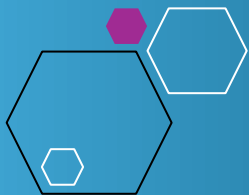
Application deadline: open-ended

**Research Council of Norway – 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)

**New Research Council of Norway – Ethics self-assessment in proposals:** From 2025, the Research Council of Norway will introduce a mandatory ethics self-assessment in its proposals, as part of the project description. The research ethics self-assessment is primarily an assurance to the expert panel reviewing the application that a plan has been made to handle the most important ethical dilemmas in the project. At the moment, this requirement has already been introduced in the thematic calls for researcher projects as well as competence and collaboration projects (deadline of 5 March). During 2025, the requirement will gradually be introduced in all calls. [Read more here](#).





## UPCOMING FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

**New 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

**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)



WEBINAR

### FRIPRO - Groundbreaking Research: New Calls

Digital: Live streaming

20 Mar 12:00–14:00

[Register here ↗](#)



WEBINAR

### INTPART søkerwebinar 2025

Påmeldingsfrist: 24. mar kl. 10.00

Digitalt: Arrangementet strømmes

24. mars kl. 10.00–11.30

[Meld deg på ↗](#)