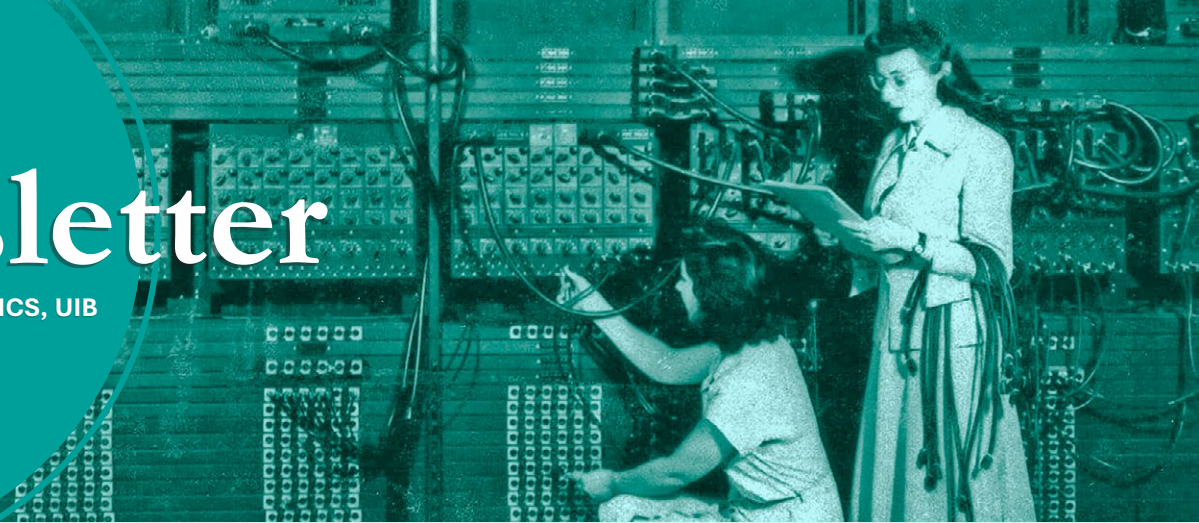


# Newsletter

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,

This week I've been at a [symposium about human rights and academic freedom](#) at the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters. As member of the academy's committee on human rights, I also took part in planning the meeting and in particular a session on artificial intelligence in this context. The meeting was co-organized with the International Human Rights Network and included participants from 38 academies worldwide. It was very interesting, but also worrying to hear from many countries how academic freedom and human rights increasingly are under pressure. And also stories about individual researchers and students risking their careers and also prosecution – and their life. What happens in academia is linked with the development in many countries, including the US, in an authoritarian direction. An important role of academia and the universities is to perform truth-seeking research, to be critical, and help form basis for research- and evidence-based policies. And, of course to educate students to also be critical and truth-seeking professionals, academics, and citizens. Understandably, authoritarian leaders want to control universities and limit academic freedom.

At the symposium, we discussed quite extensively what we can do to counter these developments and help strengthen human rights and academic freedom. One important

action is to strengthen our communication efforts. This needs to include dissemination of research results, but also more interactive communication with the general public aimed at strengthening the understanding of academia's role and contributions towards quality of life and democracy. This is a joint responsibility for all of us. The academies aim to help coordinate the work so that we can learn from and support each other across the globe.

Today I am at a board meeting in the Portfolio board for ground-breaking research at the Research Council of Norway where we among other things discuss the outcome and follow-up of the national evaluations of research – including the Evalmit and Evalbiovit assessments, and if the procedures should be adjusted before next round. Linking this to the above topic, the assessments are important in justifying and forming basis for adjustment of the investments into research in Norway.

I wish you all a 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:

- [De som tror Norge står stille, har ikke møtt våre fagmiljø!](#)
- [God rekruttering og studiestart!](#)

# Welcome, new colleagues!



## Tomáš Turek

Tomáš is from The Czech Republic where he did his PhD at Charles University. He has joined the algorithms group as a new PhD candidate.

Welcome, Tomáš!



## Dennis Völkl

Dennis is from Germany where he did his master's degree at the University of Regensburg. He has joined CBU as a new PhD candidate.

Welcome, Dennis!

# Current issues

## Network changes from the 20th of September

The IT department is currently conducting a security project aimed at upgrading the network infrastructure across all UiB buildings. As part of this effort, they will perform **microsegmentation of Datablokken at Høyteknologisenteret on Saturday, September 20th, 2025, starting at 08:00.**

**Please read the information in the email sent out 08/09 titled “Informatics network and security changes”, especially if you currently use a Mac, remotely access an office computer through RDP or SSH, or if you have a locally installed switch not managed by the network team.**

## New E-learning Course on Waste Sorting at UiB

The University of Bergen is launching a new e-learning course on waste sorting. The course is available to employees, students, and external partners at UiB.

The goal is to improve knowledge across the organization to help us become even better at sorting waste.

Read more: [E-learning Course on Waste Sorting](#)

## Sabbatical

All at least 50%, permanently employed professors and associate professors can apply for a sabbatical and, if relevant, related travel funds.

Application deadline for the next academic year: 1 October 2025.

Contact person: Evita Uglum

Read more on the faculty pages: [Research sabbatical](#)

## Erasmus staff mobility + teaching mobility

All employees at the University of Bergen can receive a grant for a mobility to an institution, organization or university in Europe through Erasmus+.

Application deadline for both programmes is 15th of September.

Erasmus+ staff mobility for training (both technical-, administrative- and academic staff): [Erasmus+ tilsettmobilitet | For ansatte | UiB](#)

Erasmus+ mobility for teaching: [Erasmus+ mobility for teaching | Employee Pages | UiB](#)

Ask Marte Hauge if you have questions.



The University Library offers open webinars on the principles of Open Science.

Here are the upcoming webinars this autumn:

26.09.2025 [Stay in control: Research Data Management in active projects](#)

17.10.2025 [How to manage and share sensitive research data](#)

31.10.2025 [How to write a Data management plan \(DMP\)](#)

14.11.2025 [Research Data Management: Humanities, Law, Fine Arts](#) (note different time - this webinar starts at **11:15**)

28.11.2025 [Taking advantage of existing research data](#)

## International HR Newsletter

Are you an international researcher or staff member?



Read about upcoming events that may be relevant to you in the **September edition of the 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](#)

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:

12.09: [How and where to archive your research data](#) (Course)

Registration deadline: 11.09.2025 at 12:00

12.09: [Software Carpentry course in research computing skills](#) (Course)

Registration deadline: 22.08.2025 at 12:00

17.-19.09: [Postdoc Appreciation Week](#) (Event)

Registration deadline: 12.09.2025 at 23:21

26.09: [Stay in control: Research Data Management in active projects](#) (Course)

Registration deadline: 25.09.2025 at 10:00

[See full UiB Ferd calendar.](#)



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## UPCOMING FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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[Research support services](#)

**New**

### Proposal reading days at UiB

This fall, the Division of Research and Innovation at UiB is organizing several proposal reading sessions for UiB researchers applying for external funding. They offer a selection of successful proposals written by UiB researchers for ERC (StG, CoG, AdG), MSCA-PF, Horizon Europe RIA and CSA, and Research Council of Norway (FRIPRO).

Place:  
Nygårdsgaten 5, Bergen

Available dates:  
3 October 2025, at 12.00-15.00  
14 November 2025, at 12.00-15.00  
5 December 2025, at 12.00-15.00

Registration is mandatory and can be done by following this link. Only UiB employees can register.

The proposals are only available as paper copies via physical attendance. The content of the proposals is to be treated confidentially.

**NordForsk – Nordic Research School in Innovation and Entrepreneurship:** “NordForsk announces funding for [one Nordic research school to strengthen collaboration among Nordic universities and enhance the quality of innovation and entrepreneurship research.](#)”

Application deadline: 9 October 2025

**CAS Research Grant:** All faculty members who hold permanent, full-time, tenured academic positions at CAS’ partner institutions can apply for a [CAS Research Grant](#) and receive funding for a one-year stay at the Centre together with their handpicked team of internationally renowned researchers.

Application deadline: 12 October 2025

**New UiB - UiB AI seed funding 2025-2026:** “UiB AI welcomes applications for seed money to foster 4-5 new collaborations around AI research, education and/or innovation. The idea behind these seed money is to facilitate new interdisciplinary collaborations across UiB and/or with external partners. [...] A new collaboration should include at least two partners that have not cooperated before. Interdisciplinary or cross-sectorial collaboration is required, either between researchers at different faculties or departments at UiB, or between one or more UiB researcher(s) and one or more external partner(s).” Please contact the department’s research section for more information and the application template.

Application deadline: 20 October 2025



# UPCOMING FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

## Research Council of Norway – Funding for

**Research Stays Abroad:** “The scheme applies to doctoral and post-doctoral research fellows who are wholly or partly funded by the Research Council and affiliated with an ongoing project for a minimum of 36 months. The research stay abroad can be a minimum of 3 months and a maximum of 12 months.”

Application deadline: open-ended

## Research Council of Norway – Groundbreaking research:

- Researcher Project for Experienced Scientists (FRIPRO)\*
- Researcher Project for Early Career Scientists (FRIPRO)\*
- Researcher Project with International Mobility (FRIPRO)\*
- Radical Research Ideas for Early Career Scientists\*
- Top Researchers – Researcher Projects to Develop World Leading Research Communities\*

Application deadline: open-ended

These\* calls have been updated before the summer! Please read through the new guidelines carefully.

## Research Council of Norway – Support for events:

You can apply for funding to organize conferences, workshops and seminars. **NB: There is no funding left for events within ICT.**

Application deadline: open-ended

## Research Council of Norway – The Aurora Mobility Programme:

“Support through AURORA will help to establish and expand contact between Norwegian research organisations and similar organisations in France. The purpose is to strengthen European research collaboration under Horizon Europe. Researchers from Norway can receive support for short stays in France to start up and develop joint new research projects.”

Application deadline: 24 September

## Research Council of Norway – Center for Quantum Technology Research:

“The purpose of this call is to build solid Norwegian academic communities at a high international level in quantum computing, quantum sensors and quantum communication.”

Application deadline: 24 September

**Åsgard Horizon:** “Åsgard Horizon is a French-Norwegian program to support the organization of scientific conferences, workshops and meetings of experts.”

Application deadline: 24 September 2025

**New call planned Research Council of Norway – Recruitment of Talented Researchers to Norway:** “The Research Council supports the recruitment of talented international researchers [from countries outside Europe] to the Research Council's centre calls and for projects funded through FRIPRO's call for experienced scientists, or the call for Top Researchers.” The project must start and end while the ongoing project/centre still has active funding from RCN.

Application deadline: open-ended



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**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

## EU - Potential EU topics in Climate, Energy and Mobility:

- [Improved reliability and optimised operations and maintenance for wind energy systems](#) (17 February 2026)
- [Innovative tools and services to manage and empower energy communities](#) (17 February 2026)

## **New** EU – ERC calls 2026:

- [Starting Grant](#) (14 October 2025)
- [Synergy Grant](#) (5 November 2025)
- [Consolidator Grant](#) (13 January 2026)
- [Advanced Grant](#) (27 August 2026)

[For more information about the European Research Council \(ERC\) and its funding opportunities, follow the link.](#)

**UiB – Collaboration in CHARM-EU:** CHARM-EU is a European university alliance of 9 universities, including the University of Barcelona (coordinator), Trinity College Dublin, Utrecht University, the University of Montpellier, Eötvös Loránd University Budapest, Åbo Akademi University, Julius-Maximilians-University Würzburg, Ruhr West University of Applied Sciences, and the University of Bergen. [There are currently 3 open calls: 1. New collaborations with CHARM-EU partner institutions; 2. Adaptation of online courses; 3. Mobility support for administrative staff.](#)

Application deadline: 15 October 2025

**EU – MSCA Doctoral Networks (DN):** “MSCA Doctoral Networks will [implement doctoral programmes, by partnerships of universities, research institutions and research infrastructures, businesses including SMEs, and other socio-economic actors](#) from different countries across Europe and beyond.” This funding scheme supports standard academic DNs, industrial doctorates and joint doctorates.

Application deadline: 25 November 2025

## EU - Potential EU topics in Civil Security for Society:

- [Open topic on testing / validating tools, technologies and data used in cross-border prevention, preparedness and responses to climate extreme and geological events and chemical, biological or radiological emergency threats](#) (12 November 2025)