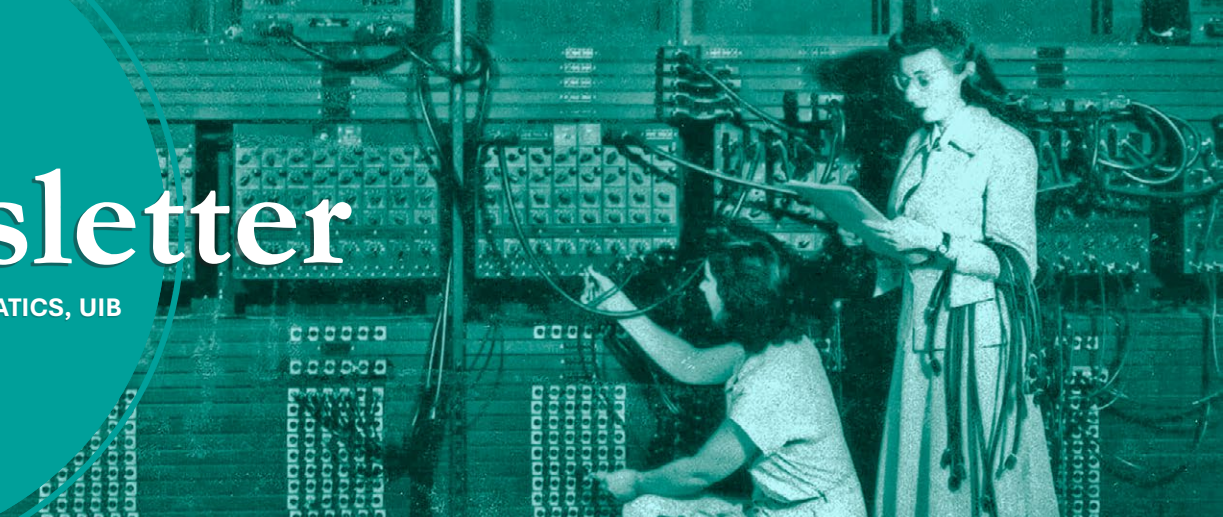


Newsletter

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'm very pleased that we've finalized the recruitment of a new faculty member and that Morten Øygarden will be joining us at the Selmer center from early December! We are in the process of interviewing for a new position in the Visualization group and will soon announce a tenure track position in optimization. It is important for us to recruit new faculty to maintain high-quality research and education – and to be able to spread the workload on several staff members.

Several groups need strengthening through new recruitment. However, we also need to be careful not to overstretch our economy. We need to work on both increasing our income side, mainly through educational activities and external funding, and to reduce expenses where possible. This is the reason why we have initiated a process to see if we can reduce our office area. This year, we will use around 13 000 000 NOK on renting space. I know that we have quite a number of unused offices and desks and believe it will be possible to cut this expense quite considerably. Many of our sister departments at the Faculty of Science and Technology have already gone through similar processes, and there is a big process at the

medical faculty to reduce the money spent on rent. We are not in an acute situation, but I believe we should start the process now and that we may be able to save costs corresponding to one or two extra faculty members.

Of course, we need to ensure that we all still have a good office situation with good work environment for our staff – and also space for guests and students. We want to have a process that is transparent and as fair as possible so that we maintain the good atmosphere at the department where everybody supports each other with a strong sense of belonging. I know that such a process can be challenging so we will need to use a bit of time and give everybody ample opportunity to provide input and wishes in the process. **I encourage all of you to come to our all-staff meeting on October 23rd.**

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 NT-styre i gang med viktig arbeid](#)

[De som tror Norge står stille, har ikke møtt våre fagmiljø!](#)



Forskningstorget 2025

Thank you everyone from CBU and the Didactics group who spent their weekends representing us wonderfully at forskningstorget this year! <3



New HR contact

Due to reorganizing, our new primary contact at the faculty HR department is now Maria Svåsand.

Welcome to the crew, Maria!

Cheap pizza

Pssst..... Did you know that if you work in a building owned by GC Rieber, you get a discount at Uno pizza? Ordering through this link gives us 15% off: <https://992.no/tifl19r>

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 persons: Evita Uglum

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

Seminar: How to support PhD candidates during challenging times

The Faculty of Science and Technology is pleased to invite you to a half-day seminar for our PhD supervisors. Lunch included.

The seminar will be held in Norwegian.

Time: 21 November 2025 at 10.00-14.00

Place: [Konferanserom AB, VilVite, Thormøhlens gate 51](#)

Read more and sign up: [Veilederseminar NT 2025 - program.docx](#)

UiB Learning Conference 2025

17.10.2025 - 08.30-16.00

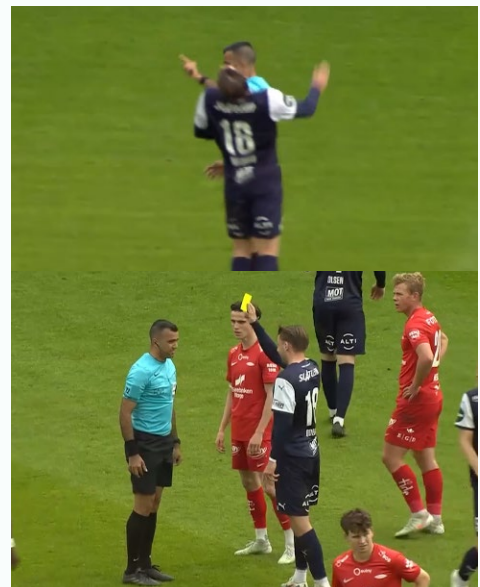
The program for UiB's annual Learning Conference on October 17 is now ready. The theme is sustainability in teaching and learning in higher education. Welcome to a varied day with presentations from guests, students, and staff at UiB!

Read more and sign up: [UiB Learning Conference](#)

World mental health day

World mental health day is a month long campaign to raise awareness of issues related to mental health and wellbeing. The university will be marking the occasion on the 2nd of October with a series of stands throughout the university, as well as a panel discussion in Smauet Café (Nygårdsgaten 5).

Read more about the event (Norwegian only): [Verdensdagen for psykisk helse - Panelsamtale](#)



Praktisk Informatikk: Fra null til cupgull - VAR på 2 måneder

30.09.2025 - 16.15-17.15

(This talk will be held in Norwegian)

Institutt for Informatikk inviterer til et nytt gjesteforedrag i møteserien "Praktisk informatikk", der vi belyser informatikkens møte med industri og praksis - den virkelige verden! Pizza blir servert. Denne gangen møter vi Brage og Jørgen, utviklere fra Kantega som har et spennende prosjekt de vil dele med oss!

Les mer og meld deg på: [Praktisk informatikk](#)



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:

[Proposal Reading Days \(1/3\)](#) (Event)

Registration deadline: 02.10.2025 at 15:00

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

Registration deadline: 16.10.2025 at 12:00

[AI: How to develop chatbots for research and teaching purposes?](#) (Workshop)

Registration deadline: 29.10.2025 at 10:00

[Research Data Management for the Arts, Humanities, and Legal studies](#) (Course)

Registration deadline: 13.11.2025 at 12:00

[Proposal Reading Days \(2/3\)](#) (Event)

Registration deadline: 13.11.2025 at 15:00

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

Registration deadline: 27.11.2025 at 10:00

[Proposal Reading Days \(3/3\)](#) (Event)

Registration deadline: 04.12.2025 at 15:00

[See full UiB Ferd calendar.](#)

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](#)

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.**

Vacant positions

[PhD Research Fellow in Algorithmic Number Theory and Cryptography](#)

[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

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[Research support services](#)

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.

New UiB – Akademiaavtale travel funds & guest researcher stays:

Researchers and PhD candidates at UiB can apply for funding to cover expenses related to: (1) Travel to conferences, seminars, and workshops; (2) Hosting guest researchers. PhD candidates must obtain approval from their supervisor before applying. All activities must align with the strategic priority areas outlined in the Akademia agreement and be completed by no later than 31 December 2028.

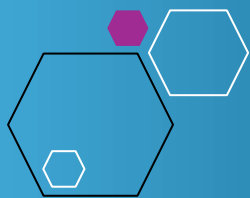
Applications are sent via [UiB's portal for funds and bequests](#). Please inform the department by latest 15 October if you plan to apply!

Application deadline: 22 October 2025

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. [...] A new collaboration should include at least two partners that have not cooperated before. Interdisciplinary or cross-sectorial collaboration is required [...]." Please contact the department's research section for more information and the application template.

Application deadline: 20 October 2025



UPCOMING FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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 – 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.

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

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

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



UPCOMING FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

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)

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)

Remember UiB – sabbatical: All at least 50%, permanently employed professors and associate professors can [apply for a sabbatical](#) and, if relevant, related travel funds.

Application deadline: 1 October 2025