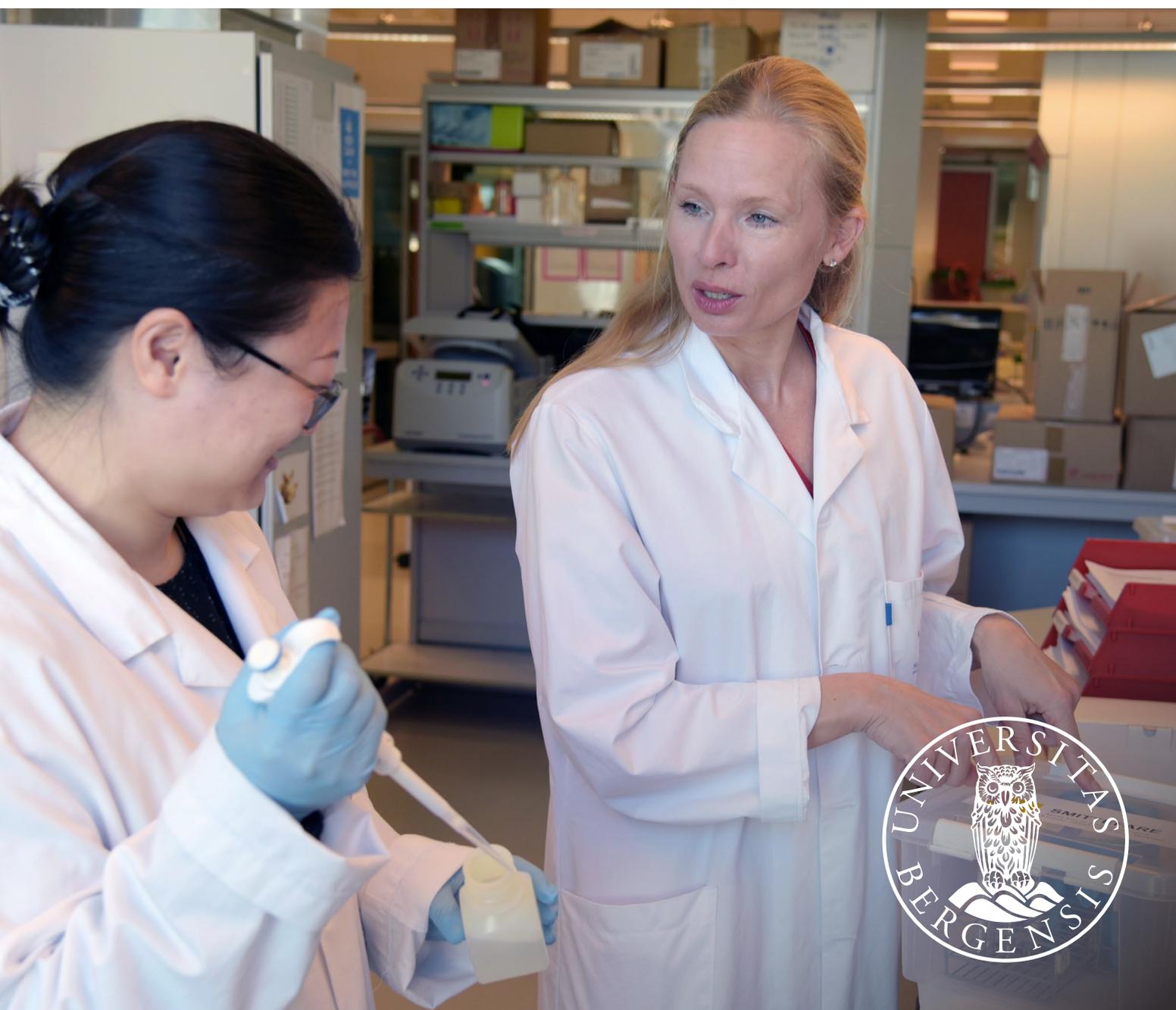


2020/2021

THE UNIVERSITY OF BERGEN: SOCIETAL IMPACT



GREETINGS FROM THE RECTOR

Running a large university in the midst of a worldwide pandemic is a demanding task. However, we can look back on 2020 with a sense of pride.

March 12, 2020 will go down in history. Having to close campuses and send students and employees home to work was almost surreal. The organisation showed great willingness to restructure itself, and digital teaching was in place after just a few days.

For the University, 2020 has been a lot about safeguarding health and progress of study for the students. It has also been important to safeguard employees' prerequisites in order for them to do a good job.

In the midst of a crisis, it is also nice to see that many of our employees are using their professional expertise to enlighten society, and to find new knowledge. Several research projects have been initiated.

As a result of the pandemic, and through the Pandemic Centre which opened in 2020, one can, via research, teaching and dissemination, provide innovative knowledge that enables society to cope with future pandemics in the best possible manner.

When browsing through these pages, one can see some of the things that the University of Bergen has contributed to society over the past year. Despite the fact that it has been a different kind of year, we have good reason to be proud of what we have achieved.

Enjoy reading!

Margareth Hagen, Rector



THE UNIVERSITY OF BERGEN IN 2020

PERCENTAGE OF WOMEN AND MEN



WORK YEARS



VARIOUS NATIONS

The University of Bergen is an international university. This is reflected to a high degree in our employees, who come from **91 different nations**. Germany, Sweden, the United Kingdom and France are the countries that are most represented among employees at UiB, after Norway.



INCOME (IN MILLIONS OF NOK)



The University of Bergen's total income



Contribution and commissioned research income (BOA)

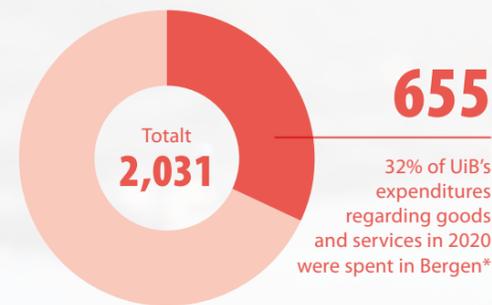


” Bergen would not have been Bergen without UiB. Having UiB at the heart of the city makes Bergen a more international city, a more attractive city, and a more exciting place to live. Personally, I have many fond memories from my time at UiB, and as a city commissioner for the marine city of Bergen, I also see how important UiB’s initiatives regarding marine research, climate and energy are for our region. If we are to solve major social challenges such as the climate crisis, we need UiB as a link between research, education, the business sector and the public sector. Last but not least; having 18,000 students in the city, with all that it entails regarding culture and debate, makes the whole city of Bergen a more fun and enlightened place to be.

Roger Valhammer, City Commissioner in Bergen

CONTRIBUTIONS TO BERGEN

GOODS AND SERVICES (IN MILLIONS OF NOK)



** Does not apply to suppliers with invoice addresses/main offices outside Bergen.*

STUDENT EXPENDITURES (IN MILLIONS OF NOK)



The amount of money UiB students spent in Bergen in 2020 in the form of rent, shopping and cultural events in the city.



” Both the business sector and the public sector have been increasingly more knowledge focused. As our foremost and largest research and educational institution, the University of Bergen is the region’s most important resource and guarantor of future development and innovation. In order to create sustainable growth and to solve the greatest challenges of our time, we need to ensure an even stronger relationship between academia, the business sector and public administration.

Marit Warncke, CEO, Bergen Chamber of Commerce and Industry

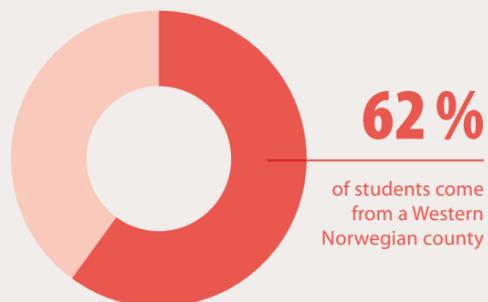
OUR STUDENTS

NUMBER OF STUDENTS AUTUMN 2020



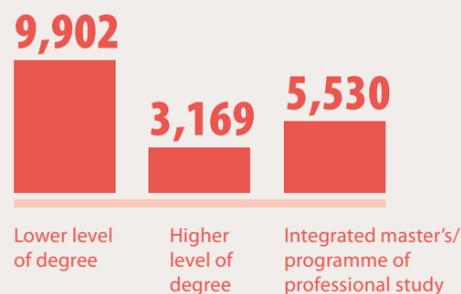
18,601

WESTERN NORWAY



Western Norway is the most important geographical recruitment area for UiB.

DISTRIBUTION OF STUDENTS



BRAIN GAIN



44 percent lived in Vestland County before their studies, and 51.3 percent live there now giving a net growth of 7.3 percent.*

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

83%

Percentage of students who have a job in addition to studies.* This corresponds to a workforce of 2,200 work years.

44%

Percentage of students who hold a position in an organisation in addition to studies.*

30%

Percentage of students engaged in voluntary work in addition to studies.*

* Figures are taken from Sammen's candidate survey. The report is compiled by ideas 2 evidence, on behalf of Sammen Karriere. UiB, HVL and NHH have contributed funding.

NUMBER OF APPLICANTS

12%

increase in the number of applicants who selected a programme of study at UiB as their first choice from 2019 to 2020. 11,660 applicants selected a programme of study at UiB as their first choice in 2020.

THE MOST POPULAR PROGRAMMES OF STUDY AT UiB



1. Law: 1,968
2. Professional studies in psychology: 883
3. Medicine: 806

The Master's Programme in Law at UiB is among the most popular in Norway.

REPUTATION



UiB has a good reputation among young people between the ages of 18 and 25. 45% have a good impression of UiB.

A prospective student must have knowledge of UiB in order to consider studying here. Therefore, UiB has worked systematically over the past year to increase the number people who have knowledge of the University.

Percentage of people who are considering studying at UiB among those who have knowledge of the University:

28% (2019)

33% (2020)



LIFELONG LEARNING



In a sustainable society, it is a goal that as many people as possible should be in work. The coronavirus pandemic has led to many people being furloughed, and some chose to take continuing and further education.

In 2020 the University of Bergen provided many short term programmes of study in collaboration with Skills Norway. This was implemented in order to meet the urgent need for educational provision regarding those who have been furloughed or lost their jobs.

There has been a huge demand, and UiB is a preferred and relevant provider of these types of study.

STUDENTS

1,866

students enrolled in various continuing and further educational programmes in 2020. This is an increase of approximately 20% compared to 2019.

COURSES AT UiB

86

various continuing and further educational courses, an increase of 12%. All faculties are represented.



INTERNATIONAL UiB



OUTGOING STUDENTS (2020)

451

INCOMING STUDENTS (2020)

869

The University of Bergen was the only university in Norway to send students on international exchanges during the autumn of 2020. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, we only sent students to collaborative institutions in Europe. Despite the pandemic, we have received students from around the world.

NORWAY'S MOST CITED UNIVERSITY



UiB's research meets approval and is used by other researchers. This is shown in the evaluations from the most important rankings. For many years, the Times Higher Education World University Rankings has ranked UiB as the most cited university in Norway; in 2020, UiB scored 94 out of 100.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

It is an overarching strategic goal that research and education at UiB will support the **UN's Sustainable Development Goals**. It is an interdisciplinary initiative that involves strong academic communities at all the faculties. Students may choose between many programmes of study and courses within the field of sustainability.

On behalf of the United Nations Academic Impact Organisation and the International Association of Universities, UiB has been assigned a leading role in the work on Sustainable Development Goal

14 Life Below Water. SDG Bergen is UiB's strategic initiative in relation to the work on UN Sustainable Development Goals. The primary task is to offer scientific advice to authorities and international bodies, and this mainly takes place through SDG Bergen Science Advice. The Ocean Sustainability Bergen research centre is also part of this initiative.

UiB is hosting the annual sustainability conference for university colleges and universities in Norway the SDG Conference Bergen.



“Over the past year, I have visited the University of Bergen many times, and am impressed by your academic breadth and the manner in which you have taken a leading role in the work on the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. For me, it is also important that UiB is at the forefront regarding the work of following up the students. In particular, I have noticed the new student mentoring scheme and how you have involved local companies and public enterprises in educational programmes. In addition, UiB has world class research communities, not least within the fields of marine environments, climate and energy, and major social challenges.

Henrik Asheim, Minister of Research and Higher Education



Advice on Sustainable Development Goals

In 2020 SDG Bergen Science Advice was invited by the UN to provide input and concrete proposals on how science and research based knowledge can be integrated as part of the basis of reporting for different countries' work on the 2030 agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals. UiB is one of two universities in the world that have received this special invitation.

Series of articles for the UN

At the request of the UN, a series of articles about the ocean and Sustainable Development Goal 14 were published in 2020. The series of articles was published on 8 June, on World Ocean Day.



Ocean Research Centre

The Ocean Sustainability Bergen research centre (OSB) acts as a link between the academic communities at UiB and national and international decision makers and bodies. Through the centre, one can help Norwegian authorities gain direct contact with research and knowledge, enabling Norway to be a key international actor regarding the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goal.

SUSTAINABILITY CONFERENCE

2,630 

participants at the national SDG Conference Bergen in February 2021. When the world couldn't come to Bergen, Bergen came to the world, without any air travel involved. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the conference was conducted digitally, and participants from **105 nations** followed the broadcast that was sent from the University Aula in Bergen.



“The connection between sustainable oceans and achieving Sustainable Development Goal 14 is obvious. Let me take this opportunity to thank the University of Bergen for taking a leading role in promoting Sustainable Development Goal 14, also as the official UN hub for ocean research.

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Ine Eriksen Søreide

during the SDG Conference Bergen,
February 2021

RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

PHDS COMPLETED IN 2020

242 

EU RECORD (IN MILLIONS OF NOK)

146

In 2020, UiB received NOK 146 million from the EU. That is a record, and an increase of 12 percent compared to the previous year.



Student innovation hub

Since its start in 2018 approximately 200 students have been active in Innovation Hub UiB. This offer is available to all students at UiB. The Innovation Hub is a creative meeting place for students who want to build networks and develop innovative ideas in collaboration with others. Activities at the hub are largely controlled by the students themselves.

Major student innovation initiative

HVL, NHH and UiB have established a collaboration to give students in Western Norway an innovation boost. The initiative has been named Bergen Entrepreneurship Academy (BEA). Among other things, the aim is to develop educational provision within the field of innovation across all three institutions, and to create common meeting places that facilitate student entrepreneurship.



SFI

In June, the Research Council of Norway approved six Centres for Research based Innovation (SFI) in Bergen. UiB will coordinate two centres; MediaFutures and Smart-Ocean, and is a partner in four others coordinated by NORCE (Climate Futures and DigiWells), the Institute of Marine Research (CRIMAC) and Helse Bergen (Centre for Mobile Mental Health).



ERC Grants

In 2020 UiB researchers Elisabeth Ivarsflaten, Nele Meckler, Ragnhild Muriaas and Inga Berre were awarded prestigious Consolidator Grant research scholarships from the European Research Council (ERC). At the end of 2020 UiB was responsible for the coordination of 22 ERC projects.



Collaboration with NORCE

NORCE is an important research based innovation partner for UiB, and a joint working group has focused on further strengthening collaboration in 2020. The group has recommended the establishment of a collaborative committee, more scheduled meetings and a joint, financial stimulation scheme for collaborative projects within research and innovation.

HEALTH



The Pandemic Centre

During the autumn of 2020 Norway's first pandemic centre opened at UiB. The centre will produce socially relevant knowledge for the prevention and handling of pandemics from a long term perspective. The purpose of the centre is to initiate and facilitate interdisciplinary research and educational collaboration on topics related to pandemics, and to advise and inform authorities and the general public.

Vestlandslegen

Vestlandslegen is UiB's model for educating doctors of the future. Through Vestlandslegen, doctors will be educated to serve the whole region, by utilising the whole region. During the autumn of 2020 the first 20 medical students started their studies to become Vestland doctors. The students will take their final three years of medical studies at Stavanger University Hospital, and the hospitals in Førde and Haugesund will also participate in the future.



Alrek Health Cluster

In October, Alrek Health Cluster hosted the official opening ceremony of their new building in Årstadveien 17. The health cluster will create innovative healthcare solutions with the help of exceptional research and education, established practice arenas and interdisciplinary interaction.



“ The University of Bergen is one of our most important partners. The establishment of the Pandemic Centre strengthens the University's efforts for Norway and the world in a very important area. We require many strong academic communities in order to prepare for and respond to the next major epidemic. Together, we must ensure that research efforts are sustained, even between crises.

Camilla Stoltenberg,

Director General of the Norwegian Institute of Public Health

CLIMATE



4 tonnes

UiB students and a number of collaborative partners collected four tonnes of plastic during a large voluntary clean up in the autumn of 2020. It was one of many efforts organised by the University in 2020 regarding problems associated with plastic. UiB also became a #plastsmart partner and has started an interdisciplinary network of researchers, doctoral research fellows and students who will work to solve plastic pollution challenges.



20 years

In 2020 the Bjerknes Centre for Climate Research turned 20 years old. The jubilee also saw the Ministry of Education and Research extend their funding over five additional years. For every krone of government funding, the centre raises six kroner from research projects, both nationally and internationally. The Bjerknes Centre is one of Europe's largest and foremost communities within the field of scientific climate research, and is a collaboration between UiB, NORCE, the Institute of Marine Research and the Nansen Centre.

THE AAREBROT LECTURE

10,000 

people have seen Kikki Kleiven's marathon lecture on climate history. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, Kleiven's 2021 Aarebrot Lecture was broadcast digitally from the University Aula in Bergen. As of March 1, more than 10,000 people have seen the lecture.

SOLAR FARM

1,000 

In 2020, UiB established its first solar farm. 1000 solar panels are now in operation on the roof of the Odontology Building and Alrek Health Cluster. In total, the farm will deliver more than 200,000 kWh each year. More solar farms are being planned that are just one of many initiatives that will help make the university climate neutral by 2030.

A BRIEF LOOK BACK AT 2020



One Ocean

UiB is a key collaborative partner in the One Ocean Expedition, a circumnavigation of the globe with the Norwegian tall ship Statsraad Lehmkuhl, launched in August 2020. The expedition takes place from August 2021 to April 2023. For example, during a four month long stage in the Pacific Ocean, UiB will involve 90 students on the SDG 200 sustainability summer course Ocean Climate Society.



New student portal

Following an initiative from the students, the University of Bergen launched the værgodmotdeg selv.no portal. It is designed to help students gain a better everyday life after the coronavirus outbreak. The portal contains research based advice and tips, based on knowledge from academic communities throughout the entire university.

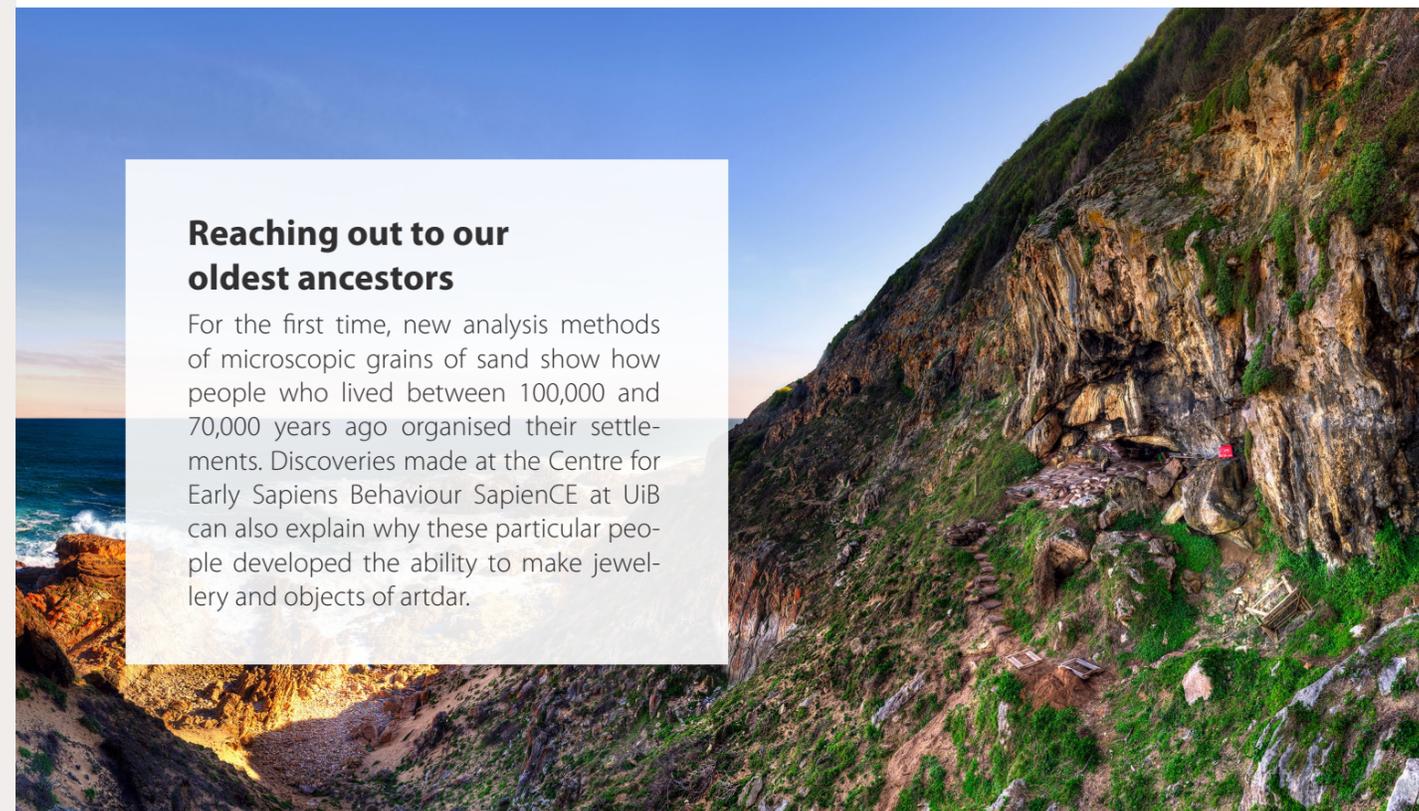


Friends of the ERC

During the summer of 2020 UiB took the initiative to start the Friends of the ERC campaign. The campaign received a lot of publicity, and a lot of support from many Nobel Prize winners, researchers and rectors at some of the most prominent universities in Europe. More than 25,000 academics and others from around the world supported the campaign.

Reaching out to our oldest ancestors

For the first time, new analysis methods of microscopic grains of sand show how people who lived between 100,000 and 70,000 years ago organised their settlements. Discoveries made at the Centre for Early Sapiens Behaviour SapienCE at UiB can also explain why these particular people developed the ability to make jewellery and objects of art.





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In October 2020 the Pandemic Centre opened at UiB. Researchers from all the faculties will work together to find answers and solutions to society's many pandemic related challenges and prepare us for the next pandemic. Many research projects are well underway, and even more are being developed. >

