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RCN Research and Collaboration Projects 2023

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PSI internal process: Timeline

- Registration deadline: **22 November 2022.**
- Budget meetings (round 1): **From November to 16 Desember 2022**
- Possible round 2 in the first half of January (by appointment)
- Budget approval by the PSI leadership (by appointment)

Please note:

- Postdocs should be hired for 3 years (the department will not hire for less).
- Researcher positions can be hired for an indefinite amount of time.
- Both PhDs and Postdocs can be hired for an additional fourth year (teaching duties, which need to correspond with the postdoc's competence).
- Applicants must discuss a buy-out («frikjøp») from teaching and research duties in equal measure with their Head of Section ahead of or during the application period. The maximum buy-out time is 50% for the project leader.
- The project leader is responsible for the determination of costs related to necessary equipment, data, and/or infrastructure.

RCN Portfolio plan for health research: Thematic priority areas (from 2022)*

- Demographic development
- Public health
- Health care and welfare services
- Development of clinical practice
- Individualized healthcare
- Diversity of population, vulnerable groups, social inequality
- Burden of disease
- Patient safety
- Women's health and health in a gender perspective
- Challenges to health in a global, intersectoral perspective

Calls for proposals

- Researcher project for Scientific Renewal (Thematic Priority Call)
- Researcher Project for Young Talents (Thematic Priority Call)
- Collaborative Project to Meet Societal and Industry-related Challenges

Researcher project for Scientific Renewal (Thematic Priority Call)

- Application type: Researcher Project
- Application deadline: 8 February 2023, 1.00 pm CET
- Target groups: Research organisations
- Funding scale: NOK 4 000 000-12 000 000
- Project duration: 36-72 months

Important dates

- 14 Dec 2022: Date call is made active
- 08 Feb 2023: Application submission deadline
- 15 Sep 2023: Earliest possible start date*
- 01 Apr 2024: Latest possible start date
- 31 Mar 2030: Latest possible end date of the project

Who, what...

Project owner: The project owner must have approved of the submission of the application to the Research Council.

Project manager*: Must have an approved doctorate or similar qualification before the date of the application submission deadline.

Project partners:** Approved research organizations in Norway or elsewhere – NOT companies and other undertakings.

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What can you seek funding for?

- Payroll and indirect expenses related to researcher time
- PhD-positions: max. 3 years
- Post-doc positions: max. 4 years***
- Equipment and infrastructure
- Other R&D related activities

Relevant thematic areas

Global Health: 50 mill NOK

- You must have collaborating partners from low- and lower-middle-income countries.
- End-users must be represented in the project
- Ethical aspects must be taken into account.

Health → Women's health: Up to 60 mill NOK

- Each project can apply for 4-12 mill NOK
- Priorities groups:
 - Older and younger women
 - Minority women
 - Women suffering from mental health issues
 - Women suffering from chronic disease
 - Women suffering from dementia or osteoporosis

Relevant thematic areas

- End-users must be represented in the project
- The project must belong to one of these areas:
 - Diseases which mainly affect women
 - Diseases which involve a gender gap

Project will be priorities that involve:

- International collaboration
- Existing health data and/or sensitive data
- Interdisciplinarity

Other relevant thematic areas

- ✓ Sami culture and welfare: Up to 10 mill NOK
- ✓ Education and competence: Up to 60 mill NOK
- ✓ Welfare, Culture, and society: Up to 72 mill NOK

Researcher Project for Young Talents (Thematic Priority Call)

- Application type: Researcher Project
- Application deadline: 8 February 2023, 1:00 CET
- Target groups: Research organisations
- Funding scale: NOK 4 000 000-8 000 000
- Project duration: 36-48 months

Important dates

14 Dec 2022: Date call is made active

08 Feb 2023: Application submission deadline

15 Sep 2023*: Earliest possible starting date

01 Apr 2024: Latest possible starting date

31 Mar 2028: Latest possible end date of the project

Who, what...

Project owner: The project owner must have approved of the submission of the application to the Research Council.

Project manager:

Experience requirements: PM must have an approved doctorate and the period between the doctoral defence and the application date may be between 2 and 7 years.

Age requirement: You must be younger than 40 years old on the date of the application submission deadline.

•**Note:** It is not possible to receive funding for a *Researcher Project for Young Talents* more than once.

•You must dedicate at least 25 per cent of a full-time position to the project for the duration of the project period.

•You must be employed for at least 50 per cent of a full-time position by the Project Owner (research organisation) for the entire duration of the project period.

Relevant thematic areas

Education and competence:

- Up to 25 mill NOK
- Up to 3 projects funded
- Priorities given to projects involving collaboration and recruitment

Relevant thematic areas

Welfare, culture and society*

- Up to 48 mill NOK

Priorities given to projects focusing on:

- Social (and other forms of) exclusion
- Social involvement of different social groups
- New social and cultural divisions
- Relations between individual-, group-, and commonly shared values

What can you seek funding for?

- Payroll and indirect expenses related to researcher time
- PhD-positions: max. 3 years
- Post-doc positions: max. 4 years
- Equipment and infrastructure
- Other R&D related activities

Scope and conditions

- From 2022, all grant recipients that are research organisations or public sector bodies (Project Owners and partners) must have [a Gender Equality Plan \(GEP\)](#) available on their website.
- The Research Council requires full and immediate open access to scientific publications; see [Plan S – open access to publications.](#)

Scope and conditions

- The Project Owner must ensure that a data management plan is drawn up and uploaded when the grant application is being revised
- The Project Owner is responsible for selecting which **archiving solution(s)** to use for storing research data generated during the project.
- For health-related studies involving human participants, the Research Council stipulates special requirements and guidelines for registration and disclosure of information.

Practical information

Requirements

- Applications must be created and submitted via My RCN Web
- For the mandatory attachments, please use the designated templates.

Assessment criteria

- Excellence – potential for advancing the state-of-the-art
- Excellence – quality of R&D activities
- Impact
- Implementation
- Relevance to the chosen topic

Collaborative Project to Meet Societal and Industry-related Challenges

- Application type: Collaborative and Knowledge-building Project
- Application deadline: 15 February 2023, 1.00 pm
- Target groups: Research organisations
- Funding scale: NOK 4 000 000-16 000 000*
- Project duration: 24-48 months

Important dates

14 Dec 2022: Application form is opened

15 Feb 2023: Application submission deadline

01 Jul 2023*: Earliest permitted projectstart

01 Dec 2023: Latest permitted projectstart

30 Nov 2027: Latest permitted project completion

Who, what...

Project owner: The project owner must have approved of the submission of the application to the Research Council.

Project manager: No formal requirements to qualifications of the project manager, but you must document competence within the field and as project leader.

Project partners:

- at least two Norwegian partners that are not research institutions and who represents the societal or industrial challenges in the project
- All partners must actively collaborate in planning and following up the project
- The project must have a steering group or reference group

Open access, Gender Equality plan, Data management plan, archiving etc, same as Researcher projects.

What can you seek funding for?

- Payroll and indirect expenses related to researcher time at UiO and partners
- PhD-positions: max. 3 years
- Post-doc positions: max. 4 years***
- Equipment and infrastructure
- Other R&D related activities
- Minimum 10% of the budget should go to the norwegian partners representing the societal or industrial challenges in the project. If they have greater share than 20-30%, thorough explanations are necessary.
- If the partners are business-enterprises, state aid rules must be complied.
- International research partners can be funded. Other international partners cannot be funded.

Relevant thematic areas

Health

Sustainable prevention, treatment and services in the municipalities

Welfare, culture and society

Measures for work inclusion

Health

Sustainable prevention,
treatment and services in
the municipalities

- NOK 8 – 16 million per project
- Funding to 10-16 projects

Municipal focus with at least one partner
being from the municipal sector

Must be based on municipal
knowledge needs and services

Health

Sustainable
prevention, treatment
and services in the
municipalities

RCN will prioritize research that contributes to

- addressing the major public health challenges in municipalities, such as **mental health**, ageing and **social inequality in health and welfare**
- the prevention and treatment of illnesses with a high burden of disease, which are followed up by general practitioners and the other municipal services
- interaction both within the municipal sector and between the municipal sector and other sectors, such as public health and welfare actors, industry, and the voluntary sector

Other challenges could also be funded.

Health

Sustainable prevention,
treatment and services in
the municipalities

End users must be involved

You must describe how partners and representatives of the end users are involved in the planning and implementation of the project, and in utilization of the results.

Webinar November 25th at RCN: how to succeed with involving end users [Forskning i, med og for kommunene – hvordan kan innbyggernære behov ivaretas i helseforskning og innovasjon? \(forskningsradet.no\)](#)

Health

Sustainable prevention,
treatment and services in
the municipalities

Eligible projects must be linked to
municipal areas of responsibility and focus
on:

- health-promoting and preventive public health measures
- diagnostics, treatment and rehabilitation of illnesses
- quality, competence and efficiency in the health, care and welfare services

Health

Sustainable prevention,
treatment and services in
the municipalities

RCN will consider whether the project

- meets all requirements and guidelines set for the application type
- includes Nordic and/or other international research collaboration
- makes use of existing health data and/or personal data
- is interdisciplinary and includes the humanities and/or social sciences
- includes societal and health economics perspectives
- uses relevant infrastructures such as [The Norwegian Primary Care Research Network](#) where relevant

Health

Sustainable prevention,
treatment and services in
the municipalities

RCN will **not** award funding to projects that

- are epidemiological studies mapping the extent of and causal factors behind illnesses, but that do not include a preventive intervention
- have a major pre-clinical component, such as studies that will not evaluate results in a clinical setting

Welfare, culture and society

Measures for work inclusion

It would be regarded positively if the project:

- involves active collaboration with at least one other national or international research organization. The application must specify the concrete plans for the collaboration, for example co-publication or mobility, as well as the role of the partner
- is interdisciplinary or multidisciplinary

Welfare, culture and society

Measures for work inclusion

Involvement of users

- User perspectives must be well addressed.
- Users must participate actively in the planning, implementation and dissemination of results.

Will **not** be funded:

- projects that have causal research as a main component.