

Project establishment support (PES) funds - New research projects in Centre for Digital Life Norway – call 2016

The Biotechnology for Innovation program (BIOTEK2021) in the Research Council of Norway has released a new call for research projects in Centre for Digital Life Norway. The call deadline is 12 October 2016. Applications for the call are supported with PES funds up to a total limit of 500 000,- NOK. Applications for PES funds are to be submitted within 16 September to gunnar.dick@mn.uio.no.

General requirements:

- A project coordinated by UiO is supported with up to 30 000,- NOK. A project with UiO as partner is supported by up to 10 000,- NOK. The project application must be approved by head of department, submitted within the call deadline, and fulfil formal requirements for the call.
- PES funds must be used to support and develop the project proposal and may cover:
 - a) Travel expenses for networking and project collaboration.
 - b) Meetings/seminars with research and/or innovation partners in the project.
 - c) Purchase external assistance and counseling.
 - d) Redeem working hours (“frikjøpe”) from employees at the university.

Application – PES Funds:

- Project sketch within 16 September 2016 of 2 pages which includes:
 - a) *Title*
 - b) *Participants*
Name and affiliation, indicated role in the proposal: PL – project leader, PP – project participant, P – partner.
 - c) *Research project* (ca ½ page)
Present a summary with a short description of the proposed project and its strategic connection/anchoring to the host institution.
 - d) *Transdisciplinary and computational oriented biotechnology* (ca 1 page)
Describe the proposed project’s integration of conceptual, methodological and technological elements from the life sciences, mathematical sciences and engineering sciences. This should include a computational approach in which mathematics, modelling and informatics are applied to molecular data and/or biological processes in integrated projects. Give examples of both experimental and computational activities to be conducted in the project.
 - Value creation and innovation* (ca ½ page)

Describe which societal challenges the project addresses, the innovation potential for the expected research results, and the possibilities for further exploitation. Give examples of relevant sectors and potential partners.

e) Indicate for which alternative(s) the PES funds will be used.

If the total number of applications exceeds the available amount, the following criteria will be evaluated in order to prioritize:

- 1) The proposals Project sketch c)-e)
- 2) The strategic connection/anchoring of the proposal

The former steering committee for the Centre for Digital Life application process in 2015; Hilde I. Nebb, Svein Stølen, Odd Stokke Gabrielsen, Erlend B. Smeland, and John Torgils Vaage, will prioritize if needed, the MN faculty will administer payments.

Relevant links:

[Centre for Digital Life Norway](#)

[Call announcement by the Research Council](#)