

INNKALLING TIL MØTE I FORSKNINGSSTRATEGISK UTVALG

Tid: Torsdag 28.3.19 klokka 11.15-15.00

Sted: ADM A319 Møterom/styrerom, Administrasjonsbygget

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Sak 12-19 Høringsinnspill til UNIT sin handlingsplan for digitalisering i høyere utdanning

Innledning: Kenneth Ruud

Bakgrunn:

UNIT har lagt sin *Handlingsplan for digitalisering i høyere utdanning* på høring på sine nettsider (<https://www.unit.no/handlingsplan-digitalisering>). Høringsfristen er allerede 29. mars, det er derfor ikke tid til en intern høring på UiT før fristen. Rektor har bedt de strategiske utvalgene om innspill til høringen.

Sak 13-19 Endelig utlysningstekst og vurderingskriterier Aurora centres

Innledning: Kenneth Ruud

Bakgrunn:

Ordningen *Aurora centres* skal lyses ut for første gang våren 2019. Utvalget har diskutert innretningen av ordningen i mange runder, og tar i møtet endelig stilling til utlysningstekst, vurderingskriterier og vurderingsprosess.

Nedenfor følger forslag til utlysningstekst og vurderingskriterier for *Aurora centres*.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: UiT AURORA CENTRES

The University board decided in the fall of 2018 to allocate funds for research groups that demonstrate excellence in their field of science and that need to strengthen their capacity in order to be successful in the competition for larger external funding instruments. Research groups that plan to apply for Norwegian Centres of Excellence (SFF) or similar programs, including ERC Synergy Grants, are welcome to submit project proposals. The program name is Aurora Centres.

Based on the research group's current strengths, applications are expected to evolve around a plan on how to further strengthen research capacity and quality. The application should contain detailed plans on how to build capacity with respect to scientific publishing, internationalization and research funding, build capability as principal investigators as well as center directors. A plan on recruitment of faculty member(s) that fits the capacity regime is welcomed as a part of the project suggestion. UiTs policies on gender balance and open science is expected to be reflected in the project plan, likewise the Universities' endorsement of the The San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA). Taken together, the funding program should stimulate further development of already excellent research groups with a clearly stated ambition to compete for grants both at national and international funding arenas.

Eligibility: The funding program is for research groups that have demonstrated excellence in their research, and with ambition to organize and build research capacity, for the purpose of applying for center funding, like Norwegian Centres of Excellence, ERC Synergy or similar. Applications are expected from all UiTs faculties and units, who may submit up to 2 proposals each. The process of nominating candidates for full project proposal may vary depending on the faculty/unit's strategic plan. Thus, no guidelines for recruitment of proposals are outlined as part of the call for proposals.

Number of pages: The project description is not to exceed 10 pages, including the list of references. The page format must be A4 with 2 cm margins, single spacing and Arial, Calibri, Times New Roman or similar 11-point font. It is permitted to use a 9-point font for the list of references and figure captions. Links listed in the project description will not be included in the assessment. Proposals that do not follow the guidelines are rejected without further notice.

Available Funding Aurora Centre's: A total of NOK 60 mill per 4 years is available. Up to 2 new projects will be funded per year. Each project may have a total funding of up to NOK 30 mill per 4 years per project, and the costs for each project is split 50:50 between the institution- and the faculty-level. The number of PhD-positions in the budget may vary depending on the proposed project.

Deadline and Submission: June 28th at 13:00 CET to postmottak@uit.no, att: Steinar M Paulsen

EVALUATION CRITERIA (IDENTICAL TO THE RESEARCH COUNCIL OF NORWAY'S CRITERIA BY 2019, FOR RESEARCH PROJECT PROPOSALS)

Excellence

The extent to which the proposed work is ambitious, novel, and goes beyond the state of the art

- Scientific creativity and originality.
- Novelty and boldness of hypotheses or research questions.
- Potential for development of new knowledge beyond the current state-of-the-art, including significant theoretical, methodological, experimental or empirical advancement.

The quality of the proposed R&D activities

- Quality of the research questions, hypotheses and project objectives, and the extent to which they are clearly and adequately specified.
- Credibility and appropriateness of the theoretical approach, research design and use of scientific methods. Appropriate consideration of interdisciplinary approaches.
- Where relevant, the extent to which appropriate consideration has been given to ethical issues, safety issues, gender dimension in research content, and appropriate use of stakeholder/user knowledge.

Impact

Potential impact of the proposed research

- The extent to which the planned outputs of the project address important present and/or future scientific challenges.
- If relevant with respect to the project objectives, the extent to which the planned outputs will address UN Sustainable Development Goals or other important present and/or future societal challenges.
- The extent to which the potential impacts are clearly formulated and plausible.

Communication and exploitation

- Quality and scope of communication and engagement activities with different target audiences, including relevant stakeholders/users.

Implementation

The quality of the project manager and project group

- The extent to which the project manager has relevant expertise and experience and has demonstrated the ability to perform high-quality research (as appropriate to the career stage).

- The degree of complementarity of the participants and the extent to which the project group encompasses the expertise needed to undertake the research effectively and provides added value.

The quality of the project organization and management

- Effectiveness of the work plan, including the extent to which resources assigned to work packages are aligned with project objectives and deliverables.
- Appropriateness of the allocation of tasks, ensuring that all participants have a valid role and adequate resources in the project to fulfil that role.
- Appropriateness of the proposed management structures and governance.

Templates:

1. Proposal
2. CV
3. Budget

Sak 14-19 Endelig utlysningstekst og vurderingskriterier for Tematiske satsinger

Innledning: Kenneth Ruud

Bakgrunn:

Ordningen *Tematiske satsinger* ble revidert av universitetsstyret høsten 2018. Den reviderte ordningen skal lyses ut for første gang våren 2019. Utvalget har diskutert innretningen av ordningen i mange runder, og tar i møtet endelig stilling til utlysningstekst, vurderingskriterier og vurderingsprosess.

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CALL FOR PROPOSALS: UIT TEMATISKE SATSINGER

The University board decided in the fall of 2018 to introduce some changes to the program UiT *Tematiske satsinger*. As of the 2019 call, the number of faculties/units required per project proposal is set to a minimum of 2 (down from 3). Furthermore, the allowed budget per project is scaled up to a maximum of NOK 30 mill per 4 years. The program will fund up to 2 projects per annual call.

This funding instrument is to encourage new interdepartmental (faculty/unit) research projects that takes on an interdisciplinary approach encouraged by UiT's

satsingsområder to create new conceptual, theoretical, methodological and translational innovations that integrate and move beyond discipline-specific approaches to address a common problem. Results from the project should result in new insight and allow for scientific questions that meet national and international priorities of programs funding research projects.

Achieving excellence in scientific merit in an interdisciplinary project requires new leadership and ways of organizing the activity within the groups involved. Thus, a project proposal should put emphasis on the implementation plan for integration of the partners.

Eligibility: This funding instrument is for interdepartmental projects supporting UiT's satsingsområder. Applications are welcomed from all faculties and units at UiT. Each proposal should span 2 or more of UiT's faculties/units.

Applying: Invitation for a full proposal, based on evaluation of the obligatory sketch, is announced by the leader of the *arbeidsgruppe* that have evaluated the sketches based on the evaluation criteria for full proposal.

Application details:

Sketch: 2 pages.

Full application: 10 pages.

The project description for the full proposal is not to exceed 10 pages, including the list of references. The page format must be A4 with 2 cm margins, single spacing and Arial, Calibri, Times New Roman or similar 11-point font. It is permitted to use a 9-point font for the list of references and figure captions. Links listed in the project description will not be included in the assessment. Proposals that does not follow the guidelines is rejected without further notice.

Available funding: A total of NOK 60 mill per 4 years is available. Up to 2 new projects will be funded per year. Each project may have a total funding of up to NOK 30 mill per 4 years per project, and the costs for each project is split 50:50 between the institution- and the faculty-level. PhD-positions will constitute at least half of the institution-level's contribution to the projects.

Deadline and Submission Sketch: 16.05.19 at 13:00 CET, to the leader of the corresponding *arbeidsgruppe*. Full proposal: 23.08.19 at 13:00 CET, to postboks@uit.no, att: Steinar M Paulsen

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Sak 15-19 Revisjon av FoU-terminordningen – orientering om prosess og innspill til høringsbrev

Innledning: Kenneth Ruud

Bakgrunn:

For at FoU-terminordningen skal treffe godt med tanke på en del endringer som påvirker oss og sektoren, herunder blant annet UiTs signering av DORA, er det bestemt at FoU-terminordningen skal revideres i løpet av året. Retningslinjene for FoU-termin vil sendes på skriftlig høring til fakultetene i løpet av våren. Saken tas i denne runden opp i FSU for orientering og for å få innspill som gjør at vi treffer godt med spørsmålene i selve høringsbrevet.

Sak 16-19 Diverse orienterings-/diskusjonssaker

Innledning: Kenneth Ruud

- PRESTISJE-prosjektet, identifisering av fremragende forskere/forskningsledere ved UiT.
- Midlertidighet og bruk av innstegsstillinger for lengre, eksternt finansierte forskningsprosjekter.
- Områdegjennomgang av det næringsrettede virkemiddelapparatet.
- Status forlagsforhandlinger/Plan S.
- Evalueringer for forskningsprosjekter, publikasjoner og fagområder.

Sak 17-19 Eventuelt