Call for proposals for Postdoctoral Fellowships Dementia 2021

Norwegian Health Association is a voluntary, humanitarian organization promoting the interests of people with dementia and their carers. Our goal is to combat dementia and cardiovascular diseases by funding research, preventive measures, providing information and influencing government and politicians.

Norwegian Health Association has established a national, comprehensive and coordinated Dementia Research Program. Through this program, we aim to fund high-quality research and strengthen the connection between basic and clinical research by building networks between dementia researchers and research groups across disciplines in Norway.

What to apply for?
Dementia researchers are hereby invited to apply for postdoctoral fellowships related to research projects focusing on causes, prevention, diagnosis and treatment of dementia. This includes proposals related to the Covid-19 epidemic and dementia. Care research is outside the scope of this call.

Norwegian Health Association offers salary and running costs corresponding to a three years full position (880 000 NOK/year). The grant does not cover overhead costs.

Who can apply?
The applicant must hold a doctoral degree, or defend his/her thesis within 1 December 2021. The applicant must be affiliated with a Norwegian research institution, or be guaranteed an affiliation if the project is granted, to be eligible for funding. The application must be approved by the institution. The postdoctoral candidate is him/herself the applicant and project manager.

Submission deadline
The application submission deadline is Tuesday 1 September, 2020 at 1 pm. Applications must be submitted through the online application portal. All documents and attachments must be written in English.

Assessment of proposals
The proposals will be scientifically evaluated by an international peer review panel: Relevance to the call, Scientific quality, Qualification of the applicant and project team and Possible impact/user involvement (if relevant).

A summary of the proposals will be assessed by user representatives according to separate criteria. If the scientific quality of proposals is found equal by the peer reviewers, the user representative’s assessment will guide the further recommendation to the Dementia Research Board. The Board of the Norwegian Health Association will make the final funding decision in November 2020.
Acknowledgement of the financial support and collaboration
Norwegian Health Association must be credited as a contributing funder of the project in all relevant fora. It is expected that granted researchers and research institutions collaborate to contribute to spreading information and improve the general knowledge of dementia.

User involvement
It is expected that applicants who seek funding from Norwegian Health Association present a plan for user involvement. If engagement with user representatives is not relevant, the applicant must provide rationale for this decision. Relevant user involvement will be positively weighted.

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Relevant links
Online application portal
Documents related to the Call for proposals for Postdoctoral Fellowships Dementia 2021
Guide for patient and public involvement in research (in Norwegian only)
Norwegian Health Association homepage
Norwegian Health Association’s Dementia research program
Norwegian Health Association’s project library