

Møtereferat, Research Committee meeting, December 1st

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Gjelder: **Research Committee**

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Signatur:

1) PhD travel grant applications evaluation.

Maja received 12 applications before the deadline on November 21st; seven for research stays and five for conferences. The applications amount to 383 000 kr in total, but there may unfortunately not be more than around 200 000 kr allocated from IBI for these travel grants. The grant applications were evaluated based on the criteria in the application form and the announcement on Innsida, which gave a ranking with two applications in group 1 (84 000 kr), four applications in group 2 (175 000 kr), and six applications in group 3 (124 000 kr). Applications were not ranked within these three groups.

The RC recommends that every travel grant application should receive funding. But if cuts are necessary, we suggest that the two top ranked candidates (who have received funding before but were not able to use it) receive funding, and for the other 10 applicants two options:

1. Give 70% to all
2. Use ranking

The RC strongly support that IBI gives PhD-students the possibility to receive funding for research stays and conferences through this kind of travel grants. However, we recommend some changes for next round of travel grants; the checklist at the end of the document needs to be updated (e.g. include recommendation letter from the supervisor), the budget should be known and announced on beforehand, time left on the PhD should be an evaluation criterium (those late in their PhD without having received funding previously should be prioritized), information on where the funding for the PhD-project is from should be clearly included (NTNU-funded PhD-projects should be prioritized), exactly what can be covered should be specified, and perhaps the DVA of supervisors should be considered too?

2) IBI's action plans for research and innovation in 2022.

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- Make sure the planned postdoc/researcher fellowship program and mentorship program also includes early career researchers.
- Establish a system for a career plan for researchers.
- Technical support for research support, infrastructure and lab maintenance needs to increase (more people need technical support) and be better organized; superusers on instruments, information on who can help with what must be more easily available. There should also be some support to Bente with the orders.
- Improve collaboration across sections; improve existing/generate new meeting arenas, implement funding opportunities for cross-section projects (running costs for collaborative lab-/fieldwork, MSc-projects, PhD-projects, PhD-positions).
- Improve system for quality improvement of RCN-applications (this year, only 11 people are enrolled).
- Improve PhD-program; improve on-boarding process (HR), make clear the mid-term evaluation is help for the PhD-student not an exam, make clear the expectations of what a PhD-thesis should include, prepare for the NOKUT-evaluation.
- Prepare for the RCN fagevaluering (EVALBIOVIT 2022-23).
- Invite TTO.

Some input on NVs action plan:

- Fundamental/basic science must still be mentioned as a core part of teaching and research at NV.
- Thematic pages should also be made for sustainability.

3) Various information.

- Fagevaluering EVALBIOVIT 2022-23 (<https://www.forskningsradet.no/nyheter/2021/Ny-evaluering-av-norsk-forskning/>)
- Result of NVs ranking of projects to NTNUs Roadmap to Large Infrastructure; IBI's only submitted project (The House sparrow biobank) was ranked 10 out of 12. In addition, both Sealab and Gunnerus, common infrastructure for which NV is host faculty, were mentioned as prioritized.
- Access to High Performance Computing. IBI will have paid for access to Idun within a few days time.
- RCN project proposal feedback at IBI. Eleven scientific staff have signed up for being part of the evaluation team (3 postdocs, 2 researcher/Ass. Prof. II, 6 Ass. Prof./Prof.). Some of these have indicated they will apply.
- Minutes from the RC meetings will be put under a special Wiki-page on Innsida (link is found under "Enheter" and "Institutt for biologi").

4) Any Other Business.

None.