



BIOTEK2021 – Optimization funding

Researchers in Bergen have the opportunity to apply for millions in funding for research projects with a commercial potential from The Norwegian Research Council. Optimization funding is a golden opportunity to gather the funds needed to conduct testing, up-scaling, forwarding or continuation of your research project in the field of biotechnology and bio prospecting. BTO will assist in writing the application and will handle the commercial development. In the last years, 33% of our applications have been successful. The three active projects we have in 2014 will receive approximately 19 mNOK from the Norwegian Research Council. Seize this opportunity and collaborate with us to get funding from BIOTEK2021!

ABOUT BTO

Bergen Teknologioverføring (BTO) assists members of the scientific staff at the University of Bergen (UiB). We contribute to realize research findings and ideas that potentially can benefit individuals, the market and society at large. We assist with evaluating the innovative and commercial potential, acquire research funds, evaluate patenting, give legal assistance by negotiating licence agreements and signing contracts with existing businesses, find partners and establish new companies.

ABOUT BIOTEK2021

BIOTEK2021 is a program that helps implement the government's national strategy for biotechnology. The optimization fund is intended to contribute to further development of acquired research results and ideas from earlier biotechnological research and bio prospecting towards commercial application. The optimization funds will finance research and development of biotechnical products, processes and services with a commercial potential. More information about BIOTEK2021 is available [here](#).

BTO is one of seven approved project partners in BIOTEK2021. In 2013, BTO and partners got two out of six applications to the BIOTEK2021 optimization fund approved. BTO are currently participating in three active projects with a total budget of 25.2 million NOK, where 19 million is funding from The Norwegian Research Council.

SPECIFICATIONS

- 10 page application
- Budget: 3 – 10 million NOK
- Duration: 2 – 3 years
- Up to 100% funding

The announcement, expected six weeks before the final deadline, can be subject to change.



APPLICATION PROCESS

The Norwegian Research Council demands that a preliminary business concept for the technology/knowledge is developed, including suggestions for possible applications. Therefore, collaboration with BTO is a criterion. There will be specific activities for the business development and IPR. The institution where the researcher is employed will be the project administrator, and must take the project leader responsibilities. BTO will contribute actively in the application process. We suggest the following procedure:

- **Get in touch before May 20th to start the preliminary discussions**
- We will continually evaluate the project propositions and work with the application preparations for the qualified projects
- The process of establishing a project and writing the application should start as soon as possible, in May/June at the latest
- **Application deadline: September 3rd**

To start the project discussions, please contact the person responsible for your field. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch. We look forward to hear from you!

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