



## **2024 call for Fast-Track Initiatives**

*Fast-track initiatives* (FTI) support focused, short-term research activities with the aim of achieving concise result(s).

**Who can apply:** Anyone affiliated with the Bjerknes Centre resident in Bergen

### **Criteria**

- Must target at least one of Bjerknes strategic research areas
- Promote the integration of the Bjerknes consortium
- Must have clearly identifiable outcome
- Must be short-lived and completed within 1 year of the grant's commencement
- Proposals should not exceed one A4 page including a description of the activity, objective(s), budget, timeline and outcome(s). If salaries are applied for, the person shall be identified and an estimate of the salary costs must be given by an economy consultant at one of the partner institutions and according to the agreement on cost per hour for the SKD period 2022-2025.

### **Limits to application: Maximum 500 kNOK**

Eligible activities (NB! List is not exhaustive):

- *Blue-sky* research: identify or conduct exploratory activities including laboratory work, for new, cross-cutting research relevant to Bjerknes
- Preparation of synthesis/integration research articles or large research proposals

Non-eligible activities or expenses

- Running costs such as travels, conference fees, publication costs, etc.
- Salaries of non-Bjerknes personnel
- *Salaries for PhD students before thesis is submitted*
- Research visits to Bergen. These must be applied to the *Bjerknes Visiting Fellow* programme

**Deadline** for submissions is **1<sup>st</sup> of December**. Proposals shall be attached to an email with *Subject: "Bjerknes FTI"* and sent to [post@bjerknes.uib.no](mailto:post@bjerknes.uib.no)

**Evaluation:** the Bjerknes leader group <sup>1</sup> will evaluate the proposals and the results will be announced within 2 weeks past the deadline.

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