

# A Letter of Intent between the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Research Council of Norway (RCN)

- Global Health
- Biobanks and registries
- ... but not limited to those.

The Participants' intentions are to:

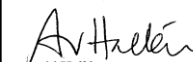
1. Establish long-term relations between Norwegian and US scientists, in order to perform medical and health research of excellent standards.
2. Build long-term collaborations in science between the NIH institutes and Norwegian universities and other institutions within medical research and education.
3. Explore and support collaboration and research projects in specific fields of mutual interest.

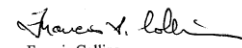
Joint U.S.-Norwegian cooperative activities may include

- a) joint cooperative projects,
- b) exchange of scientists, at the postdoctoral level and PhD students, including encouraging young Norwegian scientist to pursue a postdoctoral career at the NIH, by applying for the NIH Visiting Fellowship Program,
- c) exchange of data and biological samples, within the limitations of law and regulation in the Participants' countries,
- d) convening of joint scientific conferences, workshops and similar meetings for scientific planning and support of ongoing research collaborations,
- e) other joint activities, as agreed upon by the Participants.



This Letter of Intent becomes effective upon signature of both Participants and will remain in effect for five years. The Participants may extend or modify it by mutual written declaration.

  
Arvid Hallén  
Director General  
The Research Council of Norway

  
Francis Collins  
Director  
National Institutes of Health