About the Faculty of Medicine, University of Oslo

With approximately one third of all medical students in Norway and almost two thirds of all PhD candidates, the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Oslo (UiO) has an important responsibility for providing high standards of medical education and research.

The Faculty also offers a wide range of research and studies within health-related topics such as health administration, international health and nutrition. Norway has a well developed public health care system, and our researchers co-operate with different governmental bodies to ensure and support high standards.

Founded in 1814, the Faculty of Medicine is one of eight faculties at UiO. With approximately 1500 employees, our most important tasks are education, research and dissemination of information. The Faculty’s annual budget is approximately 1 billion NOK (162 million USD), out of which more than 50% are generated through external funding.

FACTS AND FIGURES (2009)

University of Oslo (founded 1811)

- 7 000 employees
- Yearly budget: approx. 5.5 billion NOK (900 million USD)
- 28 000 students

Oslo University Hospital

- 20 000 employees
- Yearly budget: approx. 18 billion NOK (3 billion USD)
- More than 1.2 million patients treated each year

Akershus University Hospital

- 5 000 employees
- Yearly budget: approx. 4 billion NOK (650 million USD)
- About 450 000 patients treated each year

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Clinic, laboratory, society – translational research

The research conducted at the faculty spans over a wide range of disciplines, from social sciences and the humanities, basic medical sciences to clinical medicine and combinations of these. Researchers with different backgrounds often work together in research and education, fostering a challenging and rewarding interdisciplinary environment. This has lead to exciting national and international projects, like the Centres of Excellence, Centres of Research-based Innovation as well as other large and small research co-operations.

Close partnership with university hospitals

The Faculty consists of three institutes, in addition to the Institute for Forensic Medicine (rMi) and the Regional Committees for Research Ethics in Medicine and Health Care (reK). Research and education are based on a close partnership with the South Eastern Norway Regional Health Authority and the two hospitals Akershus University Hospital and Oslo University Hospital. About 50% of the faculty’s academic staff are also employed at one of the university hospitals. This ensures a close connection between medical theory and clinical practice for students and researchers. The Faculty also collaborates with local hospitals and general practitioners in teaching medical students.

Approximately 3300 students (incl. PhD) attend our study programmes

Medical School/MD Programme (one semester taught in English)
Medical Student Research Programme (Integrated in the MD Programme)

PHD Programme (app. 1200 registered candidates)

Bachelor’s Degree Programmes:
- Health Economics
- Policy and Management (in English)
- Nutrition
- Health Administration
- Health Sciences
- Nursing Science
- Suicide, Addiction, Violence and Trauma – Psycho-social and Biological Intervention

Master’s Degree Programmes:
- Health Economics, Policy and Management (in English)
- International Community Health (in English)
- Nutrition
- Health Administration
- Health Sciences
- Nursing Science
- Suicide, Addiction, Violence and Trauma – Psycho-social and Biological Intervention

An international faculty

Internationalization is an integrated part of all activities at the Faculty of Medicine. This commitment is ensured through a growing international standardization of all educational programmes. We have an active student exchange portfolio with a widespread network of partner universities. The Faculty facilitates international cooperation with partners from the European Research Area, North America, Russia, China, Argentina and South Africa in line with its academic priorities. Likewise, the Faculty is proud of its engagement in research collaboration and transfer of competency with selected partners in Africa and South-East Asia.