The University of Bergen (UiB) is an internationally recognised research university with more than 14,000 students and close to 3,500 employees at six faculties. The university is located in the heart of Bergen. Our main contribution to society is excellent basic research and education across a wide range of disciplines.

Associate Professorship - Prehistoric Archaeology - stone age

A permanent position as Associate Professor of Stone Age Archaeology is available at the University Museum of Bergen, the Cultural History Collections.

The position has the scientific responsibility for research, management and dissemination linked to the Museum’s Stone Age Collection. The successful applicant’s duties will be connected to management of archaeological material from the Mesolithic up to and including the Middle Neolithic.

Below you will find a position description with a more detailed specification of the range/combination of subjects and fields of responsibility, special duties and other considerations to which importance will be attached in the selection process, or you can obtain a copy by contacting the University Museum of Bergen, Administration, tel. 55 58 93 60, e-mail: post@um.uib.no

This is also where guidance for applicants regarding the type of documentation that needs to be submitted will be provided.

Further information regarding the position can be obtained by contacting the Chair of the Cultural History Collections, Knut Rio, tel. 55 58 31 12.

Applicants must have a Norwegian Ph.D. or equivalent qualifications with specialization within the Stone Age.

In accordance with regulations, basic teacher training is a requirement for employees in mid-level scientific positions at the University of Bergen. The successful candidate will be offered appropriate training if this requirement has not been met before the appointment.

The working language is Norwegian.

Applicants may be called in for interview.

Salary will be in accordance with the Norwegian salary grade 57 (code 1011, pay framework 24.1) on employment. Further advancement will be in accordance with ordinary seniority policy. In the case of particularly highly qualified applicants a higher salary may be considered.

State employment shall largely reflect the make-up of the general population. It is therefore a personnel policy objective to ensure that we achieve a balanced age and gender composition and recruitment of persons of various ethnic backgrounds. Persons from ethnic minority backgrounds are encouraged to apply for the position.

The University of Bergen applies the principle of public access to documents when recruiting staff to scientific positions. Information about the applicant may therefore be made public even though the applicant has requested that their name be withheld from the public list of applicants.

The applicant will be notified if his/her request is rejected.

The University Museum in Bergen is at present undergoing a reorganization process that may result in a change in the position’s institutional placement and field of activity.

The successful applicant must comply with the guidelines that apply to the position at any time.

Cover letter and a complete overview of education, previous positions and other relevant activities, including administrative qualifications, dissemination work and teaching qualifications, plus an overview of scientific production, is to be sent electronically via WWW.jobbnorge.no to the University of Bergen.

A list of scientific publications and copies of certificates and employment references is to be submitted in in four separate sets to the University Museum of Bergen, Administration, Post Office box 7800, N-5020 Bergen, Norway. The applicant should provide information about which work or parts of his/her works to which particular importance should be attached in connection with the assessment; these should not exceed 10.

The application must contain an assessment of own scholarly work along with a brief outline of own research interests and future research plans.

In all correspondence, please quote the following reference number: 14/3057

Application deadline: 26 May 2014.
A position as Associate Professor of Stone Age archaeology is available at the University Museum of Bergen, the Cultural History Collections. This advertisement comes as part of an ongoing reorganization process at the University Museum and the building up of a strong, integrated multidisciplinary research environment. In total, the cultural history section of the University Museum will be made up of around 35 permanent positions, which will have the scientific and administrative responsibility for anthropology, archaeology, conservation, art and cultural history.

The position has the scientific responsibility for research, collection management and dissemination regarding the Museum’s Stone Age Collection. The successful applicant’s duties will be linked to the management of archaeological material from the Mesolithic up to and including the Middle Neolithic.

The Stone Age collection consists mainly of material collected over the past 150 years from the western regions of Hordaland, Sogn & Fjordane, and Sunnmøre, and there is a substantial increment of artefacts each year from excavations conducted by these three counties’ heritage management authorities and by the University Museum, in accordance with the Cultural Heritage Act. These annual increments constitute a major part of the Museum’s total annual volume of accessions. The main tasks involving the collections in the years ahead will be concerned with digital archiving and database revision, and with making the collections more easily accessible for the purposes of research, dissemination and heritage management.

The appointee will carry out day-to-day advisory work concerning archaeological heritage cases, documentation of the collections, loans and receipt of finds, and will provide professional information and advice in connection with enquiries from students, researchers and the public in general concerning the collections from the Late Lithic Tradition. With regard to exhibitions and other types of dissemination, the appointee will be collaborating with the Public Outreach Division/Exhibitions. The appointee is expected to work particularly closely with his/her colleague responsible for the Late Lithic collections. The position also involves administrative duties in compliance with the current guidelines of the University of Bergen.

When assessing the applicants, their profile will be evaluated in relation to how they may contribute to the cultural history research strategy for 2014-2020. The research within the subject areas anthropology, archaeology, conservation, art history and cultural history is defined through a shared starting point: Perspectives from below. Common for all our collections is that they represent «everyday people» and their material culture and practice. Everyday practices are thus the focus of attention when social structures, religion or identity are being discussed. Perspectives from below is a theoretical and methodical point of departure determined by the fact that the museum research will be based on the culture history objects and materialised practice as an entryway to achieve an understanding of man, society and culture. Two main thematic areas have been singled out within this perspective; religious practice and technology, work and identity. Candidates under consideration for the position should be able to relate to one of these thematic areas. Competence in religious and cosmological conceptions, technological development, settlement patterns, regional exchange, or raw material and resource extraction may be relevant in this respect.

Qualifications

Applicants must have a Norwegian Ph.D. or equivalent qualifications with specialisation within the Stone Age, and should be able to document knowledge of the Norwegian/West Norwegian archaeological record in question.

Particular importance will be attached to documented research expertise and national and international publications within the past five years, along with documented creativity within museum dissemination and collection management. Experience from the development of research networks and projects as well as an interest in interdisciplinary perspectives will also be stressed. Good interpersonal skills will be important in the University Museum’s new organizational model.

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The application should contain a brief outline of own research interests and future research plans.

Jobbnorge ID: 101815, Deadline: Closed