



UNIVERSITY OF BERGEN

**University of  
Bergen**  
Department of  
Archaeology, History,  
Cultural Studies and  
Religion

*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 Professor in the History of the Middle East and Muslim Africa**

At the Department of Archaeology, History, Cultural Studies and Religion (AHKR) there is a vacant permanent position as Associate Professor (førsteamanuensis) in the history of the Middle East and Muslim Africa.

Historical research and teaching at all levels, from BA to MA and PhD, are the primary tasks for the historians at the department. The department emphasizes breadth in both research and teaching, and offers research-based courses in all historical periods, from antiquity until the present, on a variety of levels, from the local to the global, and in a variety of fields, such as economic, social, cultural and political history. In addition to the vacant position there are 21 permanent research positions in History.

Middle Eastern studies is a multidisciplinary and interfaculty research area at the University of Bergen, and is a central element of the research and teaching in non-European history at the department. A particular research focus has been the history of Muslim Africa and in particular the Sudan. The teaching of Middle Eastern history at the Bachelor level takes place within the *Study Current Middle Eastern History* within the Bachelor programme in History, as well as on the Master's level.

### **Qualification requirements**

In the evaluation of the applicants, emphasis will be placed on research competence and teaching experience. Successful applicants must have research competence in history on the level of a Norwegian PhD. The research competence can be from anywhere within the indicated geographic region (the Middle East and Muslim Africa). Applicants who can demonstrate research competence in sources in Arabic language, or in Persian or Turkish, will be preferred. Relevant teaching and administrative experience will also be stressed.

The position has both a teaching and research component. The successful candidate will have to teach and supervise at all levels, Middle Eastern history across all periods from the rise of Islam until today. Basic training in teaching is a requirement. The successful candidate will be offered appropriate courses if this requirement is not met on appointment.

Norwegian is the language of instruction and administration. The successful applicant must be able to teach in Norwegian or one of the other Scandinavian languages within two years of his/her appointment. The university provides suitable courses in Norwegian.

Reference is made to the University's General Regulations which state that as part of the normal duties of the position, the successful applicant may also be required to undertake teaching, supervision and work in connection with examinations in his or her particular field outside the organisational unit to which the appointment belongs.

Nominated candidates will be invited to an interview and asked to give a lecture.

The successful applicant will be expected to relocate to the University of Bergen, work and participate in the running of the Department on a daily basis. The successful applicant has to conform to the regulations that apply to the position.

### **Salary**

Salary will be paid in accordance with pay level 57 (code 1011/24.1) on the government salary scale (currently NOK 473 400,-), following ordinary meriting regulations (wage range 57-65). From the gross wage a 2 % law-enforced membership in the State Pension Fund (Statens pensjonskasse) is deducted.

Higher initial placement may be considered for particularly well-qualified applicants.

### **Additional information**

Further information about the position can be obtained from the Head of Department, Professor Jan Heiret, per e-mail, [jan.heiret@ahkr.uib.no](mailto:jan.heiret@ahkr.uib.no) or tel. 47 55589762, or from the co-ordinator of History, Professor Teemu Ryymin, per e-mail, [teemu.ryymin@ahkr.uib.no](mailto:teemu.ryymin@ahkr.uib.no) or tel. 47 55583879.

Female candidates are encouraged to apply. If several applicants are equally qualified for the position, the rules in the Personnel Regulations for gender quotas for scientific positions will be applied.

State employment shall reflect the multiplicity of the population at large to the highest possible degree. We have therefore adopted a personnel policy objective to ensure that we achieve a balanced age and sex composition and the recruitment of persons of various ethnic backgrounds. Persons of different ethnic backgrounds are therefore encouraged to apply for the position.

The University of Bergen applies the principles of public openness when recruiting staff to scientific positions. Information about the applicant may be made public even when the applicant has requested not to be named in the list of applicants. In such cases the applicant will be notified.

### **How to apply for the job**

Applications should be sent electronically via the link "APPLY FOR THIS JOB"/" SØK STILLINGEN".

The application must include the following documents:

1. Cover letter
2. Scanned versions of original or certified copies of all academic diplomas and transcripts
3. Information about and documentation of pedagogical experience and qualifications (For instances certificate for completed practical-pedagogical education; teaching- compendia and -material for secondary schools; surveys of extent- and level of teaching; pedagogical publications; reports which show participation in projects connected to the development of teaching - for instance the development of alternative forms of teaching, supervision or teaching milieus)
4. Information about and documentation of administrative experience and earlier work
5. List of publications
6. Name and contact information of three referees

The documents may be in Word or pdf-format.

In addition the applicants must send three paper-copies of at most five academic works or parts of work they wish to be given particular attention in the evaluation of their applications. Dissertations from abroad must be included as one of these academic works which are to be listed in a bibliography, also in three paper-copies. All paper-copies are to be sent to the University of Bergen, AHKR, P.O. Box 7800, N-5020 Bergen.

**Application deadline: 30.6.2014**

**Please mark the application 2014/5125**

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