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Doctoral Research Fellowship at the Department of Culture and Literature - J. Schefferus' "Lapponia" (1673) and the new perspective on the Sami

Application deadline: 23. December 2015
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One Doctoral Research Fellowship (PhD) is available at the Department of Culture and Literature at the University of Tromsø - The Arctic University of Norway (UiT). The position is affiliated to the research group Creating the New North (CNN) and the project "The Protracted Reformation in Northern Norway" (PRINN).

The appointment is a fixed term position for a period of four years.

The purpose of the PhD Research Fellowship is research training leading to the successful completion of a doctoral dissertation to be defended in public. The candidate will be affiliated with the Faculty's organised research training, and the academic work must result in a doctoral thesis aiming to obtain the degree of PhD within the period of employment. Admission to a PhD programme is a prerequisite for employment, and the programme period starts on commencement of the position.

The successful candidate must meet the requirements for admission to the Faculty's PhD program, cf. § 6 of UiT PhD regulations. Moreover, the applicant must prove English language proficiency equivalent to the standards of Norwegian Higher Education Entrance Qualification, see [PhD Regulations UiT](#).

For more information, see also uit.no/hsl/phd

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Affiliation

The position is affiliated with the [Department of Culture and Literature](#) (IKL). IKL has approximately 40 permanent academic staff and about 13 PhD-students. It performs teaching, research, and dissemination in art history, comparative literature, and media- and documentation science (including library studies), as well as all fields of specialization within literary and cultural studies - English, Finnish, French, German, Nordic, Russian, Sami, and Spanish. The Department provides education and supervision at all levels from Bachelor to PhD. IKL has an active research culture, and staff are involved in several of the Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences and Education's (HSL-Fak) research groups and projects.

The position is connected to the multidisciplinary research programme "Creating the New North: Manifestations of central power in the North AD 500-1800" (CNN), whose central aim is to develop a new understanding of how the northernmost areas of Europe was transformed from a situation of open interaction between diverse ethnic groups to a northern peripheral area subjected to emerging national states with administrative centres further south. Moreover, the project aims to observe this development in a regional, national and continental context. The research programme consists of historians, archaeologists and researchers within religious studies, art history and literature.
https://en.uit.no/forskning/forskningsgrupper/gruppe?p_document_id=344565

The project "The Protracted Reformation in Northern Norway" (PRINN), which is part of the research programme CNN, aims to clarify the more general social changes that the Reformation entailed; and to identify which factors helped shape developments in the north, as well as the development of relations between peoples and states in the northern regions.
https://uit.no/prosjekter/prosjekt?p_document_id=317402

The position's field of research/research project and other duties

Through the Middle Ages and the Early Modern era, the life and living conditions of the Sami has been connected to a fable world surrounded by myths. Johann Schefferus' (1621-1679) work *Lapponia*, which was first published in Latin in 1673 and quickly translated into English, German, French and Dutch, represents a significant breach with this way of thinking. *Lapponia* led to a paradigm shift in European thinking concerning the Sami and northern Fennoscandia. From being a sub-arctic dystopia, it became a European landscape. The earlier literature had portrayed the area as if inhabited by humanoid and beastly monsters, as for example in Olaus Magnus work from 1556. Schefferus, on the other hand, pictured animals (both in word and drawing) and humans in a realistic and precise manner. Humans are depicted as individuals capable of forming their own social, cultural and economic rules and live by them. *Lapponia*, which is often perceived as an ethnographic work

about the Sami today, was in many ways an early draft for a statistic-topographical description, a work that would map the possible benefit of the Sami areas.

The Ph.D.-project is expected to analyse *Lapponia* by Johann Schefferus. Applicants are challenged to develop a project that aims to analyse one or more of the following aspects: the economic and rhetorical strategies of the text, its ways of tying and manipulating the reader (relative to the rhetoric of the Baroque era), its handling of sources (reports by Sami priests as well as canonical authors), its intertextuality in relation to both quotes and to possible models, for instance similar texts or texts with similar objectives (comparative perspective) and/or the reception of the text itself (as a monograph and excerpts), and its illustrations.

Qualification requirements

Applicants should have a Master's degree within the humanities.. Documented knowledge of Latin is desirable, but not a necessary requirement. Personal suitability will be emphasised.

Working conditions

The normal period of employment is four years. The nominal length of the PhD programme is three years. The fourth year, distributed as 25 % of each year, is reserved for teaching or other academic duties within the university. Please consult [PhD Regulations UiT](#) for further information.

A shorter period of appointment may be decided upon if the applicant has already completed parts of his/her research training programme or if the appointment is based on a previous qualifying position (PhD Candidate, research assistant, or the like) in such a way that the research training amounts to a total of three years.

Remuneration for the position of PhD Candidate is in accordance with the State salary scale code 1017. A compulsory contribution of 2 % to the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund will be deducted.

Application

The **application** must be submitted electronically via the application form available on this page (www.jobbnorge.no).

Applications by e-mail will not be accepted.

The application must include the following attachments:

- letter of application
- project description. Please see further information concerning the template for project [project description](#)
- CV (containing a complete overview of education, supervised professional training and professional work)
- diploma and transcript of records from Bachelor's degree or equivalent
- diploma and transcript of records from Master's degree or equivalent
- diploma supplement for other completed degrees
- documentation of English language proficiency
- list of 2-3 academic referees, including contact details (name, relation to applicant, e-mail address and phone number)
 - author(s), title of work
 - for articles: the name of the journal and volume, first and last page of the article, year of publication
 - for book or other independent publications: publisher, place of print, year of publication, number of pages
- employment reference letters
- Master's Thesis
- other works (published or unpublished) which the applicant wishes to be taken into consideration during the assessment process and a description of these. The list of works should contain the following information:

All documentation must be certified and translated into English or a Scandinavian language in order to be assessed.

Information and material to be considered during the assessment must be submitted within the stipulated deadline.

Assessment

The applicants will be assessed by an expert committee. During this assessment process, emphasis will be attached to the applicant's potential for research as shown by:

- Master's Thesis or equivalent
- other academic works, and
- project description

In addition, consideration may be given to work experience or other activities of significance for the implementation of the PhD research. This includes teaching education, teaching experience, experience from popular outreach and experience/education from other types of dissemination.

The best qualified applicants will be selected for interviews. The interview shall among other things aim to clarify the applicant's personal suitability for the position.

Other information

Applicants shall also refer to the [supplementary regulations for appointment to postdoktor \(postdoctoral Research Fellow\), stipendiat \(PhD\) and vitenskapelige assistent \(Research Assistant\) positions at the UiT](#) and to the http://www.uhr.no/documents/Regulations_Post_doctoral_and_research_fellow.pdf

Questions concerning the organisation of the working environment, such as the physical state of the place of employment, health service, possibility for flexible working hours, part time, etc. as well as questions about the PhD programme may be directed to the telephone reference in this announcement.

UiT's HR policy objectives emphasises diversity, and encourages all qualified applicants to apply regardless of gender, functional ability and national or ethnic background.

UiT is an IW (Inclusive Workplace) enterprise, and will make the necessary adaptations in order to facilitate for employees with reduced functional ability.

Personal data given in an application or CV will be processed in accordance with the Act relating to the processing of personal data (the Personal Data Act). In accordance with Section 25 subsection 2 of the Freedom of Information Act, the applicant may request not to be registered on the public list of applicants. However, the University may nevertheless decide to publish the applicant's name. The applicant will receive advance notification in the event of such publication.

In case of discrepancies between the Norwegian and the English version of this description, the Norwegian version takes precedence.

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