



UNIVERSITETET I OSLO

Jobbnorge-ID: 135634

Søknadsfrist: Closed

Nettside:

Omfang:

Varighet:

Researcher (1-year position)

About the position and the project

The Department seeks to recruit an excellent social scientist (from political science or a related field) to work full time as a Researcher on the ongoing project 'Disentangling the Economic Effects of Political Institutions' (DEEPI). DEEPI contributes to the collection of the Historical Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) dataset and conducts research on the economic effects of political institutions, both in democracies and in autocracies. DEEPI is financed by the Research Council of Norway, via a scheme called 'Young Research Talents', with additional funding from the University of Oslo.

The position is for a 1-year period; 75% of the time is allocated to research and 25% to project administration. The wage level is 486 100 - 567 100 NOK/ approx. 54 000 - 64 000 Euro per year, and the successful applicant will take part in a dynamic team that contributes to moving the knowledge frontier in this field of research.

The successful applicant is expected to contribute scientifically to different parts of the research project, but the main task will be authoring and co-authoring research papers together with other team members on topics that are relevant for the project. The Principal Investigator (PI) of DEEPI is Professor Carl Henrik Knutsen. DEEPI draws on collaboration among an international team of excellent scholars from different Norwegian (UiO, PRIO, ISF), European (Aarhus U.; Lund U.) and US (Boston U.; Harvard U.) institutions. The core team at UiO currently consists of the PI, Sirianne Dahlum, Haakon Gjerløw, Tore Wig, and Research Assistants.

DEEPI studies the impact of political regimes and particular institutions on economic development outcomes and redistributive policies. Political institutions are widely thought to matter. Yet, it remains unclear which exact institutional structures matter, what outcomes they matter for, and which background factors condition these relationships. This knowledge gap stems, in part, from the lack of data tracking detailed institutional features over time. DEEPI thus contributes to constructing the Historical Varieties of Democracy dataset with about 220 institutional indicators coded back to 1789 for about 85 polities, and expanding the Social Policies around the World dataset on features of different social policy programs.

See <http://folk.uio.no/carlhk/publications/DEEPI.pdf> for more detailed information about the project and participants.

The appointment is for a fixed, non-tenured term of 1 year. The successful candidate will have 25% of his or her time allocated to project administrative tasks, such as supervising Research Assistants and organizing project workshops. The successful candidate will also be expected to conduct various validation and reliability tests on the Historical V-Dem dataset as part of the project administrative tasks.

Qualifications

A comprehensive assessment of the applicant's scientific qualifications forms the basis of appointment. Successful applicants must have handed in their PhD thesis for evaluation before the application deadline, and must have achieved a relevant PhD degree before taking up the post. We want to see a record of high-quality publications, especially in peer-reviewed international journals. However, the length of the applicant's research career is taken into account when considering the number of such publications: The intention is to recruit the person that has the best prospects for contributing to the project's research outputs by publishing research of the highest quality. The candidate should, in the application letter, explain how his/her research profile and agenda will contribute to the overall goals of the project.

Given the many co-operative tasks that DEEPI requires to be successful, both on data collection and research, candidates that can demonstrate collaborative skills (e.g. through successful co-authorship) will be advantaged. Further, candidates that have experience with previous systematic data collection efforts, either in individual or collective projects, will also be advantaged.

Other desired qualifications are strong administrative and organizational skills, very good command of English, and statistical software skills (e.g., in STATA or R).

Applications

Applications should be submitted electronically with the following:

- Letter of application, including an assessment of how the candidate's research profile and agenda will contribute to the project
- CV
- A complete list of publications

Note! Publications should not be submitted with the application; the most promising candidates will be asked to submit a select number of publications, as well as their educational certificates and diplomas, later in the process.

The application deadline is 30 April 2017. The screening of the candidates will begin immediately and a short-list will be presented in June. Interviews will be held in early August. The position will be awarded from late August 2017.

We offer:

- salary according to position code 1109, NOK 486 100 - 567 100 per year, depending on qualifications and seniority
- budget for travel and research assistance
- a pleasant and stimulating working environment
- [a good pension scheme through the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund](#)
- [excellent welfare schemes](#)

Please note

The University of Oslo has an Acquisition of Rights Agreement for all employees for the purpose of securing intellectual property rights to research results, etc.

Pursuant to section 25, of the Freedom of Information Act, information concerning the applicant may be disclosed to the public, even if the applicant has requested not to appear on the list of applicants.

As a state institution, we have a personnel policy goal of a balanced age and gender composition of our staff and to recruit persons with an ethnic minority background.

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