



UiO : Universitetet i Oslo

The University of Oslo is Norway's oldest and highest ranked educational and research institution, with 28 000 students and 7000 employees. With its broad range of academic disciplines and internationally recognised research communities, UiO is an important contributor to society.

The Department of Sociology and Human Geography is Norway's leading department for both Sociology and Human Geography. The Department offers four Bachelor's and three Master's programmes. Research, teaching and dissemination activities within both fields are of the highest level. The Department is renowned both for the breadth of topics and methodologies employed and for its highly qualified researchers. Gender balance among the academic staff is an important distinguishing feature. The Department has 35 permanent academic staff, nearly 40 doctoral and post doctoral research fellows and 12 administrative staff members. There are approximately 80 PhD. candidates and 1500 students enrolled in the Department.



Postdoctoral Fellow in Human Geography or equivalent

There is a vacant position at the [Department of Sociology and Human Geography](#) for a Postdoctoral Fellow (SKO1352) in Human Geography or equivalent. The position is either for a period of three years (with no compulsory work), or for a period of four years including compulsory work (primarily teaching). A decision regarding the duration of employment will be made by the Department Board upon appointment to the position and in light of the Department's teaching needs.

The position is associated with a research project called "[AdaptationCONNECTS](#)" funded by the Norwegian Research Council. The objective of the project is to develop new understandings of whether and how different types of transformations can contribute to successful adaptation to climate change. The announced position is linked to the "Art Connects" work package, which explores the role of art in adaptation processes. The first phase of the project involves semi-structured interviews with Norwegian and international artists who address climate change in their work. The second phase builds on principles of action research to develop a creative lab that fosters transdisciplinary dialogue and interaction among artists and scientists. The lab will engage with artists, students and academics in diverse disciplines, and the broader public through artist residencies, exhibitions, lecture series, publications, and creative workshops.

The Postdoctoral fellow will be part of a research group on climate change and society lead by Professor Karen O'Brien at the Department of Sociology and Human Geography. More information on the project, including project description, can be obtained at the project [website](#).

Qualification requirements and personal skills

- Applicants must hold a degree equivalent to a Norwegian doctoral degree in human geography or equivalent. Doctoral dissertation must be submitted for evaluation by the closing date. Appointment is dependent on the public defence of the doctoral thesis being approved.
- Fluent oral and written communication skills in English.
- Applicants must have the capacity for independent academic research at a high level, preferably documented through publications in international journals.
- Applicants must have a good understanding of both the human dimensions of climate change and cultural geography, as well as experience with transdisciplinary research and working with artists.

Residence in Norway is expected, but Postdoctoral fellows are also encouraged to spend time abroad during the fellowship period.

We offer

- salary NOK 490 900 - 569 000 per annum depending on qualifications
- a professionally stimulating working environment
- Attractive [welfare benefits](#) and a generous [pension agreement](#), in addition to Oslo's family-friendly environment with its rich opportunities for culture and outdoor activities

How to apply

The application must include

- Application letter. Please describe your motivation for applying for this position and explain how your background, research and experience is relevant to the AdaptationCONNECTS research project.
- CV summarizing education, positions, research experience, and other qualifying activity
- A complete list of publications
- Copies of educational certificates (academic transcripts only)

- Up to five academic works that the applicant wishes to have considered in the assessment process (a doctoral dissertation or a monograph will count as three publications).

The application with attachments must be delivered in our electronic recruiting system, please follow the link "apply for this job". Foreign applicants are advised to attach an explanation of their University's grading system. Please note that all documents should be in English (or a Scandinavian language).

In assessing applications, particular emphasis will be placed upon the academic and personal capacity of the candidate to contribute to the project within the given timeframe, to interact within national and international networks, and to be part of a dynamic research group. Interviews with the best qualified candidates will be arranged. It is expected that the successful candidate will be able to complete the project in the course of the period of employment.

Formal regulations

Please see the [guidelines](#) and [regulations](#) for appointments to Postdoctoral fellowships at the University of Oslo.

No one can be appointed for more than one specified period at the same institution.

According to the Norwegian Freedom and Information Act (Offentleglova) information about the applicant may be included in the public applicant list, also in cases where the applicant has requested non-disclosure.

The University of Oslo has an [agreement for all employees](#), aiming to secure rights to research results a.o.

The University of Oslo aims to achieve a balanced gender composition in the workforce and to recruit people with ethnic minority backgrounds.

Deadline: 15 August 2017

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