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Senior advisor on Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) for the Center of Digital Life Norway (DLN), 100 % position for 3.5 years

Center for Digital Life Norway

Center for Digital Life Norway (DLN) is a national center for biotechnology research, education, and innovation. The center is a result of the strategic initiative "Digital life - convergence for innovation" and represents an unprecedented collaborative effort by the three major universities in Norway and the Norwegian Research Council, putting forward more than 30 mill € to create a cutting-edge virtual center for computationally based biotechnology, converging experimental life science with theoretical and engineering disciplines. Currently, the center consists of twelve big research projects and a network project. The network project is organized in five working groups on governance and RRI (WP 1), innovation and industry-involvement (WP 2), recruitment and research education (WP 3), infrastructure and data-management (WP 4), and communication and internationalization (WP 5). The work in this work groups is driven by coordinators, supported by leading scientists as group-leaders/mentors. For more information, see: <https://digitallifenorway.org/gb/>

Coordinator for work groups «Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI)» (80%) and «Recruitment and education» (20%)

The Center for Technology and Society at the Department for Interdisciplinary Studies of Culture, NTNU, is leading the RRI work in DLN. The department has a strong research group within RRI and STS in general. The position is a 3.5 years appointment.

The RRI-coordinator shall together with the center leadership and the other work group coordinators contribute to develop and maintain 'Digital Life Norway'. The group of coordinators initiate and coordinate relevant activities across the center's different actors in different locations in Norway. The RRI-coordinator is expected to take a central role in developing RRI within DLN and to have an impact on developing responsible biotechnology R&D in Norway. The RRI-coordinator will also have an important role in developing DLN's career program for young researchers. The position is an outstanding opportunity to gain a visible position at the interface between social studies and humanities (SSH) research and digital biotechnology.

The coordinator does the daily practical management related to RRI and works in close consultation with the RRI-leader in work group 1, senior scientist Heidrun Åm. The basic idea in RRI is to secure that R&D is reflectively developed together with other actors in society and that R&D aligns with societal needs. The RRI-coordinator shall promote DLN's interaction with society, politics, and other interest groups, and stimulate public debate around biotechnology, research politics, and the public good. Regarding the 20% part of the position for work group 3 (recruitment and education), the coordinator reports to prof. Olav Haraldseth.

Main tasks

- Motivation- and development-work regarding RRI in DLN, as central actor within a research group on RRI
- Develop a career program for young researchers in DLN
- Publication and dissemination work on RRI in DLN (both scientific and popular)
- Event organization and administration (i.e. workshops, dialogue meetings, PhD seminar, or match-making)
- Networking
- Management support
- Contribution to daily management of the center, i.e. reporting

Your profile

- A relevant PhD within the humanities or social sciences (qualitative studies of science, technology, and society such as STS, postnormal science and technology assessment, philosophy of science, or the like). Research or work experience can weigh up for a PhD and PhDs in other disciplines relevant for DLN will also be considered, but the candidate must in this case have a relevant master's degree within social sciences and humanities.
- Interdisciplinary education or research experience will count positively (but you may apply without).
- Experience with RRI, public engagement, action research or building social movements is a plus (but not a requirement).
- Knowledge on science governance and experience from research management is also a pro.

Personal characteristics and suitability for the position will be evaluated carefully: We are looking for a colleague who burns for societal aspect in R&D and who is up-to-date on respective current debates. You are a pro-active, enthusiastic, and results-oriented person who works strategically and well structured. Good collaborative skills are important in this position. You need to be able to communicate fluently and effectively in English. Mastery of a Scandinavian language is a pro.

Application

The application must be sent electronically through the website Jobbnorge and be marked with the file number for the position HF17-033.

The application must include:

- A covering letter describing the applicant's motivation for applying this position, a summary of relevant experience and education and qualifications for this position
- CV
- Certified copies of all academic degrees and certificates
- 1-3 selected publications or doctoral thesis
- References

Please note: Applications that are not sent through Jobbnorge and/or are sent after the application deadline will not be taken into consideration. Applicants that are considered for the position will be asked for references and invited to an interview.

Terms of appointment

The position of senior advisor is placed within code 1364 of the State salary regulations, with a minimum salary of NOK 515 600,- and a maximum of NOK 621 400,- per year, depending on qualifications. Two percent of the gross salary is deducted and paid to the State Pension scheme.

The appointment will be made in accordance with regulations for fellowship appointments at universities, and with regulations concerning State Employees and Civil Servants. A contract will be drawn up detailing the period of appointment and required duties.

The successful applicant's work place will be at the Department for Interdisciplinary Studies of Culture, NTNU Trondheim.

It is a major political objective to achieve a balance of age and gender in the national labor force and to recruit persons with diverse backgrounds. Candidates who fit the latter descriptions are encouraged to apply.

You may request to have your name withheld from public access. If you wish to do so, you must explain why your application should be treated as confidential. If you request that your name be withheld from public access, your request will be considered in relation to the Open File Act § 25. If your request to have your name kept from public access is denied, you will be so informed and you will be given the opportunity to withdraw your application.

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Application deadline 15.09.2017

Jobbnorge ID: 140377, Deadline: The application deadline has passed