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.

Three PhD positions - Climate and energy transformation - Extended deadline

The Centre for Climate and Energy Transformation (CET), University of Bergen, is currently expanding. CET is now recruiting three PhD fellows to strengthen the centre’s key research areas. We aim to develop actionable knowledge about societal transformation pathways - strategies for society to decarbonize its energy supply, bring the economy into line with climate and ecological boundaries, and build resilience to changing climates. With a basis in social science, we bring together researchers across disciplinary boundaries in collaboration and knowledge exchange.

We are currently seeking three PhD candidates, each for a period of 4 years, to work within one of the five prioritized research areas for CET:
- Analyses of policy and market dynamics
- Integrated modelling of societal transformation pathways
- Public perceptions and preferences
- Urban and local governance
- National-level energy transitions

The candidates hired will have their workplace at the CET floor of the Faculty of Social Sciences building, and will be expected to contribute to making CET a dynamic and productive academic environment.

The positions are not limited to specific disciplines. However, the applicants’ competence, as well as the proposed research, must be relevant to the scope of CET’s prioritized research areas.

Qualifications and personal qualities:
- The applicant must hold a master’s degree or the equivalent within the fields of climate, energy, transformation, environment, sustainability or social change. The degree has to be completed by the application deadline,
- The requirements are generally grade B or better on Master thesis and for the Master degree in total
- An interest in interdisciplinary research, and a demonstrated ability to work with others
- Proficiency in both written and oral English

If possible, applicants should have discussed their project with a prospective supervisor. Please indicate in the application whether a supervisor has been identified. An advisor agreement is not a prerequisite, but we need to assess the centre’s capacity to supervise the specific project proposed.

The final ranking of applicants may take into consideration the overall balance of CET researchers across disciplines and research areas.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to an interview.

About the PhD position
The duration of the PhD position is 4 years, of which 25 per cent of the time comprises obligatory duties associated with research, teaching and dissemination of results. These duties will be tied to the activities of CET. The employment period for the successful candidate may be reduced if he or she previously has been employed in a PhD position.

About the research training:
As a PhD research fellow you will take part in the doctoral educational programme at UoB. The programme corresponds to a period of three years and leads to the submission of the PhD dissertation. To be eligible for admission you must have completed a Master’s degree. The educational background must be equivalent to a five-year Master’s education, including a two-year Master’s degree and a Master thesis. It is expected that the topic of the Master’s degree is connected to the academic field to which you are seeking admission.

We can offer:
- Salary at pay grade 50 upon appointment (Code 1017) on the government salary scale (equivalent to NOK 436 900,- per year). Further promotions are made according to length of service in the position
- A good and professionally challenging working environment
- Enrolment in the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund
Your application must include:

- A cover letter including a brief account of your research interests and motivation for applying for the position
- The names and contact information for two reference persons. One of them must be the main advisor for the master's thesis or equivalent thesis
- CV, including publications (if any)
- Transcripts and diplomas showing completion of the bachelor's and master's degrees.
- Relevant certificates/references
- A maximum of 3 publications can be submitted (please upload your master's thesis or equivalent).
- Project proposal: A research proposal (5-8 pages) explaining the intended theoretical and/or empirical contributions of the project, as well as methodological foundations and plans for data collection must accompany the application. The proposal should also include a progress plan for the different parts of the project. A budget of running costs should be included. Admittance to the PhD-programme will be based on the research proposal.
- If you have a master's degree from an institution outside of the Nordic countries, or a 2-year discipline-based master's degree (or the equivalent) in a subject area other than the one associated with the application, you may later in the application process be asked to submit an overview of the syllabus for the degree you have completed.

The application and appendices with certified translations into English or a Scandinavian language must be uploaded at Jobbnorge following the link on this page marked “Apply for this job”.

The application has to be marked: 17/11915

Closing date: November 7, 2017

Applications submitted without a project description or applications sent as e-mails will not be considered. Only submitted documents will be subjected to an expert assessment.

General information:
Additional information about the position is obtainable by contacting CET Director Håvard Haarstad, e-mail havard.haarstad@uib.no, phone +47 55 58 45 81.

Practical questions regarding the application procedures should be directed to adviser Beathe Moldestad, phone +47 55 58 90 56, e-mail: beathe.moldestad@uib.no.

Appointed research fellows will be admitted to the doctoral education program at the Faculty of Social Sciences. Further information about the program is available on the webpage http://www.uib.no/en/svf/37940/doctoral-education. Questions about the program may be directed to senior officer Hanne Gravermoen, e-mail: hanne.gravermoen@uib.no, phone: +47 55 58 90 68.

The state labour force shall reflect the diversity of Norwegian society to the greatest extent possible. Age and gender balance among employees is therefore a goal. It is also a goal to recruit people with immigrant backgrounds. People with immigrant backgrounds and people with disabilities are encouraged to apply for the position.

The University of Bergen applies the principle of public access to information when recruiting staff for academic positions.

Information about applicants may be made public even if the applicant has asked not to be named on the list of persons who have applied. The applicant must be notified if the request to be omitted is not met.

The successful applicant must comply with the guidelines that apply to the position at all times.

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