

The University of Stavanger (UiS) has about 12,000 students and 1,700 employees. The University is located in the third largest urban region in Norway, with a dynamic labor market and exciting cultural and leisure activities. We are the only Norwegian member of the European Consortium of Innovative Universities. The university has high ambitions. We will be a driving force in the development of knowledge in the region, and an international research university with an emphasis on innovation. Together with our staff and students, we will challenge the well-known and explore the unknown.

The Faculty of Social Sciences offers study programs at the bachelor, master and doctoral levels. The programs are varied and include Economics, Business Administration, Law, Tourism, Media, Sociology, Social Work, Childcare, Nursing, Change Management, Arts and Culture and Societal Safety. The study programs are based on a combination of theoretical and practical knowledge, on interdisciplinarity and collaboration with public and private sector. New knowledge is generated from both practical experience and systematic research, or a combination of these two.

The faculty has about 2,200 students and 160 employees. It consists of , Department of Media and Social Sciences, Department of Social Studies and the Norwegian School of Hotel Management.

Research fellow in Gender Studies

The University of Stavanger invites applications for a PhD position/research fellow in Gender Studies at the Faculty of Social Sciences. The employee will be affiliated with the Network for Gender Studies.

This is a trainee position that will give promising researchers an opportunity for academic development leading to a doctoral degree. Appointment is for three years with research duties only or four years with research and 25% compulsory duties. This will be decided in the recruitment process. The position is vacant from August 1, 2018.

The research area for the position is the posthuman turn, which have impacted theory development in the field of feminist and gender studies in recent years. Central to the research area are critical perspectives on structural (in)equality in a globalised world, climate change, the welfare state, ethics and knowledge production. The position is relevant for theoretical development within adjoining fields of study, such as queer ecologies, crip theory & disability studies, decolonial studies, energy, environment and society, critical race studies, monster studies (feminist) philosophy of science, social sciences and cultural studies.

We invite applicants to outline a project proposal concerning the posthuman turn in gender studies. Potential approaches are:

- Knowledge production: How can posthuman perspectives contribute to a potential renegotiation of epistemology and ontology in our time? Relevant cases are for example recent developments in feminist philosophy of science or studies of such negotiations in speculative fiction.
- Identity and belonging: the posthuman turn challenges conventional structures of difference and differentiation. Relevant case studies are for example how these challenges manifest in political debates, popular culture or media landscapes.
- The welfare state and welfare technologies: increasing use of technology in the care, health and welfare sector accentuate ethical and political challenges concerning user participation and demands for more efficient services. Relevant case studies are for example technology-mediated care practices, such as the care robot or reproductive assistance.
- Biotechnology and ethics: what kinds of possibilities can a posthuman perspective offer to contemporary ethical debates about the sorting society and body modification? Relevant case studies are for example egg donation and fetal diagnostics.
- Climate change and sustainable development: in what ways are ideas and discourses about the posthuman negotiated, and in which contexts? Relevant cases are for example normcritical perspectives on climate politics, animal welfare and food politics.

Applicants are asked to supply a project proposal of max. 5 pages.




Applicants must have a strong academic background with a five-year master degree in Gender Studies or another relevant background in relation to the research area, preferably recently, or possess corresponding qualifications which could provide a basis for successfully completing a doctorate. Applicants must have obtained their master's degree or handed in their master's thesis for examination before the deadline. Both the grade for the master's thesis and the weighted average grade of the master's degree must individually be equivalent to or better than a B grade.

In evaluating the applicants, emphasis will be placed on their potential for research in the field. The appointee must be able to work independently and as a member of a team, be creative and innovative. The research fellow must have a good command of both oral and written English.

The resulting PhD degree will qualify for research and teaching positions at University level.

The appointee will be based at the University of Stavanger, with the exception of a stay abroad at a relevant centre of research.

The research fellow is salaried according to the State Salary Code, l.pl 17.515, code 1017, LR 20 of NOK 436 900 per annum. The position provides for automatic membership in the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund, which guarantees favourable retirement benefits.

Further information about the research theme and the position can be obtained from professor Lene Myong, tlf +47 51831509 , e-mail lene.myong@uis.no or from associate professor Ingvil Hellstrand, tlf +47 51831543 , e-mail ingvil.f.hellstrand@uis.no. Information about the appointment procedures can be obtained from senior HR-advisor Helene Engelsgerd Figved, tlf +47 51831558 , e-mail helene.e.figved@uis.no.

Network for Gender Studies strive to create an inclusive and diverse work environment, and encourage people with minority experience to apply.

Please register your application in an electronic form on jobbnorge.no. Relevant education and experience must be registered on the form. Certificates/diplomas, references, list of publications and other documentation that you consider relevant, should be submitted as attachments to the application as separate files. The documentation must be available in either a Scandinavian language or in English. If the attachments exceed 30 MB altogether, they will have to be compressed before uploading.

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