



Doctoral Research Fellowship in Philosophy/ Climate Ethics

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One Doctoral Research Fellowship (PhD) within Philosophy, Climate Ethics, is available in the Department of philosophy at the University of Tromsø - The Arctic University of Norway (UiT). The position is affiliated to the Environmental Philosophy Research Group.

The appointment is a fixed term position for a period of *four years*.

The purpose of the PhD Research Fellowship is research training leading to the successful completion of a doctoral dissertation to be defended publically. The candidate will be affiliated with the Faculty's organised research training, and the academic work must result in a doctoral thesis aiming to obtain the degree of PhD within the period of employment. Admission to a PhD programme is a prerequisite for employment, and the programme period starts on commencement of the position.

The successful candidate must meet the requirements for admission to the Faculty's PhD program, cf. § 6 of UiT PhD regulations. Moreover, the applicant must prove English language proficiency equivalent to the standards of Norwegian Higher Education Entrance Qualification, see [PhD Regulations UiT](#).

For more information, see also uit.no/hsl/phd.

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Affiliation

The position is attached to the [Department of Philosophy](#) (IFF).

The Department offers obligatory introduction courses in philosophy for all the students at UiT ("Examen Philosophicum" and "Examen Facultatum") as well as bachelor, master, and PhD programs in philosophy. The staff at the Department includes 22 researchers and lecturers, 2 emeritus professors, 1 adjunct professor, 3 post-doctors, 8 PhD scholars, and 4 administrative employees.

The research and teaching at the Department is spread over the various fields of philosophy, such as history of philosophy, ethics, political philosophy, social philosophy, logic, and philosophy of science. The Department's main field of activity concerns issues of **practical philosophy**. There are four research groups:

- Environmental Philosophy: [Environmental Philosophy Research Group](#)
- Political Philosophy: [Pluralism, Democracy and Justice](#)
- Ethics: [Ethics Research Group](#)
- Feminist Philosophy: [Feminist Philosophy Research Group](#)

The appointed Doctoral Research Fellowship must have her/his daily workplace at the UiT, *campus Tromsø*.

The position's field of research/research project and other duties

The position is associated with the interdisciplinary research project [iCCU](#) at the UiT. The successful candidate will become a member of, and interact with, the interdisciplinary research team in the iCCU-project, whose members work on different aspects related to CO₂, like climate justice, conversion of CO₂ into higher-value products, and development of business-models for industrial CO₂-conversion processes.

The candidate will also be a member of the *Environmental Research Group* ([EPG](#)) as well as a member of the *Arctic Center for Sustainable Energy* ([ARC](#)) at UiT, which is also a partner in the iCCU project.

The position's field of research is environmental justice. What does a just transition to a sustainable use of resources look like? The primary objective of iCCU is to optimize industrially relevant technologies for CO₂ Capture and Utilisation (CCU) by taking into account environmental, ethical, and business-related aspects. The research objective of the fellowship in philosophy is to analyse capture and utilisation of CO₂ from the perspective of environmental ethics and/or climate justice. Could we promote a just and sustainable use of resources by aligning a local industrial initiative with the actions needed to protect the global commons? In order to effectively address management of global common resources like the capacity of the atmosphere and ocean to absorb CO₂, we need to work on multiple scales.

The research focus will be (but is not limited to)

1. to what extent industrial CCU could contribute to the implementation of Norway's fair share of a global climate effort, see for ex. <https://www.sei-international.org/mediamanager/documents/Publications/Climate/SEI-KN-2014-Norways-fair-share.pdf> . Mechanisms for

transfer of green technology to developing countries plays an important role in the Paris Agreement from 2015. Is there a role for CCU in our effort to promote climate justice?

2. how to balance economic, social and environmental dimensions in an industrial initiative producing *different* kinds of benefits, like reducing outlets of greenhouse gases, energy-efficient production, algae based fish meal, and green technology.
3. to develop a better understanding of the relation between climate ethics and the ethics of food.
4. to what extent the alignment of a local commons (natural resources, human and industrial capital, scientific knowledge, local economy and workplaces, renewable energy) and the sustainable use of our global commons (atmosphere, the ocean) makes it easier for people to connect to, and feel they have agency in relation to, the called-for transition to a sustainable society.

A 6-12 months stay at a university abroad is encouraged.

Qualification requirements

The position requires a Master`s degree in Philosophy or a foreign degree recognised as equivalent to a Norwegian Master`s degree. Grade B or better in the Norwegian grading system for the Master`s thesis, is required. In special cases, PhD candidates can be accepted with a lower grade (C), if the candidate has scientific publications in addition to the MA.

In addition, the candidate must be able to document proficiency in English equivalent to Norwegian Higher Education Entrance Qualification, refer to the website about [PhD regulations at UiT](#).

For more information, see also: [Supplementary regulations HSL](#).

Personal suitability will be emphasised.

Working conditions

Four-year appointment: The normal period of employment is four years. The nominal length of the PhD programme is three years. The fourth year, distributed as 25 % of each year, is reserved for teaching or other academic duties within the university. Please consult [PhD Regulations UiT](#) for further information. The position will especially be assigned teaching duties within philosophy.

A shorter period of appointment may be decided upon if the applicant has already completed parts of his/her research training programme or if the appointment is based on a previous qualifying position (PhD Candidate, research assistant, or the like) in such a way that the research training amounts to a total of three years.

Remuneration for the position of PhD Candidate is in accordance with the State salary scale code 1017. A compulsory contribution of 2 % to the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund will be deducted.

Application

The **application** must be submitted electronically via the application form available on www.jobbnorge.no.

Applications by e-mail are not accepted.

The application must include the following attachments:

- letter of application
- project description. Please see further information concerning the template for [project description](#)
- CV (containing a complete overview of education, supervised professional training and professional work)
- diploma and transcript of records from Bachelor`s degree or equivalent
- diploma and transcript of records from Master`s degree or equivalent
- diploma supplement for other completed degrees
- documentation of English language proficiency
- list of 2-3 academic referees, including contact details (name, relation to applicant, e-mail address and phone number)
- Master`s Thesis
- other works (published or unpublished) which the applicant wishes to be taken into consideration during the assessment process and a description of these. The list of works should contain the following information:
 - author(s), title of work
 - for articles: the name of the journal and volume, first and last page of the article, year of publication
 - for book or other independent publications: publisher, place of print, year of publication, number of pages

All documentaton must be certified and translated into English or a Scandinavian language in order to be assessed.

Information and material to be considered during the assessment must be submitted within the stipulated deadline.

Assessment

The applicants will be assessed by an expert committee. During this assessment process, emphasis will be attached to the applicant`s potential for research as shown by:

- Master`s Thesis or equivalent
- other academic works, and
- project description

In addition, consideration may be given to work experience or other activities of significance for the implementation of the PhD research. This includes teaching education, teaching experience, experience from popularisation and experience/education from other types of dissemination.

The best qualified applicants will be selected for interviews. The interview shall among other things aim to clarify the applicant`s personal suitability for the position.

Other information

Applicants shall also refer to the [supplementary regulations concerning terms and conditions of employment for the position of postdoctor, research fellow and research assistant at UiT](#) and the [regulations concerning terms and conditions of employment for the position of postdoctor, research fellow and research assistant](#).

Questions concerning the organisation of the working environment, such as the physical state of the place of employment, health service, possibility for flexible working hours, part time, etc. as well as questions about the PhD programme may be directed to the telephone reference in this announcement.

UiT's HR policy objectives emphasises diversity, and encourages all qualified applicants to apply regardless of gender, functional ability and national or ethnic background.

UiT is an IW (Inclusive Workplace) enterprise, and will make the necessary adaptations in order to facilitate for employees with reduced functional ability.

Personal data given in an application or CV will be processed in accordance with the Act relating to the processing of personal data (the Personal Data Act). In accordance with Section 25 subsection 2 of the Freedom of Information Act, the applicant may request not to be registered on the public list of applicants. However, the University may nevertheless decide to publish the applicant's name. The applicant will receive advance notification in the event of such publication.

In case of discrepancies between the Norwegian and the English version of this description, the Norwegian version takes precedence.

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