



**UiT The Arctic
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Faculty of
Humanities, Social
Sciences and
Education -
Department of
Language and
Culture

Doctoral Research Fellowship in Linguistics

One Doctoral Research Fellowship (PhD position) in Linguistics is available at the Department of Language and Culture at the University of Tromsø - The Arctic University of Norway (UiT). The position is part of the international doctoral track in cooperation with the University of Verona.

The appointment is a fixed term position for a period of four years. The starting date is 1 October 2018 or as soon as possible thereafter. Applications are expected on or before 5 July 2018.

The purpose of the PhD Research Fellowship is research training leading to the successful completion of a doctoral dissertation to be defended publicly. The candidate will be enrolled in the CASTL graduate school and the PhD programme in Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures at the University of Verona, and the academic work must result in a doctoral thesis aiming to obtain the degree of PhD within the period of employment. Admission to the 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.

For further information about the position (and the project), please contact Prof. Martin Krämer +47 77 64 65 01, martin.kramer@uit.no or the Head of the Department of Language and Culture, Eystein Dahl, phone +47 77 64 42 90, e-mail: Eystein.dahl@uit.no.

Affiliation

The position is affiliated with the [Department of Language and Culture](#) (ISK). The Department consists of 75 permanent employees, 10 adjunct professors, and approximately 30 PhD fellows. Additionally, the Department has approximately 35 temporary research and teaching positions. The Department's core activities are research, teaching, and dissemination within linguistics, literature, art history, and media and documentation studies.

The Department has a very active and diverse research profile. It houses one of the world's most excellent research communities in linguistics, with research groups within cognitive linguistics (CLEAR), Sami language technology (Giellatekno and Divvun), sociolinguistics (LAIDUA), language acquisition (LAVA), and theoretical linguistics (CASTL-FISH). The Department's research communities within literature, art history, and media and documentation studies are nationally highly competitive, and are organised into research groups such as Health Art Society (HAS), Russian Space, WARGAME and ALMPUB.

The Department offers one-year programmes, as well as Bachelor, and Master programmes in the following fields: General linguistics, literature, art history, media and documentation studies, English, Kven, Finnish, Norwegian, Russian, Sami, Spanish, and German. It also offers PhD education within cultural/literary studies, art history, media and documentation studies, and linguistics.

For a list of completed doctoral projects within the CASTL graduate school, see <http://site.uit.no/castl/research/output/phd-dissertations/>

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)

Once employed, the successful candidate will have the possibility to specialize in the areas of syntax, phonology, multilingualism, minority languages, dialectology/microvariation, diachronic variation, historical semantics and syntax, language contact, language acquisition, language processing and language pathologies/disorders/attrition. The PhD student can acquire competence in traditional methodologies (such as dialectological field work) as well as in laboratory based research (e.g. acoustic analysis of audio data) and experimental methodologies (e.g. ERP-related approaches, eye-tracking).

The successful applicant will write a thesis on a topic in any of the above areas under the main supervision of an expert affiliated with UiT and co-supervised by an expert at the University of Verona. Furthermore, the duties of the position include active engagement in CASTL research seminars and other academic activities such as conferences and colloquia. The candidate is required to spend one year at the University of

Verona. On successful completion of the PhD programme, the candidate will be granted a doctoral diploma both from UiT and from the University of Verona.

Qualification requirements

The position requires a Master's degree in Linguistics or a related discipline, or a foreign degree recognised as equivalent to a Norwegian Master's degree. The grade B or better in the Norwegian grading system for the Master's thesis, is required. For more information, see also: [Supplementary regulations HSL](#).

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

Personal suitability will be emphasised.

Working conditions

The normal period of employment is four years. The nominal length of the PhD programme is three years. The fourth year, which may as well be distributed as 25 % of each year or similar, is reserved for teaching or other academic duties within the university. Please consult [PhD Regulations UiT](#) for further information. While being primarily based at the University of Tromsø, the post holder will be expected to spend one academic year (two semesters) at the University of Verona.

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
- thesis 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 documentation 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.

