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Department of
History and Religious
Studies**

Doctoral Research Fellowship in religious studies at UiT The Arctic University of Norway

One Doctoral Research Fellowship (PhD) within religious studies is available in the Department of Archaeology, History, Religious Studies and Theology at the University of Tromsø - The Arctic University of Norway (UiT). The position is affiliated to the research group INREL (Indigenous Religion(s): Local Grounds, Global Networks).

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.

Admission to a PhD programme is a prerequisite for employment in a PhD position; cf. Section 6 of the Regulations for the degree of Philosophiae Doctor (PhD) at the University of Tromsø. The plan for the PhD programme must be approved and the contract signed no later than three months after the starting date. In connection with this, the person who is appointed can receive a period of up to two months in which to submit a draft of their project description/reworked project description and a proposal of courses for the instruction component. In the event that the PhD contract is not completed within the stipulated deadline, the employer may annul the contract; cf. Section 1-3(8) of the Regulations concerning terms and conditions of employment to the posts of postdoktor (post-doctoral research fellow), stipendiat (research fellow), vitenskapelig assistent (research assistant) and spesialistkandidat (resident). 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.

Questions about the position can be directed to Professor Siv Ellen Kraft (siv.ellen.kraft@uit.no, +47 77 64 43 90) or Professor Bjørn Ola Tafjord (bjorn.tafjord@uit.no, +47 77 64 52 89).

Affiliation

The Department of Archaeology, History, Religious Studies and Theology is part of the Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences and Education. The department has 25 permanent academic positions, of which 7 are in archaeology, 12 are in history, 3 are in religious studies, and 3 are in theology. The academic staff of the department teaches and gives supervision to students at all levels from bachelor to PhD.

The appointed Doctoral Research Fellow will have her/his daily workplace at UiT, campus Tromsø

The position's field of research

The topic for this PhD research project is "Indigenous Religion(s) in the media". Applicants should propose a case study of how indigenous practices from one particular indigenous community are articulated or represented as religious and/or spiritual in one or more media and broadcasted locally, nationally, regionally, and/or globally. Which translations do the practices then undergo? Who controls these translations? What do they generate? The research project should also shed light on the broader political and social situation of the indigenous community and ask how such articulations or representations in different media have both political and religious significance.

The PhD project will be part of the research group "Indigenous Religion(s): Local Grounds, Global Networks" (INREL) that studies articulations of indigenous religion(s) in different contexts around the world and explores the relations between local and globalizing discourses of indigeneity and religion. For more about INREL, see https://uit.no/Content/403128/indigenous_religion_project%20description.pdf. The PhD student is also expected to collaborate with researchers in media studies at UiT and indigenous journalism at the Sámi University of Applied Sciences in Kautokeino.

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

Qualification requirements

The position requires a Master's degree in religious studies or in a closely related field. Substantial knowledge of contexts and languages that are relevant for the case study must be documented.

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

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, 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 religious studies.

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
- a project description in English of max 5 pages. 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 given 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 can find more information in 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.

We are looking forward to receiving your application.

Jobbnorge ID: 154628, Deadline: The application deadline has passed