University of Stavanger

The University of Stavanger (UiS) has about 12,000 students and 1,700 employees. We are the only Norwegian member of the European Consortium of Innovative Universities. The university has high ambitions. We will have an innovative and international profile, and will be a driving force in knowledge development and in the process of societal change. Together with our staff and students, we will challenge the well-known and explore the unknown.

The museum has an academic staff with researchers in archeology, conservation, various natural sciences and more recent cultural history. The staff covers several fields within conservation, laboratories, photographic services, archives and scientific collections, management tasks under the Cultural Heritage Act, exhibition production, graphic design, school service and public involvment. The museum publishes two series of writings which are point-giving in CRIStin. The museum currently has a total of 75 permanent employees in four departments and in the museum administration.

Research fellow in Archaemoetry and/or Conservation Science

19.12.2018

The University of Stavanger invites applications for a research fellowship in archaeometry and/or conservation science at the Museum of Archaeology

This is a trainee position that will give promising researchers an opportunity for academic development leading to a doctoral degree.

The appointment is for three years with research duties exclusively. The position is vacant.

The project should be thematically linked to BEAM, one of the museum's research cluster (Biological Environmental and Archaeological inter-disciplinary research on life-course, Material and materiality in human depositions, https://am.uis.no/about-the-museum/research/beam/). BEAM's overarching goals are to strengthen the interdisciplinary research at the museum and to integrate heritage management, research and research communication. A central research theme within the BEAM group is the optimized use and safeguarding of biological materials from archaeological contexts through an interdisciplinary, multianalytical approach. These materials may include not only skeletal remains, textile and wood, but also burnt or mineralized organic materials, invisible traces in soil samples or organic molecules such as DNA, fats and proteins. BEAM-researchers are also involved in the ongoing restoration work on Stavanger's medieval cathedral and are using archaeometric methods to understand the technology, material use and condition of the cathedral.

The project must be interdisciplinary and include natural scientific analyses of materials to answer questions within the areas of archaeology or cultural heritage management and conservation. The PhD-project must include material from the museum's own collections (see online database UNIMUS http://www.unimus.no/), from the museum's cultural heritage management projects or from larger, externally-funded projects. Materials and themes from the Medieval Period are particularly relevant. Contact person: Hege Hollund, telephone +47-51832686, hege.hollund@uis.no.

The applicant must submit a 5-7 pages long project description along with the application form. The project plan must describe aims, research questions, theory (if relevant), methods, empirical material and a progress plan for the project. This temporary project plan draft will be used to evaluate the candidates qualifications and will be assessed based on the museum's strategic research plan, which can be found on the museum's website (https://am.uis.no/om-museet/aarsmeldinger-og-planer/). The project plan draft will be further developed over the course of the first three months of employment, in collaboration with the researcher's supervisors, to form the final project description.

Applicants must have a strong academic background with a five-year master degree within natural science, archaeology or conservation, preferably acquired recently; or possess corresponding qualifications that provide a basis for successfully completing a doctorate. Knowledge of, experience with and interest in scientific analytical techniques, ancient materials and technology is an advantage. 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, and be approved by NOKUT.

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 salary for this position is set according to the State Salary Code, I.pl 17.515, code 1017, NOK 449.400,- per annum. The position provides an automatic membership in the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund, which guarantees favourable retirement benefits.

Further information about the position can be obtained from Kristin Armstrong Oma, telephone +47-51832601, kristin.a.oma@uis.no. Information about the appointment procedures can be obtained from HR-advisor Helene Engelsgjerd Figved, telephone +47 51831558, email helene.e.figved@uis.no.

Please register your application in an electronic form at jobbnorge.no. Relevant education and experience must be registered in 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 either in a Scandinavian language or in English. If the attachments exceed 30 MB altogether, they will have to be compressed before upload.

Jobbnorge ID: 160003, Deadline: The application deadline has passed