



The University of Agder has more than 1400 employees and 13 000 students. This makes us one of the largest workplaces in Southern Norway. Our staff research, teach and disseminate knowledge from a variety of academic fields. Co-creation of knowledge is our common vision. We offer a broad range of study programmes in many fields. We are situated at two modern campuses in Kristiansand and Grimstad respectively.

We are an open and inclusive university marked by a culture of cooperation. The aim of the university is to further develop education and research at a high international level.

PhD Research Fellow in Information Systems

The University of Agder, Faculty of Social Sciences, Department of Information Systems invites applications for one full-time PhD Research Fellow in Information Systems for a period of three years, alternatively four years with 25% of the time assigned to tasks at the Faculty's discretion. The position is located in Kristiansand, Norway.

The Faculty of Social Sciences has approximately 110 employees and 1700 students and comprises the following four departments: Department of Information Systems, Department of Political Science and Management, Department of Global Development and Planning, and Department of Sociology and Social Work.

Description of the position

The position is affiliated with the Centre for Integrated Emergency Management (CIEM) at the University of Agder, which is an interdisciplinary research centre focusing on how information and communication technologies can support innovative practices in emergency preparedness and response. The centre involves 20 researchers with expertise in information systems, computer science and social sciences. At the core of CIEM's research is collection, integration, analysis and presentation of data from different sources, as a basis for enhanced information sharing, situational awareness and decision-support in emergency response. This includes both data from various sensors and human-generated data from social media. An overall goal of CIEM is to contribute to strengthening societal security and community resilience. More information on CIEM is available at <http://ciem.uia.no>.

The candidate is expected to contribute to CIEM's research on analysis, integration and use of information in emergency preparedness and response. Particular emphasis is on the role of social media both as a potential source for relevant information, and as a medium for effective information sharing between emergency stakeholders and the public. The candidate will be invited to participate in a European RISE project on social media analytics for society and crises, involving collaboration with an international network of universities. This will involve some international travel for project workshops and research visits and give the candidate a possibility to build a good network.

The candidate should have expertise in one or more of the following research areas:

- Social media analytics
- Crisis communication
- Decision support
- Data integration and visualisation
- Situational awareness

Understanding of socio-cultural factors influencing adoption and use of the technological solutions is also considered important.

Qualifications and terms

Further provisions relating to the positions as PhD Research Fellows can be found in the [Regulations Concerning Terms and Conditions of Employment for the post of Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Research Fellow, Research Assistant and Resident](#).

The applicants must qualify for admission to the PhD programme specialisation in Information Systems and must hold a master's degree in information systems or equivalent with an average mark of B or better. Applicants who are in the process of finishing their master's thesis are also welcome to apply for this position. For more information on the PhD programme and admission requirements, please see:

<https://www.uia.no/en/studies2/phd-programmes/specialisation-in-information-systems>
<https://www.uia.no/en/research/phd-programmes/information-for-applicants>

Applicants must submit a project proposal whose scope lies within the abovementioned research areas. The project proposal should comprise a maximum of ten pages, including the reference list. The proposal must contain a preliminary presentation of the research problem, theoretical foundation, methodological approach and planned progression for the doctoral project. The quality of the project proposal will receive a high level of consideration during the application assessment process.

The appointee must have the ability to work in a goal-oriented, organised, focused and independent manner. During the assessment process, emphasis will be placed on the applicant's examination results as well as any previous research and development work. Relevant practical experience, personal suitability and good teamwork skills will also be emphasised. Fluency in written and oral English is a prerequisite. The University, on its side, is committed to securing good supervision for the successful applicants. Short-listed applicants will be invited for interviews.

We offer:

- A variety of responsibilities in a large, exciting and influential organization
- A position with opportunities for personal development in a diverse environment

- Modern facilities and a comprehensive set of welfare offers
- Flexible working hours

The position is remunerated within the State salary scale, salary plan 17.515, code 1017, NOK 449.400. A 2% compulsory pension contribution will be deducted and paid to the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund according to current statutory provisions.

The Norwegian public service is committed to reflecting the diversity of society, and the personnel policy of the University of Agder aims to achieve a balanced workforce. All qualified persons are therefore encouraged to apply for the position, irrespective of cultural background, gender, age or disability.

The successful applicants will have rights and obligations in accordance with the current regulations for the public service. The appointment is made by the University of Agder's Appointments Committee for Teaching and Research Positions.

Application

Applicants must submit their application and CV online. Please use the link "Apply for this job". The following additional documentation must be uploaded as an attachment with the online application:

- Certified copies of diplomas, transcripts and letters of reference*
- Copies of scientific publications and list of scientific publications
- Master's thesis
- Project description (maximum ten pages)

*Original documents of the certificates/diplomas and transcripts of records or authenticated copies of the original documents with stamp, date, and readable signature from a public office (e.g. university, college, or police) must be presented before appointment.

Please note that the application must be submitted online. The applicants are fully responsible for submitting complete documentation before the closing date. All documentation must be available in a Scandinavian language or English. Without complete documentation we cannot, unfortunately, include you in the assessment process.

Closing date: 27 February 2019.

In accordance with §25 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act, applicants may request that they are not identified in the open list of applicants. The University, however, reserves the right to publish the name of the applicants. Applicants will be advised of the University's intention to exercise this right.

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