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Jobbnorge ID: 168106
Deadline: 7/8/2019
Website: <http://www.uio.no/>
Scope: Fulltime
Duration: Permanent

Associate Professor in Chemistry / Conservation science

About the position

A permanent position as Associate Professor (SKO 1011) in chemistry / conservation science is available at the Department of Collection Management at the Museum of Cultural History.

We seek a candidate with solid competence and a good understanding of object-oriented scientific investigations and of the stability and degradation of archaeological and ethnographic material. You should be able to work at the intersection of natural sciences and humanities. The successful applicant is expected to collaborate with the museum's other academic environments and help promote the use of our collections in research. The researcher is expected to participate in and initiate research projects both nationally and internationally in line with the Museum's strategy.

The position includes 50% research time and 50% museal work, including administrative tasks within both fields. In addition to research, the position includes varied academic and practical tasks related to the management of the museum's collections as well as professional communication.

The Department of Collection Management has currently 40 employees and is organized into two groups; the Group for conservation and the Group for digital documentation, IT, photography and archives. The department also includes the research and development project Saving Oseberg that documents wooden objects from the Oseberg find and investigates preservation methods to slow down the degradation of alum-treated wooden objects. Within the framework of Saving Oseberg, the department and the museum have established considerable [analysis facilities](#) that can be developed further. For more information about Saving Oseberg, see the [project's website](#).

The conservation group constitutes the largest professional environment in Norway in conservation, with currently 14 conservators specialised in archaeological, ethnographic and painted materials, as well as a chemist.

Job description

- stability studies and method development within active and preventive conservation
- material and technology studies of art and cultural heritage objects
- being a professional connection between conservation, natural science and the museum's humanistic discipline
- further develop the museum's scientific research infrastructure and analytical facilities
- professional advice and dissemination
- research and project development
- a limited amount of student supervision and teaching

Qualification requirements

- PhD in chemistry or conservation science
- in the case of a doctoral degree in conservation science, a master's degree in chemistry is required
- research experience with documented scientific achievements after completion of the doctoral degree
- competence on and experience with research on cultural heritage materials, preferably in the conservation of archaeological materials, possibly also ethnographic materials
- international publishing profile and international network
- good written and oral communication skills in English and Norwegian, or another Scandinavian language. Applicants who do not master a Scandinavian language at the time of employment, must commit themselves to learning fluent Norwegian within two years of appointment
- large capacity and ability to hold on to several initiatives at the same time
- Pedagogic training. The successful candidate who at the time of appointment cannot document basic teaching qualifications will be required to obtain such qualifications within a two-year period

Other qualifications that will be emphasized in the assessment of the applicants

- competence with practical conservation and knowledge of conservation practices
- experience with project work and collaborative research
- good collaborative skills
- documented potential for project acquisition
- ability to execute and implement
- result- and solution orientated
- interdisciplinary approach and experience from interdisciplinary collaboration, especially related to conservation and archaeology
- comprehensive understanding of research and museum work

Basis for assessment

The basis for assessment is the applicant's scientific qualifications, as well as other academic qualifications, which may contribute to realising the research potential of the collections. Similarly, the applicant's potential to contribute to the long-term development of the research environment at the Museum will be accentuated, as well as collaboration skills and personal suitability. Emphasis will be placed on works published within the last 5 years. Originality and innovative thinking will be preferred to quantity.

The first step in the evaluation process involves a Selection Committee who will assess all applications. The best-qualified applicants will be assessed by an Expert Evaluation Committee. The highest ranked candidates according to the expert assessment will be invited for an interview and possibly to hold a trial lecture. These candidates will be asked to provide 2-3 references (name, connection to applicant, email address and phone number).

We offer

- salary NOK 627 700 - 741 300 per annum depending on qualifications in position as Associate Professor (position code 1011)
- a professionally stimulating working environment
- attractive [employee benefits](#) and a generous pension agreement, in addition to Oslo's family-friendly environment with its rich opportunities for culture and outdoor activities
- the opportunity to apply for promotion to full professorship at a later stage

How to apply

The application must include:

- application letter (statement of motivation, summarizing scientific work and research interest)
- Curriculum Vitae
- a complete list of publications
- outline of plan for research project
- academic works relevant for the positions (up to 5 publications, maximum 500 pages in total)

The application must describe academic qualifications and achievements (education, previous positions, scientific, academic and pedagogical practice plus possibly experience from administrative work). In co-authored work the applicant's own contribution must be specified.

The application must include a draft proposal for a research project that shows how conservation, science and the museum's other disciplines can be combined in an interdisciplinary research project. The draft must not exceed 5 pages, references excluded.

All documents, including academic works, must be submitted electronically via Jobbnorge.

Please note that all documents should be in English or a Scandinavian language, either in original version or in translation.

Formal regulations

The successful candidate who at the time of appointment cannot [document basic teaching qualifications](#) will be required to obtain such qualifications within a two-year period.

The successful candidate must demonstrate mastery of both English and one of the Scandinavian languages as working languages. If an appointee is not fluent in a Scandinavian language, the appointee will be expected within a two-year period to learn sufficient Norwegian to be able to participate actively in all functions the position may involve.

Please see the [rules](#) for Appointments to Professorships and Associate Professorships and Rules for the assessment and weighting of pedagogical competence.

According to the Norwegian Freedom and information Act (Offentleglova) information about the applicant may be included in the public applicant list, also in cases where the applicant has requested non-disclosure.

The University of Oslo has [an agreement](#) for all employees, aiming to secure rights to research results etc.

The University of Oslo aims to achieve a balanced gender composition in the workforce and to recruit people with ethnic minority backgrounds.

Contact information

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About the University of Oslo

The University of Oslo is Norway's oldest and highest ranked educational and research institution, with 28 000 students and 7000 employees. With its broad range of academic disciplines and internationally recognised research communities, UiO is an important contributor to society.

The Museum of Cultural History at the University of Oslo is one of Norway's largest museums of cultural history and, in addition to being a museum, it is a university department equal in status to UiO's faculties. It houses Norway's largest archaeological collection of artefacts from pre-history and the Middle Ages, including the Viking ships at Bygdøy, a considerable collection of medieval ecclesiastical art, a collection of antiques from the Mediterranean region and an archive of runic inscriptions. Furthermore, the museum possesses a comprehensive ethnographic collection of artefacts from all continents, as well as Norway's by far largest collection of historic coinage.

Additional information

Place of service:

Frederiks gate 3 0130 Oslo (Oslo Municipality)