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Website: <https://uit.no/startside>
Scope: Fulltime
Duration: Fixed Term

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Doctoral Research Fellowship in Philosophy, Ethics

The position

One Doctoral Research Fellowship (PhD) within (subject) is available in the Department of Philosophy at the UiT The Arctic University of Norway. The position is affiliated to the research group Ethics Research Group.

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 publicly. 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.

Research area

The project is in philosophical ethics (including metaethics, normative ethics, value theory and applied ethics) and should tematize life quality and its connections with human vulnerability. Life quality is a normative notion: it is in an ideal and assumed to have connections with other normative and ethical notions and values, such as "happiness", "wellbeing", "the good life" and "the meaning of life". Vulnerability, such as the fact that we are mortal and can become diseased, harmed or other limitations, is assumed to have implications both for what life quality in itself is and what kind of life quality it is possible to achieve. The project's aim is to bring clarity to what human life quality is and to explore what the relationship between life quality and vulnerability is.

It is desirable that one explores these relationships concretely and with respect to one or more specific sorts of vulnerabilities, such as morality, disease, harm or others. In particular, there are two research questions we want to explore through the project: (1) What is life quality? (2) What is the connection between life quality and human vulnerability?

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

Affiliation

Department of philosophy (IFF), is responsible for teaching examen philosophicum and examen facultatum, plus bachelor-, master- and PhD-programme in philosophy.

The department has 21 permanently hired scientific employees, two professor emeriti, three professor II, two post.doc., six PhD candidates and three employees in the administration. IFF offers courses in the different disciplines of philosophy, like the history of philosophy, ethics, political philosophy, environmental philosophy, feminist philosophy, metaphysics, philosophy of mind, epistemology, basic logic and philosophy of science. The focus of IFF's research is practical philosophy and the department has four active research groups. The candidate we employ will be a member of the Ethics Research Groups (ERG). ERG is a research group in ethics focusing on metaethics, value theory, moral psychology, philosophy of life and existential philosophy. One of the group's main research targets is to illuminate and explore human existential conditions and life quality, and the relationship between life quality, death and vulnerability. Both ERG and IFF have a young and active research environment with increasing publication rates both nationally and internationally, and have several national and international partners available to a PhD candidate.

The appointed Doctoral Research Fellowship must have her/his daily workplace at the UiT, campus Tromsø.

For more information about the research groups' profiles and activities, see: https://en.uit.no/forskning/forskningsgrupper/gruppe?p_document_id=344701

See the departments homepage: https://uit.no/om/enhet/forsiden?p_dimension_id=88151

For further information about the position (and the project), please contact Ethics Research Group: Heine Holmen, heine.a.holmen@uit.no.
Department of philosophy: Tor Ivar Hanstad, tor.ivar.hanstad@uit.no

Qualifications

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

Personal suitability will be emphasised.

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
- 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
- attestations
- 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.

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.

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.

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](#).

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.

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.

UiT The Arctic University of Norway

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Credibility, academic freedom, closeness, creativity and commitment shall be hallmarks of the relationship between our employees, between our employees and our students and between UiT and our partners.

Additional information

Place of service:

Hansine Hansensveg 18 9019 Tromsø (Tromsø - Romsa Municipality)