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**University of
Bergen**
Department of
Foreign Languages

Jobbnorge ID: 174195

Deadline: 9/30/2019

Website: <https://www.uib.no/om/84775/ledige-stillinger-ved-uib>

Scope: Fulltime

Duration: Fixed Term

Postdoctoral position in Sinology/Chinese Studies

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Postdoctoral Research Fellow position

There is a vacancy for a postdoctoral position in Sinology/Chinese Studies at the Department of Foreign Languages, by plan starting 1 January 2020 or as agreed. The position is for a fixed-term period of 4 years.

The Department of Foreign Languages spans nine different languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Russian and Spanish Language and Latinamerican Studies. Teaching and research are conducted in the disciplines language/linguistics, literature, cultural studies and didactics (<http://www.uib.no/en/fremmedsprak>).

The Department has slightly more than 50 permanent academic staff members, 30 in postdoctor- and phd-positions and ten administrative members of staff. The Department offers a bachelor's degree in Chinese. The program has two permanent staff.

Qualifications and personal qualities:

- The position as postdoctoral research fellow requires a Norwegian doctoral degree in Chinese/Chinese Studies or another related area within the Humanities, or a corresponding foreign doctoral degree. The doctoral dissertation must have been submitted for evaluation within the closing date of the application and it is a condition of appointment that the PhD has been awarded.
- The applicant must elaborate a research project within Chinese Studies (history, literature or culture) and include it in the application.
- The applicant must also provide a progress plan for the project's main activities, and a plan for publishing results in recognized international channels.
- The applicant must document good knowledge of Modern Standard Chinese (Mandarin) and English.
- The successful candidate must be able to work independently in a well-structured way and have good cooperation skills.

In the assessment, the main emphasis will be attached to the project proposal and to the submitted works and relevant experience. Emphasis shall also be attached to experience in communication/dissemination of research.

Applicants for the position will be assessed and ranked by an expert committee. The best qualified candidates will be invited to an interview, and a reference check will be conducted.

In cases where ranked applicants have approximately equivalent qualifications, strategic considerations, motivation and the applicant's professional eligibility will also weigh in. Competency in a Scandinavian language can be an advantage.

About the position of postdoctoral research fellow:

Postdoctoral fellowships are fixed term positions and the main goal of the positions is to qualify the successful candidate for academic top positions. The duration of the postdoctoral position is 4 years, of which 25 per cent of the time comprises obligatory duties associated with teaching at the bachelor program in Chinese, dissemination of results and administration.

Applicants shall put forward a proposal for a project for qualifying work. It is a premise that the selected candidate will complete the project within the stipulated period of employment.

Candidates cannot be employed as a postdoctoral fellow for more than one fixed term period at the same institution.

The postdoctoral position demands that the applicant has his or her regular workplace at the University of Bergen, Department of Foreign Languages and comply with the guidelines that apply to the position at all times.

We offer:

- A good and professionally challenging working environment.
- Salary at pay grade 60 (Code 1352/Pay range 24) in the state salary scale, currently approx. NOK 531.900 gross p.a. following ordinary meriting regulations.
- Enrolment in the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund.
- A position in an inclusive workplace (IA enterprise).
- Good welfare benefits.

How to apply:

Applications must be sent electronically via the link on this site: "APPLY FOR THIS JOB", and should be written in English or a Scandinavian language. The applicant must use the electronic CV-form, and the application must include:

- A brief account of the applicant's research interests and motivation for applying for the position.
- The names and contact information for two referees. One of these must be the main supervisor for the PhD-thesis.
- CV.
- Transcripts and diplomas showing completion of the bachelor's and master's degrees, and diploma for the PhD or documentation showing that the thesis has been submitted for assessment.
- A short summary of the PhD-thesis (up to 3 pages).
- Relevant certificates/references.
- A summary of the proposed project (up to 5 pages, excluding the bibliography).
- A progress plan for the proposed project.
- Bibliography for the proposed project.
- A list of any works of a scientific nature (publication list).
- Maximum 5 relevant academic publications.

The application and appendices with certified translations into English or a Scandinavian language must be uploaded at Jobbnorge. Attachments can be either in Word or pdf-format.

General information:

Further information about the position can be obtained by contacting professor Shouhui Zhao, e-mail shouhui.zhao@uib.no or telephone (+47) 55 58 23 70) or Research Coordinator Åsta Haukås at the Department, e-mail asta.haukas@uib.no or telephone (+47) 55 58 24 88.

The state labour force shall reflect the diversity of Norwegian society to the greatest extent possible. Age and gender balance among employees is therefore a goal. People with immigrant backgrounds and people with disabilities are encouraged to apply for the position.

The University of Bergen applies the principle of public access to information when recruiting staff for academic positions. Information about applicants may be made public even if the applicant has asked not to be named on the list of persons who have applied. The applicant must be notified if the request to be omitted is not met.

Questions or inquiries about the electronic application process can be directed to: fakadm@hf.uib.no.

Application deadline: 30 September 2019

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About The University of Bergen (UiB)

The University of Bergen is a renowned educational and research institution, organised into seven faculties and approximately 54 institutes and academic centres. Campus is located in the centre of Bergen with university areas at Nygårdshøyden, Haukeland, Marineholmen, Møllendalsveien and Årstad.

There are four departments and four centres at Faculty of Humanities. [Read more about the faculty](#) and [departments](#).

Additional information

Place of service:

Christiesgt. 18 5020 Bergen (Bergen Municipality)