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**University of
Bergen**
Faculty of
Psychology

Jobbnorge ID: 188409

Deadline: 8/16/2020

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

Scope: Fulltime

Duration: Fixed Term

PhD at the Department of Health Promotion and Development (HEMIL)

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PhD position

At the Department of Health Promotion and Development (HEMIL), Faculty of Psychology, there is a vacancy for a PhD fellow. The position is for a fixed period of four years and associated with the project Social inequality in adolescent mental health in a life course perspective (LONGTRENDS).

About the project/work tasks: LONGTRENDS

- The research project Social inequality in adolescent mental health in a life course perspective, (LONGTRENDS), is financed by the Norwegian Research Council and has as its goal to contribute to our understanding of social inequalities in mental health in a life-course perspective.
- The project will map social trends in mental health among adolescents with different socio-economic backgrounds and explore the role of factors such as social support, family structure, gender and major life events, and transitions in these contexts.
- In addition, the project aims to develop more precise methods for measuring youth socioeconomic status.
- LONGTRENDS uses data from four national and international studies as well as registry data of education and household economy to shed light on research questions related to mental health over the life-course.
- The project is organised in work packages and each package will have its particular focus to answer the overall project objective.

Work package 1

- The PhD will be working on a work package (work package 1) that combines expertise from social psychology, health promotion, public health, social inequality, positive youth development, mental health, epidemiology, and advanced statistics.
- The main research question is to examine the role of critical and sensitive periods, accumulation, and pathways in the development of social inequalities in mental health.

Work tasks

In collaboration with other researchers in the project, the tasks are to:

- conduct statistical analysis on data from the Norwegian Longitudinal Health Behaviour Study (NLHBS), a two-generation longitudinal study of a cohort born in 1977 with nine waves of surveys over 27 years (1990-2017), and three waves of data from their parents during 1990-1996. The specific research questions to be addressed by the PhD are: 1) trajectories of mental health inequalities from age 13 to age 40, with the aim to identify critical periods, (2) how social inequalities in health behaviours influence mental health inequalities, and (3) how social support mediates the association between stressful life events and mental health from early adolescence to middle age, and to what extent inequalities in social support relate to inequalities in mental health.
- communicate findings from the analyses through scientific and popular science articles and other forms of research dissemination
- collaborate with national and international project partners
- contribute to the administration of the project and organization of project meetings
- use project outcomes and experience to develop new research projects and data collections
- teach and supervise students at study programs at the Department

The workplace for the PhD fellow is in Bergen, at HEMIL.

- Contact Principal Investigator Helga B. Urke to get the project description of Longtrends.
- The position is in the research group SIPA at Department of Health Promotion and Development, with secondary affiliation to the research group Public mental health at the Department of Psychosocial Sciences. The main supervisor is Ellen Haug.

Qualifications and personal qualities:

- The applicant must at the time of application hold a master's degree or the equivalent in health promotion, psychology or another relevant field.
- For admission to the doctoral programme, grade B or above is normally required for the master's thesis.
- Good knowledge of theories of social inequality in mental health is an advantage.
- Good skills in statistical analysis
- Experience from practical work relevant to the study
- Work independently and in a structured manner and have the ability to cooperate with others.
- Proficiency in both written and oral English.
- Personal attributes will be emphasized. Ambition and potential will also count when evaluating candidates.

About the PhD position:

The duration of the PhD position is 4 years, of which 25 per cent of the time each year comprises obligatory duties associated with research, teaching and dissemination of results. The employment period may be reduced if you have previously been employed in a recruitment position. Applicants cannot already have a doctoral degree/PhD.

About the research training:

As a PhD Candidate, you must participate in an approved educational programme for a PhD degree within a period of 3 years. When your qualification for the position is evaluated you will also be evaluated for admission to the PhD programme at the Faculty of Psychology.

You will find further information about the PhD programme at the Faculty of Psychology [here](#).

We can offer:

- Exciting development opportunities as part of your role in a strong professional environment
- Salary at pay grade 54 (code 1017/pay range 20, alternative 10) in the state salary scale. This currently amounts to an annual salary of NOK 479,600 before taxes. Further promotions are made according to qualifications and length of service in the position. A higher salary may be considered for applicants with specialist education.
- Enrolment in the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund
- Good [welfare benefits](#)

Your application must include:

- A brief account of the applicant's research interests and motivation for applying for the position
- A short project description based on work package 1 of the project (maximum 3 pages incl. references)
- The names and contact information for two reference persons. One of these must be the main supervisor for the master's thesis or equivalent thesis.
- CV
- Transcripts and diplomas (higher education)
- Applicants with foreign education must enclose certified translations to English or Scandinavian if the original Diploma and grade transcripts are not already in one of these languages. The applicants must also enclose a confirmation from NOKUT that the education is recognized to be in accordance with the Norwegian master's degree. The review from NOKUT may take some time and the application should be sent to NOKUT as soon as you have decided to apply for the position. If no answer within the application deadline, please enclose documentation from NOKUT that they have received your application. Some qualifications from the Nordic countries are automatically recognized, please check [NOKUT](#).
- Relevant certificates and recommendations.
- A list of any works of a scientific nature (publication list).
- Any publications in your name you want to be included in the evaluation of your application

Please note that applications, along with the information and attachments linked to the application in JobbNorge, will be evaluated after the closing date for applications. Attachments must be in English or a Scandinavian language, and any translations must be certified. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all the necessary information has been submitted by the closing date for applications.

It is particularly important that each of the attachments that are to be taken into account in the assessment is uploaded in full as an attachment to your application.

General information:

Detailed information about the position can be obtained by contacting:

- Principal Investigator/Associate Professor Helga B. Urke, +47 55 58 32 30, helga.urke@uib.no
- main supervisor/Associate Professor Ellen Haug, +47 55 58 47 97, ellen.haug@uib.no
- work package leader/Dean Bente Wold, +47 905 32 667, bente.wold@uib.no

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The successful applicant must comply with the guidelines that apply to the position at all times.

For further information about the recruitment process, click [here](#).

Life as a PhD candidate at UiB

Marion Claireaux tells about life and work as a PhD candidate at UiB.

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nrt6VxMeJ4&index=2&list=PLf8ZIYfAO0qjhROTj6SthDbSScg0lSO6G>

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There are five departments and two centres at Faculty of Psychology. [Read more about the faculty](#) and [departments](#).

Additional information

Place of service:

Institutt for helse, miljø og likeverd (HEMIL) 5015 Bergen (Bergen Municipality)