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**Jobbnorge ID:** 206589

**Deadline:** 6/21/2021

**Website:** <http://www.uio.no/>

**Scope:** Fulltime

**Duration:** Temporary

## PhD Fellow (SKO 1017) - Oslo Nuclear Project PhD Research Fellowship in Political Science

### About the position

The Department of Political Science recruits one excellent candidate for a PhD research fellowship in political science focusing on nuclear proliferation. This project will be a member of the Oslo Nuclear Project's research cluster focusing on nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament. Oslo Nuclear Project is a research program supported by the Norwegian Ministry of Defence, The Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. The appointment is for a fixed, non-tenured term of 4 years, and has a 25% teaching component. This means that 75 % of the working time over four years is devoted to research activities.

The successful candidate will be part of the Faculty's PhD programme and the work performed will be expected to lead to a PhD in Political Science. We invite applications from excellent candidates in all sub-fields of political science, including public policy and administration, comparative politics, political theory, international relations and research methods.

This doctoral fellowship will analyze specific challenges to the global non-proliferation regime and assess implications for nuclear proliferation risks and trends. This project will identify and analyze key drivers such as technological developments (such as machine learning, 3D printing and the darkweb), emerging arms races, and changing normative frameworks. These developments bring new challenges for international institutions and treaties (such as the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Nonproliferation Treaty) to detect cheating and ensure ongoing compliance by state members. This project will analyze how current developments affect risks and patterns of cheating and the broader challenges of detecting and responding to non-compliance. This must include, but is not necessarily limited to, nuclear weapons. This doctoral fellowship analyzes these developments using rigorous social scientific methods for empirical research (such as social science data analysis), and adopts research strategies that cope with data challenges in this area of research.

### Key responsibilities

- The candidate is expected to apply research methods (such as empirically oriented qualitative methods or social science data analysis) to identify, measure and analyze how specific drivers affect proliferation risks and trends, including non-compliance and suspected cheating behaviors
- The candidate is expected to conduct research activities along with the PI and other members of the team
- The candidate is expected to contribute to research dissemination, outreach and joint project activities

An interest in nuclear weapons and international security is desirable. Familiarity with or interest in specific national perspectives (with appropriate language skills) and/or computational social science methods are also desirable.

The Oslo Nuclear Project is led by Professor Målfrid Braut-Hegghammer and the doctoral fellowship runs from 2021-2025. We encourage applicants to read about the Oslo Nuclear Project and its activities on the project website before applying. Women and minority candidates are encouraged to apply.

### Qualification requirements

- To be appointed to the position, the prior education must be equivalent of five years at the university level in Norway in a relevant field, with two years (120 credits) at the master's level.
- The Master degree must include relevant education in research methods.
- Successful candidates must document top grades and a MA Thesis of very high quality (at least half a year's workload/30ECTS). Short-listed applicants may be called for an interview.

### Other qualifications criteria's

- English language skills
- Personal suitability and motivation for working with the PhD project

The evaluation of applications is based primarily on documented, academic qualifications, the project proposal, the quality of the project and personal suitability of the candidate.

### We offer

- Salary according to "SKO 1017 PhD fellow", pay grade 54-59, NOK 482 200 - 526 000 per year

- Budget for travel and research assistance (currently NOK 30 000 per year). Staff can apply for additional research support from the department and faculty
- An academically stimulating and international working environment
- A friendly and inclusive workplace
- A good pension scheme through the Norwegian Public Service Fund
- A good work-life balance and access to Norway's excellent public services and welfare schemes, including generous parental leave provisions and affordable and accessible childcare

## How to apply

The online application must include the following items:

- A cover letter (max 2 pages, including statement of motivation, summarizing research interests, and how the applicant will contribute to the department/project)
- A research proposal (maximum 3000 words including references). The proposal should clarify the research theme, main research questions, how the research contributes to the existing literature, theoretical approach, methodology, and a publication plan
- A CV summarizing education, positions, research and pedagogical experience, administrative experience, and other qualifying activities
- Copy of Master's dissertation (in English or Scandinavian language)
- Copies of transcripts: All applicants must submit their Master's degree Diploma and transcript(s), preferably together with a class distribution of grades. The transcript must specify the grade achieved on the Master's thesis.
- Official explanation of the grading and credit system at your university,
- Names and contact details for 2-3 reference persons (name, relation to candidate, e-mail, and phone number). Reference letter not needed.

The application with attachments must be submitted in our electronic recruiting system. Please follow the link "apply for this job". Please note that all documents should be in English or a Scandinavian Language

The application deadline is June 21st 2021. The screening and evaluation of the candidates will begin immediately. We expect the whole evaluation process, from the application date to an offer is made, to take 12-16 weeks, depending on the number of applications. Expected starting month is September/October 2021 (or a mutually-agreed upon date).

## Formal regulations

Please see the [guidelines and regulations](#) for appointments to Research Fellowships at the University of Oslo.

No one can be appointed for more than one PhD Research Fellowship period at the University of Oslo.

According to the Norwegian Freedom of 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 appointment may be shortened/given a more limited scope within the framework of the applicable guidelines on account of any previous employment in academic positions.

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

Inclusion and diversity are a strength. The University of Oslo has a personnel policy objective of achieving a balanced gender composition. We also want to have employees with diverse expertise, combinations of subjects, life experience and perspectives. We will make adjustments for employees who require this.

If there are qualified applicants with special needs, gaps in their CVs or immigrant backgrounds, we will invite at least one applicant in each of these groups to an interview.

## Contact information

Project leader Professor [Målfrid Braut-Hegghammer](#)

Head of Department, [Bjørn Erik Rasch](#)

## 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 in a broad range of academic disciplines. UiO has shaped society for over 200 years. As a leading European university, it promotes independent, pioneering and long-term research and offers outstanding education.

**The Department of Political Science** is a part of the Faculty of Social Sciences. The department currently has 39 permanent academic staff members, 18 research fellows conducting PhDs, 16 postdoctoral fellows and 11 administrative employees. About 1500 students are currently enrolled at the BA, MA and PhD levels. In addition to political science, the department has interdisciplinary study programs in International Studies, Public Administration and Leadership and a master's program in Peace and Conflict Studies. The department hosts the interdisciplinary Center for Research on Extremism (C-REX) and has research groups in several sub-fields of political science (e.g. comparative institutions and regimes; policy, bureaucracy, and organization; politics of energy and climate; nuclear weapons).

## Additional information

### Place of service:

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