



**Norwegian University  
of Life Sciences**

**Jobbnorge ID:** 222208

**Deadline:** 4/19/2022

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

**Scope:** Fulltime

**Duration:** Fixed Term

Are you engaged in urban and regional planning?

## PhD scholarship within sustainable urban and regional planning

### About the position

The Department of Urban and Regional Planning, Faculty of Landscape and Society at the Norwegian University of Life Sciences (NMBU) is offering a 3-year PhD-position in sustainable urban and regional planning.

Society is facing rapid socio-spatial transitions and environmental challenges. In response to this, the field of urban and regional planning needs to change and adapt. Acknowledging this need, our department aims to develop knowledge which strengthens planning for socially just sustainable development from three different viewpoints. Firstly, we need to understand the social implications of recent and future trends in planning. Secondly, we need to examine the methodological possibilities responding to present and future planning challenges. Thirdly, we need to develop and improve the ways we educate tomorrow's planners facing the above challenges.

The PhD fellowship should depart from one of those perspectives:

- **Social implications of planning:** e.g. the spatial justice of nature-based climate adaptation
- **Planning tools and methods:** e.g. mapping techniques for studying place's development and transformation through time
- **Planning education:** e.g. practice based learning processes in cutting-edge planning education

For more information on each perspective see the attached deliberation document.

Applicants are asked to send in a short project proposal (max 1200 words, excluded list of references) with the application, including research question, methods/empirical approach, expected outcome. The proposal will be assessed reading originality, clarity and choice of research methods.

Applicants are made aware that an application for a PhD position at NMBU is at the same time an application for admission to a PhD program at the institution. The documentation that is necessary to ensure that the admission requirements are met must be uploaded as an attachment.

Please consult this [deliberation document](#) with further descriptions of each of the above research perspectives.

### Main tasks

The appointed candidate is admitted to a PhD program at the faculty. The PhD program consists of mandatory and elective courses with oral and written examinations and a major research component.

The successful candidate is expected to enter a plan for the progress of the work towards a PhD degree during the first months of the appointment, with a view to completing a doctorate within the PhD scholarship period.

### Competence:

The successful applicant must meet the conditions defined for admission to a PhD programme at NMBU. The applicant must have an academically relevant education corresponding to a five-year master's degree, with a learning outcome corresponding to the descriptions in the Norwegian Qualification Framework, second cycle. The applicant must have a documented strong academic background from previous studies and be able to document proficiency in both written and oral English.

For more detailed information on the admission criteria please see the [PhD Regulations](#) and the supplementary provisions for the faculty's [PhD programmes](#).

### Required Academic qualifications:

- Completed master's degree in urban- and regional planning or related field, such as architecture, human geography/social sciences and land use planning.
- Documented strong academic background from previous studies
- (Master degree GPA: B or better; Master thesis B or better)

### The following experiences and skills will be emphasized:

- Relevant experience from research
- Relevant skills in research methods

- Experiences from praxis
- Very good skills in written and spoken English
- Skills in Norwegian (or other Scandinavian language)

#### **You need to:**

- Show high commitment to conduct research
- Be able to work independently
- Collaboration and team working skills
- Strong skills in communication, both written and verbally

### **Remuneration and further information**

The position is placed in government pay scale position code 1017 PhD. PhD fellows are normally placed in pay grade 54 (NOK 491 200) on the Norwegian Government salary scale upon employment and follow ordinary meriting regulations.

Employment is conducted according to national guidelines for University and Technical College PhD fellows.

For further information, please contact Sebastian Peters, Head of Department, E-mail: [Sebastian.peters@nmbu.no](mailto:Sebastian.peters@nmbu.no); phone +47 96697373

For general questions about the PhD programme, please contact the PhD programme coordinator at [landsam-phd@nmbu.no](mailto:landsam-phd@nmbu.no)

[Information for PhD applicants](#) and [general information to applicants](#)

### **Application**

To apply online for this vacancy, please click on the 'Apply for this job' button above. This will route you to the University's Web Recruitment System, where you will need to register an account (if you have not already) and log in before completing the online application form.

#### **Application deadline: 19.04.2022**

In the application, the candidate must confirm that information and documentation (in the form of attachments) submitted via the job application can also be used by NMBU in a possible admission process.

Applicants invited for an interview are expected to present original diplomas and certificates.

The following documents must be attached to the application:

- Motivation letter (maximum 1 page)
- Project proposal with research question, methods/empirical approach, expected outcome, related to one of the above-mentioned perspectives (1200 Words, excluded list of references)
- Complete CV
- Certified copies of academic diplomas and certificates. (i.e. Di-ploma, transcript. Diploma supplement for both bachelor and master). Diplomas, transcripts and diploma supplements that are not in Norwegian or English must be uploaded in the original language. An English translation of these documents must also be attached.
- Applicants from universities outside Norway are kindly request-ed to send a diploma supplement, or a similar document, which describes in detail the study program and grading system.
- Documentation of proficiency in written and oral English and Norwegian (or Scandinavian language)
- Names and contact details for two references
- Additional relevant documentation of professional knowledge (for example, list of scientific works)

### **About the Faculty of Landscape and Society**

The Faculty of Landscape and Society is home to some of Norway's foremost academic environments within international environment and development studies, public health science, landscape architecture, landscape engineering, urban and regional planning, property development and property law. The Faculty has 1300 students and 180 employees divided into five departments and a Faculty administration. It offers popular, forward-focused Bachelor, Master's and PhD programmes. The Faculty is interdisciplinary and works with sustainable social development, both nationally and internationally.

### **The Norwegian University of Life Sciences (NMBU)**

NMBU has a particular responsibility for research and education that secures the basis for the life of future generations. Sustainability is rooted in everything we do and we deliver knowledge for life. NMBU has 1,900 employees of which about 300 phd scholarships and 6,700 students. The university is divided into seven faculties.

NMBU believes that a good working environment is characterised by diversity.

We encourage qualified candidates to apply regardless of gender, functional ability, cultural background or whether you have been outside the labour market for a period. If necessary, workplace adaptations will be made for persons with disabilities. More information about NMBU is available at [www.nmbu.no](http://www.nmbu.no).

### **Additional information**

**Place of service:**

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