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Deadline: 5/1/2022

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

Scope: Fulltime

Duration: Fixed Term

University of Oslo, Institute of Health and Society

PhD Candidate in Health Economics

Job description

The Department of Health Economics and Health Management (HELED) at the University of Oslo offers a four-year position (100%) as a PhD candidate in Health Economics. The candidate is to conduct a three-year research project within applied health economics leading to the completion of a PhD-degree in health sciences. One-year (25%) of the position is reserved for teaching and other compulsory work at HELED.

[HELED](#) is a multidisciplinary department, consisting mostly of economists, social scientists and medical doctors. The department conducts research in the field of health economics and economic evaluation, health management and health policy. HELED is organized in four research groups. The PhD candidate will be associated/affiliated with the Health Economics and Policy, and the Economic Evaluation of Health Technologies research groups.

These research groups have several ongoing research projects using health registry data to conduct health policy evaluations and health economic evaluations. Examples are several projects at [Norwegian Center for Health Services Research](#) funded by the Research Council of Norway and a project [evaluating a Norwegian pilot of primary health care teams](#). In NORCHER projects we use health registries, such as [The Norwegian Patient Registry](#) and [The Norwegian Control and Payment of Health Reimbursements KUHR](#), merged with demographic characteristics from administrative registries, to evaluate how access to care is associated with different reimbursement systems for GPs, and how access to care can influence the propensity to return to work after sickness. Please read more details about the projects at the Department's website.

More about the position

The application should include a tentative project description (2-4 pages). In this description you should describe 2-3 research questions you would like to explore, and suggest methods and data you can apply to answer the questions. The suggested research project should be related to the Department's research activities, and can be, but does not have to be, directly related to ongoing research projects at the Department. The project should have a substantial quantitative element. A good understanding of statistical methods and programming experience in relevant statistical software such as R, Python or Stata is therefore essential.

After appointment, the candidate must, in collaboration with her/his supervisor, within 3 months after employment, have developed a complete project description to be attached to the application for admission to the [PhD program at the Faculty of Medicine](#).

The fellowship period is up to 4 years, with 3 years devoted to research education. The position entails a compulsory work load of 25% that consists of teaching and supervision duties and research assistance. The PhD-candidate will be expected to contribute to teaching associated with the department's bachelor and master courses in health economics.

The research fellow must take part in the Faculty's approved PhD program and is expected to complete the project

within the set fellowship period. The main purpose of the fellowship is research training leading to the successful completion of a PhD degree.

Latest starting date is 15.09.2022.

Qualification requirements

Required

- Applicants must hold a Master's degree or equivalent in Health Economics or Economics. A Master's degree (120 ECTS) minimum grade B (ECTS grading scale) or equivalent. The Master's degree must include a thesis of at least 30 ECTS. The master students who finish their Master's degree this semester may also apply. It is requested to submit information about the status of submission of the master's thesis and when the assessment is expected as well as censorship when this is available.
- A master's degree in related quantitative oriented health or social sciences will also be considered.

Essential

- Knowledge of statistical programming, such as R, Python or Stata
- English proficiency
- Previous experience in assembling, organizing and analyzing registry and/or survey data.

Desirable

- Experience in writing academic papers or research reports in English.

We offer

- Salary NOK 491 200 - 553 500 per annum depending on qualifications in a position as PhD Research fellow (position code 1017)
- A professionally stimulating work environment.
- [Attractive welfare benefits](#) and a generous [pension plan](#), in addition to Oslo's family-friendly environment with its rich opportunities for culture and outdoor activities

How to apply

The application must include

- Application letter describing the applicant's qualifications and motivation for the position (max 1 page)
- Curriculum Vitae (with a list of education, positions, teaching experience, administrative experience and other qualifying activities, including a complete list of publications)
- Transcript of records of your Bachelor's and Master's degrees. Applicants with education from a foreign university must attach an explanation of their university's grading system
- Tentative project description (2 - 4 pages)
- Please note that all documents must be in English or a Scandinavian language.
- List of reference persons: 2-3 references (name, relation to candidate, e-mail and phone number)

The application with attachments must be delivered in our electronic recruiting system, please follow the link "apply for this job". Foreign applicants are advised to attach an explanation of their University's grading system. Please note that all documents should be in English (or a Scandinavian language).

When evaluating the application, emphasis will be given to the "project description" and the applicant's academic and personal prerequisites to carry out the project. Applicants may be called in for an interview.

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 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. Furthermore, we want employees with diverse professional expertise, life experience and perspectives.

If there are qualified applicants with disabilities, employment gaps or immigrant background, we will invite at least one applicant from each of these categories to an interview.

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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. With its broad range of academic disciplines and internationally recognised research communities, UiO is an important contributor to society.

The Institute of Health and Society is one of three institutes at the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Oslo. The Institute covers various disciplines and consists of six departments: General Practice, Health Sciences, Health Management and Health Economics, Medical Ethics, Community Medicine and Global Health and Nursing Science.

The Institute of Health and Society bases its work on a complex understanding of disease, health and health systems. Culture, environment, economics, society and biology play direct and indirect roles. Our teaching responsibilities include seven Master's programs, one Bachelor program and part of the Faculty's medical school and PhD-program. We employ about 220 FTE and have almost 700 Bachelor and Master students. Annual income is about 200 mill NOK, half of which is external funding. Our researchers play an active part of public policy and disseminate new knowledge through many channels.

Additional information

Place of service:

