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Faculty of Social Sciences Department of Psychology Section for Cognitive and Clinical neuroscience

PhD Fellowship in Psychology

Job description

An open PhD fellow position is available at the Section for Cognitive and Clinical Neuroscience (CCN) at the Department of Psychology, University of Oslo. The section covers basic and applied research as well as teaching for the Bachelor, Master, Professional and PhD programs in cognitive and biological psychology as well as clinical neuropsychology.

The research project associated with this position is open within the field covered by CCN. The applicants are expected to develop and submit a project outline. Upon acceptance, the project will be supervised by a faculty member of CCN.

The PhD fellow will join the PhD program approved by the Department of Psychology and is expected to complete the research project during the period of employment. The appointment is fulltime for a period of three or four years depending on the competence of the successful applicant and the teaching and administrative needs of the section. In case of a four-year appointment, teaching and administrative activities make up 25% of yearly duty work (for example, teaching in lectures or seminars, supervision of students, grading of exams, committee work).

Qualification requirements and personal skills

- Applicants must hold a master's, cand. psychol., or equivalent degree in psychology, cognitive or computational neuroscience, medicine, biology, or a related field. Average grade on the master's degree that are A or B. Candidates with an average grade C on the master's degree can be assessed individually upon application.
- The candidate must be qualified for admission to the [PhD program at the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Oslo](#).
- Fluent oral and written communication skills in English are necessary. Projects including clinical assessment and interviews may require fluency in a Scandinavian language. Any specific language requirements should be addressed as part of the feasibility section in the project outline.
- Previous training in methods related to the section's research activities is required (e.g., brain imaging or biosignal analysis, cognitive modeling, advanced statistical methods, experimental cognitive methods, clinical assessment tools).
- The candidate's research proposal needs to reflect research and organizational expertise (see below for the proposal's outline).
- Relevant experience for the section's teaching activities is considered a plus (e.g., programming experience in MATLAB or R, familiarity with neuropsychological assessment procedures).
- Candidates who can document creativity, motivation, and organizational skills will be preferred.

We offer

- A salary of NOK 501 200 - 544 400 (lfr.54 - 59) per annum depending on qualifications in a position as PhD Research fellow, (position code 1017)
- Attractive [welfare benefits](#) and a generous [pension agreement](#), in addition to Oslo's family-friendly environment with its rich opportunities for culture and outdoor activities
- A professionally stimulating working environment.

How to apply

The application must include:

- A cover letter detailing the applicant's motivation and qualifications with relevance for the position.
- A project proposal of max 5 pages (further information below), plus an additional letter of support of the prospective main supervisor (who must be a fulltime CCN faculty member). The letter of support should specify any additional funding or resources that will be made available to the candidate, and should outline the role of the applicant in the preparation and planned implementation of the project.
- A CV with a list of scientific contributions (in research, teaching, or dissemination).
- Copies of educational certificates in English or in one of the Scandinavian languages (academic transcripts only).
- A list of two to three references (incl. name, relation to candidate, e-mail and phone number). No letter of reference should be included in the application.

The project proposal should contain the following sections: background, research questions/hypotheses, approach/methodology, implementation/feasibility, timeline, ethical considerations, relevance for the section, references. To which degree the planned project requires further internal or external resources and/or funding should be detailed. Further sections may be added if necessary. The page format must be

A4 with 2 cm margins, single spacing and Arial, Calibri, Times New Roman or similar 11-point font. It is permitted to use 9-point font for the list of references and figure captions.

The application with attachments must be delivered in our electronic recruiting system. International applicants are advised to attach an explanation of their University's grading system. Please note that all documents should be in English (with the exception of the educational certificates which might also be in one of the Scandinavian languages).

The evaluation of the applicants will be based on a combination of the documented experience and expertise of the candidate, the scientific potential and feasibility of the project, and the fit between the project and the existing research portfolio of the section. Interviews with the best qualified candidates will be arranged.

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. 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.

Contact information

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- HR Advisor Kamila Cholti (kamila.cholti@psykologi.uio.no)

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 Department of Psychology is one of seven units of the Faculty of Social Sciences, and has 75 permanent and 70 temporary members of scientific staff. Degrees are offered at bachelor and master level, plus a clinical training programme, and the PhD programme has 140 students.

Tilleggsinformasjon

Arbeidssted:

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