



UNIVERSITETET I BERGEN

**University of
Bergen**
Department of
Sociology

Jobbnorge ID: 228647

Deadline: 7/24/2022

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

Scope: Fulltime

Duration: Fixed Term

Research Assistant

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Research Assistant

There is a vacancy for a Research Assistant (100% position) at the Department of Sociology, University of Bergen. The position is for the period of August/September 2022 throughout July/August 2024. Total employment cannot exceed two years.

Research assistant is a recruitment position where the main task is to be a supporting entity to the academic staff in their instructional and research endeavors. The position will provide the opportunity to gain insight into scientific work and methodology.

Job description:

We are looking to recruit a Research Assistant on the research study Admission Impossible? School Choice in European Cities funded by the Norwegian Research Council, NFR, and University of Bergen, UiB, 2021-2025. The research study is a pioneering development into school choice in Europe and consists of three integrated projects. The first project is a qualitative inter- and intra-national study of school choice politics in fourteen cities in Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Germany, France, and England. The second project uses a mixed-method approach to examine students' preferences for and experiences with choice in four cities in Norway, through a survey, in-depth interviews, and focus groups with students from different socio-economic backgrounds. The third project is a quantitative study, which aims to examine the causal effects of school choice at the upper-secondary school level on academic achievement, ethnic segregation, and segregation based on socioeconomic background in Norway.

In the role as Research Assistant, you will be responsible for a range of research duties across the three projects such as collecting data, and holding and transcribing interviews, and supporting the team conducting a survey. You will support the research team with the drafting of reports, articles, and other outputs, and in responding to recent policy announcements and developments related to its mandate. You will also manage the projects' website, the School Choice Hub. We will provide you with an opportunity to conduct your own small research project on a topic related to school choice.

The successful post holder will be expected to reside in travel distance to UIB, Norway, to participate in the scholarly activities of the university and to conform to the rules and regulations that apply to the position.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Undertake various administrative duties needed to gather data, including arranging for distribution and collection of a survey, and contacting interview persons
- Interview students in their first grade of upper-secondary school in Oslo, Bergen, Trondheim, and Stavanger
- Interview politicians, policymakers, civil servants, and stakeholders in Oslo, Bergen, Trondheim, and Stavanger (and potentially in other European cities)
- Maintaining the School Choice Hub (the project website).
- The post holder will carry about any other duties as are within the scope and purpose of the job as requested by the team.

Requirements:

Essential:

- MA in the social sciences, education policy, or a related field
- Research skills in qualitative methods, including interviewing, within the social sciences/education policy.
- Written and other communication skills, including reporting and contextualising research results.

- Interpersonal skills, including the ability to work as a part of a team.
- Abilities to prioritise a varied workload and meet deadlines while maintaining quality.
- Proficiency in Norwegian
- Advanced English proficiency level

Desirable:

- Experience with managing a website, including blogs, pod casts, and other out-reach communication
- Experience with conduction surveys
- Knowledge of quantitative research techniques and methodologies within the social sciences.
- Publication record
- Proficiency in German and/or French

Personal characteristics:

- Ability to work systematically and result oriented
- Good cooperation and communication skills

We can offer:

- A good and professionally challenging working environment
- Salary at pay grade 51 (code 17.515/1020).
- Enrolment in the [Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund](#)
- [Training and good welfare benefits](#)

Your application must include:

- A cover letter stating why you are interested in applying for the Research Assistant position (1-2 pages)
- CV
- The names and contact information for two references.
- Transcripts and diplomas of your BA, and MA degrees as well as relevant certificates (e.g., language proficiency tests)
- If relevant, you are allowed to submit 1-2 academic/professional publications

The application can be written either in English or Norwegian.

Application with CV, copies of diplomas, certificates of education and other relevant documents with certified translations into English or a Scandinavian language must be uploaded at Jobbnorge (by the link on this page marked "Apply for this job".)

Closing date: 24.07.2022. The application has to be marked: 2022/9111

Potential candidates will be invited for an interview.

General information:

Additional information about the position is obtainable by Susanne Wiborg - s.wiborg@ucl.ac.uk, Thomas Lorentzen - thomas.lorentzen@uib.no, or Katharina Sass - katharina.sass@uib.no

The state labour force shall reflect the diversity of Norwegian society to the greatest extent possible. Age and gender balance among employees is therefore a goal. It is also a goal to recruit people with immigrant backgrounds. People with immigrant backgrounds and people with disabilities are encouraged to apply for the position.

The University of Bergen applies the principle of public access to information when recruiting staff for academic positions.

Information about applicants may be made public even if the applicant has asked not to be named on the list of persons who have applied. The applicant must be notified if the request to be omitted is not met.

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

About UiB

The University of Bergen is a renowned educational and research institution, organised into seven faculties and approximately 54 institutes and academic centres. Campus is located in the centre of Bergen with university areas at Nygårdshøyden, Haukeland, Marineholmen, Møllendalsveien and Årstad.

There are seven departments at Faculty of Social Sciences. [Read more about the faculty and departments.](#)

Additional information

Place of service:

Bergen 5020 Bergen (Bergen Municipality)