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Department of
Linguistic, Literary
and Aesthetic Studies

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Duration: Fixed Term

Postdoctoral position in Electronic Literature at the Center for Digital Narrative (CDN).

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Postdoctoral position in Electronic Literature at the Center for Digital Narrative (CDN)

The Department of Linguistic, Literary and Aesthetic Studies invites applications for a three-year Postdoctoral Fellowship in Electronic Literature commencing from September 1st, 2023, or as agreed. The position is for a fixed-term period of three years.

About the Department of Linguistic, Literary and Aesthetic Studies

The Department offers research-based teaching within a wide span of study programs, including Digital Culture, Art History, Theatre Studies, Comparative Literature, Linguistics, Scandinavian Languages and Literature, Old Norse Studies, and Norwegian as a Second Language and Norwegian Languages Courses for international students and employees at the University of Bergen. Beginning in the fall of 2023, the Department is proud to host the Center for Digital Narrative (CDN), a Norwegian Center of Excellence.

The position will be affiliated with the Center for Digital Narrative. The Center focuses on algorithmic narrativity, interactive environments, materialities, and shifting cultural contexts in which digital narratives are received and processed. CDN investigates the ways that the interactions of human authors and non-human agents renew narrative forms, how digital narratives have changed over time, and how textual materialities and cultural contexts are now reshaping the use and function of digital narrative.

CDN is a dynamic research environment housed in the heart of the University of Bergen campus. At the time of launch, the center will house 12 faculty members, three administrative personnel, seven Ph.D. Fellows and two Postdoctoral Fellows. The activities of the center include research group meetings, interactions with international research leaders in digital narrative, researcher training, PhD summer schools, frequent symposia and exhibitions.

Work tasks:

The Center for Digital Narrative is adapting an extensive open-access platform, the ELMCIP Electronic Literature Knowledge Database, to serve as a lasting research environment that will document current research in the broader category of exploratory, digital narrative. The database will also encompass emerging narrative forms that are increasingly found in computer games, social media, computational systems, and extended reality narratives.

- The applicant is expected to develop this database and conduct independent research based on digital humanities analyses of genres, histories, technological and cultural contexts of electronic literature.
- The applicant is also expected to survey international, multilingual databases documenting electronic literature, digital narrative, and related topics.
- The applicant will help develop one or more independent grant proposals for future research with support from CDN.
- The applicant will collaborate with other members at the center and participate in and contribute to its seminars and events

Qualifications and personal qualities:

- The position as postdoctoral research fellow requires a Norwegian doctoral degree or an equivalent foreign doctoral degree in literature, digital culture, or a related field. The doctoral dissertation must have been submitted for evaluation within the closing date of the

application. The PhD degree must be obtained prior to appointment. Applicants without a Norwegian PhD degree will be evaluated based on the guidelines from the Norwegian Agency for Quality Assurance in Education (NOKUT).

- The applicant must both be able to work independently in a well-structured way and have good cooperation skills.
- The applicant must be proficient in both written and oral English.

Experience in any of the following areas is considered an advantage:

- Experience with the development of a research database.
- Editorial experience, e.g., with a research journal or database.
- Publications focused on electronic literature.
- Digital Humanities methods, such as data analysis and data visualization.
- Creative practice in electronic literature.

In the assessment, the main emphasis will be placed upon the quality of the project proposal as well as the candidate's academic qualifications (publications and relevant experience). Strategic considerations, motivation, and the applicant's personal suitability will also be taken into account.

About postdoctoral positions

The position as postdoctoral research fellow is a fixed-term appointment for three years with the primary objective of qualifying the appointee for work in top academic positions. The successful applicant will prepare a plan for qualifying for top academic positions in cooperation with the Head of Department. It is a requirement that the postdoctoral project is completed during the period of employment.

Individuals may not be hired for more than one fixed-term period as a postdoctoral research fellow at the same institution. The successful applicant will be expected to conform to the regulations that apply to the position and must accept that their primary residence will be in Bergen for the full term of the appointment.

We offer:

- A good and professionally stimulating working environment.
- Salary NOK 573 500 gross p.a. (position code 1352) pay grade 62 in the state salary scale, following ordinary meriting regulations.
- Enrolment in the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund.
- A position in an inclusive workplace (IA) enterprise.
- Good [welfare benefits](#)

How to apply:

Applications must be sent electronically via the link on this site "APPLY FOR THIS JOB". The applicant must use the electronic CV-form and the application must include:

- A cover letter giving a brief account of the applicant's research interests and motivation for applying for the position. This should address the qualifications and personal qualities listed above, and how the applicant sees themselves fitting in with the CDN.
- A summary of the proposed project (two pages) describing research plans in the context of the work tasks described above.
- A progress plan for the proposed project.
- Bibliography for the proposed project.
- CV.
- Transcripts and diplomas showing completion of the bachelor's and master's degrees, and diploma for the PhD or documentation showing that the thesis has been submitted for assessment.
- A short summary of the PhD-thesis (up to three pages) that explains how it relates to the advertised position.
- Copies of up to three scholarly publications, that are to be given special consideration in the assessment of your academic qualifications.
- Other relevant diplomas and certificates.
- The names and contact information for two reference persons. One of these must be a supervisor for the PhD-thesis.

Applications and attachments must be in Norwegian, another Scandinavian language or English. Documentation in other languages must be accompanied by certified translations. Attachments can be either in a Word or a PDF-format.

General information:

Further information about the position can be obtained by contacting Professor Joseph Tabbi (e-mail: joseph.tabbi@uib.no), Center Director Scott Rettberg (e-mail: scott.rettberg@uib.no), or Head of Department Anders Fagerjord, phone 55 58 36 53, email: (e-mail: anders.fagerjord@uib.no).

The public sector should reflect the diversity of Norwegian society. People with immigrant backgrounds and people with disabilities are encouraged to apply for the position.

The best qualified candidates for the position will be invited to an interview.

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.

Further information about our employment process can be found [here](#).

Questions or queries about the electronic application process can be directed to The Faculty of Humanities: fakadm@hf.uib.no.

About The University of Bergen (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 four departments and four centres at Faculty of Humanities. [Read more about the faculty](#) and [departments](#).

Additional information

Place of service:

Christiesgt. 18 5020 Bergen (Bergen Municipality)