



**Norwegian University
of Life Sciences**

Jobbnorge ID: 241691

Deadline: 4/11/2023

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

Scope: Fulltime

Duration: Fixed Term

Are you interested in landscapes that are designed to trigger memories?

PhD position within Landscape Architecture - Commemorative landscapes

About the position

The School of Landscape Architecture, Faculty for Landscape and Society at the Norwegian University of Life Sciences (NMBU) is announcing a 3-year PhD fellowship position. The positions will be affiliated with the research groups History and theory in landscape architecture.

The PhD project aims to investigate the topic of commemoration from a landscape architectural perspective. Through historical and theoretical studies, the project aims at illustrating the use of landscapes and landscape elements for commemorative purposes. A working method could be to provide critical analyses of existing cases, examining their design methods and approaches.

Possible research questions are for example: how are landscape and landscape elements designed/used for commemorative purposes, and why? How are such landscapes perceived by different audiences? What aesthetic, ethic and other issues are taken care of, and in what ways? How have commemorative landscapes contributed to the understanding of history, personal and collective memories, identities, and democracy? The PhD project will contribute to the landscape profession by generating new knowledge and design approaches. It also expands the meaning of landscape by contributing to peace and democracy, which is obviously needed today.

Main tasks

The appointed candidates will be admitted to a PhD program at the faculty. The programs offer mandatory and elective courses with oral and written examinations as well as guidance in the development of the candidates' research project. 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 of three years.

Competence:

The successful applicant must meet the conditions defined for admission to a PhD programme at the faculty. The applicant must have an academically relevant education corresponding to a five-year Norwegian degree programme and have a documented strong academic background from previous studies. 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:

- Master's degree in a relevant field, i. e. landscape architecture, architecture, planning, a relevant field of history with a GPA of minimum B
- Documented proficiency in both written and oral English

The following experiences and skills will be emphasized:

- professional experiences in landscape architecture of at least three years
- Knowledge about or work within the relevant Norwegian context
- Experience with research and publishing

You need to:

- Have strong motivation and commitment for research.
- Be able to work diligently and independently.
- Be motivated to collaborate in an international team.

Remuneration and further information

The position is placed in government pay scale position code 1017 PhD Fellow. PhD Fellows are normally placed in pay grade 54 (NOK 501 200) on the Norwegian Government salary scale upon employment and follow ordinary meriting regulations. Employment is conducted according to national guidelines for University and College PhD scholars.

The successful applicant is expected to start in the position 1 September 2023 at the latest and be regularly present on the NMBU campus.

For further information please contact Vice dean Annegreth Dietze-Schirdewahn, annegreth.dietze@nmbu.no, or Professor Anne Kathrine Geelmuyden, anne-kathrine.geelmuyden@nmbu.no

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

Application

To apply online for these vacancies, 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 do not have one already) and log in before completing the online application form.

Application deadline: 11.04.2023

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.

The shortlisted applicants will be called for an interview as a part of the evaluation process. Applicants invited for an interview are expected to present original diplomas and certificates.

The following documents must be attached to the application:

- An application letter stating the applicant's motivation for research within the topic.
- A project proposal related to the topic, including a research question, an indication of possible methods or empirical approach for the study and of expected outcome (1-2 pages)
- Complete CV
- Certified copies of academic diplomas and certificates. (i.e. Diploma, 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 requested 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
- 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. The faculty also offers two PhD programmes:

- Society Development and Planning
- International Environment and Development Studies

The School of Landscape Architecture has around 40 permanent and temporary employees, of which 10 are PhD candidates, and 300 students, and is a nationally leading environment within its field. It is the oldest academic community within Landscape Architecture in Europe. The department offers a 5-year Master's program in Landscape Architecture, a 2-year Master's in Global Landscape Architecture and a 3-year Bachelor's degree in Landscape Engineering. The Department hosts five academic groups: Design and planning; Management of outdoor spaces and green aesthetics (FUGE); History and theory; and Landscape planning and 3D visualization. The Department is also responsible for the [Historical Archive of Norwegian Landscape Architecture](#). Read more about the [School](#).

The Norwegian University of Life Sciences (NMBU)

NMBU's focus is a joint effort for a sustainable future. Our university will contribute to securing the future of life, through outstanding research, education, communication and innovation.

NMBU has 1,900 employees of which about 500 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.

Additional information

Place of service:

Universitetstunet 3 1430 Ås (Ås Municipality)