



**Jobbno** ID: 252267  
**Deadline:** 12/17/2023  
**Website:** <http://www.nord.no/no>  
**Scope:** Fulltime  
**Duration:** Temporary

## PhD position in performing arts education, with a focus on music, dance and /or drama.

### About the position

The Faculty of Teacher Education and Arts and Culture (FLU) at Nord University invites applications for a 100 % fixed-term PhD position, starting 1.5.2024 and with a duration of three years, in the field of performing arts education and cultural literacy.

This PhD position is educational in the sense that the goal of the position is to engage in doctoral education and to submit a PhD thesis. The position is situated within the PhD program in Science of profession. As a PhD candidate you will be part of the Arts and Culture Department within the Faculty of Teacher Education and Arts and Culture and connected to the research group «[Music related learning processes](#)».

The focus of this PhD position is to engage with and strengthen Nord University's involvement in the Horizon Europe project d@rts (dialoguing@rts - Advancing Cultural Literacy for Social Inclusion through Dialogical Arts Education). The successful applicant will be part of the d@rts research team, led by Professor Jens Knigge. The overall question motivating the d@rts project is: How can performing arts education, in formal and non-formal contexts, reimagine cultural literacy as a dialogical practice that enhances social cohesion and inclusion?

This PhD position is specifically linked to work package 3 (WP3) in d@rts: «Ethnographies in dialogue: Case studies of arts education practices», where the main objective is to examine how performing arts education can create spaces and facilitate practices for cultural literacy that enhance social inclusion. Through ethnographic fieldwork WP3 explores how cultural and arts education initiatives can connect, facilitate and dialogue with disadvantaged and minority groups. WP3 investigates how existing cultural and educational initiatives and institutions, specifically engaging in the disciplines of music, dance and/or drama, might become more diverse and inclusive. By exploring and creating participatory spaces and facilitating dialogues through performing arts education, d@rts will advance cultural literacy, and enhance social cohesion and resilience, to build an inclusive future for Europe. Applicants who are invited to an interview are asked to prepare a plan for the three year project period based on d@rts WP 3 description, which the applicant will receive prior to the interview.

The PhD project must be contextualized in the PhD program «[Science of Profession](#)», which highlights current, socially relevant issues that put the field of professional practice at the centre, and contribute to innovative processes in professions. The program emphasizes professional science within an interpersonal and socially relevant context and deals with key areas within professional practice: language, relationships and actions. Professional science is an empirical science and is understood as a multi- and interdisciplinary area of knowledge that includes contributions from several different disciplines and areas of science. The program is broadly structured and includes practice close to research on professional development, training in professions, professional practice, the professional practitioners' interaction with relevant actors and their experience of this.

The position is based at Nord University with a workspace at the Levanger Campus. In special circumstances and in some periods a flexible workplace is possible in consultation with the supervisor(s) and/or project leader. It is expected that the person hired will work full time on the research project and be part of the academic environment at the Faculty and the University.

The person employed must be admitted to the faculty's doctoral programme: [PhD in Science of Professions](#). Within this program there is a requirement that a total of 30 credits of coursework is completed. In addition, independent research work must be carried out for the PhD thesis which takes the form of a preferable collection of articles or a monograph.

The final project outline with a plan for the doctoral work must be approved and signed no later than 3 months after taking up the position ([Guidelines for the project description](#)).

Termination of the PhD position may be considered if admission to the doctoral study is not available within this deadline, in the event of failure to report progress annually, and/or serious failure in progress in the thesis or compulsory work.

### Qualification requirements

- Master's degree in a relevant performing arts education field (preferably music, dance and/or drama) or equivalent education that fulfills the requirements for the PhD programme at the faculty.
- Applicants from outside the EU/EEA must submit NOKUT approval of the master's degree.
- Grade average of B or better (or equivalent score) both for the programme in total and the master's thesis.
- Experience with empirical research, where experience and interest in ethnographic methodologies is preferred.
- Very good written and oral English skills are required for the position.
- The candidate should fulfill the admission requirements and participate in the training component stipulated in regulations of the PhD program in Science of Professions. Application for admission to the program must be submitted within three months after taking up the position.

## When assessing and ranking qualified applicants, emphasis will be placed on:

- Relevance and quality of the applicant's master thesis, and previous relevant research.
- Presentation of a project plan where the candidate explains their project's role and connection to work package 3 in the Horizon Europe project d@rts ( to be presented during the interview).
- The applicant's description of their motivation for doctoral work and to achieve completion of the PhD.
- The applicant's experience with empirical research, where experience and interest in ethnographic methodologies is preferred
- The applicant's motivation for applying for the position more broadly.
- Aptitude and personal suitability for doctoral education.

## We offer

The annual salary for doctoral researchers (code 1017), NOK 532 200,- in the Norwegian State Salary Scale.

- Advantages within the [Government Pension Fund](#) for borrowing, insurance and pension
- Creative and collegial working environment
- A workplace with steady progressive development
- Flexible working hours
- Active university sports team

## General information

The person who is appointed must abide by the applicable laws, agreements, and directives. The responsibilities and duties associated with the position may change with future reorganization at Nord University.

The public sector workforce is expected to reflect the diversity of the population in general. Nord University therefore encourages qualified candidates with disabilities, gaps in their CV, immigrant backgrounds or different life experience to apply.

If applicants indicate they have disabilities or gaps in their CV, their details may be used anonymously for the purposes of governmental annual review.

## Contact information

Further information about the position can be obtained by contacting :

- d@rts project leader Jens Knigge: [jens.knigge@nord.no](mailto:jens.knigge@nord.no)
- Project manager and co-leader of WP3: [runa.h.jenssen@nord.no](mailto:runa.h.jenssen@nord.no)

## Application process

Applicants will be evaluated by an internal expert committee. Promising shortlisted candidates will be invited to an interview and will be asked to deliver a presentation in English.

## Application

Applications must be submitted electronically by **17.12.2023**.

### The application should include:

- Cover letter outlining the candidate's motivation and suitability for the position
- A complete CV (education, work experience and publications)
- Copies of academic degree transcripts for academic degrees (both bachelor and master degree) and other relevant qualifications
- Copy of the applicant's master's thesis as a PDF file
- Other activity that is considered relevant, such as list of publications and academic work
- Names and contact details of 1-3 references (name, relation to candidate, e-mail and telephone number)
- The application is to be written in English

**All documents must be uploaded as attachments to the electronic application form.**

**It is the applicant's responsibility to submit the complete documentation within the deadline.**

After the application period has expired a list of applicants will be published. Note that, in special cases, the identity of particular applicants to a position may be made public even when that applicant has requested that their application be processed confidentially. Applicants requesting an exemption from publication of their identity must explain their reasons for doing so in their application. In this case, advance notice will be given in the event of a decision to make any information about the applicant public.

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## Nord University

Through research, education and social engagement, Nord University contributes to the creation of a sustainable future.

In cooperation with society, business and industry in Northern and Central Norway, our 11,500 students and 1,350 staff promote innovative solutions and knowledge-based practice, both locally and internationally.

Nord University has four strategic focus areas: blue and green growth, sustainable innovation and entrepreneurship, societal security, and health, welfare and education.

**The Faculty of Education and Arts (FLU)** educates the teachers of the future, from kindergarten to upper secondary school and in sports and the arts subjects. Our candidates play a key role in knowledge-based development of society, both regionally and nationally. We shall contribute to developing a praxis field about which we are passionate, which is why our research approach is profession- and praxis-oriented. The Faculty offers a PhD in Science of Professions. The Faculty of Education and Arts has 3,500 students and 350 employees in Levanger, Bodø and Nesna.

Read more: [Nord.no/FLU](http://Nord.no/FLU)

## **Additional information**

### **Place of service:**

Høgskoleveien 27 7600 Levanger (Levanger Municipality)