

Jobbnorge ID: 254172
Deadline: 2/15/2024
Website: <http://www.nord.no/no>
Scope: Fulltime
Duration: Fixed Term

Ready to be a PhD research fellow?

PhD in Sociology - Sports technology and youth - 1-2 positions

About the position

The Faculty of Social Sciences at Nord University is seeking 1-2 PhD candidates in sociology in the field of sports technology and youth. The position(s) are for 3 years, full time, and are linked to the Research Group on Sport and Society (RESPONSE). The position(s) does not include teaching.

The research group RESPONSE has an active and cutting edge research environment in sociology of sport. The PhD position is part of the ongoing research on sports tech conducted by the group. In this PhD position, we invite candidates to conduct studies on sports technology and youth from a sociological perspective. Sports technology encompasses the use of technology in all aspects of sports, including organized sports, esports, and self-organized sports. Examples of digitalization elements in sports may include self-tracking through smartphones and smartwatches, the use of wearable technologies in organized sports, esports, or athletes' self-presentation on social media.

Relevant projects may focus on how technological innovation contributes to inclusion and exclusion in youth sports, how such technologies challenge and maintain gender inequality, economic inequality, or other forms of digital divides. Other relevant issues may include how sports technology and social media influence young athletes' embodiment and understanding of performance, or digitization and innovative youth sporting activities (e.g. esports, virtual sports).

The position is to be located in Bodø. Candidates are subject to Nord University's requirement for residency at the institution. The position may also involve tasks at Nord University's other campuses.

Qualification requirements

- A bachelor and a two-year master's degree in Sociology or other relevant degree within Social Science that fulfils the requirements for the PhD programme at the faculty.
- Grade average of B or better (or equivalent score) of the master's degree.
- The successful candidate will join the PhD program in Sociology at Nord University and is expected to complete the study within the period.
- The candidate should fulfill the admission requirements and participate in the training component stipulated in regulations of the PhD program.
- Application for admission to the program must be submitted within three months after taking up the position. Termination may be considered if admission to the doctoral program is not available within this deadline, in the event of a failure to report progress annually and/or a serious failure in progress. For admission requirements and regulations, see our web page: www.nord.no/en/studies/phd-in-sociology-phd
- Proficiency in oral and written English is essential and knowledge of a Scandinavian language is beneficial for the position. The thesis can be written in English or Norwegian (or possibly another Scandinavian language).
- Candidates who already have a PhD will not be considered for the position.

Qualified applicants will be ranked according to the following criteria:

- Project sketch with description of project idea and plan for implementation.
- The applicant's description of motivation for doctoral work and opportunities for implementation.
- The applicant's motivation for applying the position.
- Relevant experience from research work will count positively.
- Personal suitability.

We offer

The annual salary for doctoral researchers (code 1017) is set at wage level 54, 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:

- Head of the PhD programme in Sociology, professor Johans Tveit Sandvin. E-mail johans.t.sandvin@nord.no, tel. +47 75 51 76 31
- For administrative issues: adviser Anneli Maria Watterud. E-mail anneli.m.watterud@nord.no, tel. +47 75 51 75 72

Application process

Applicants will be evaluated by an internal expert committee. Prospective candidates will be asked to attend an interview.

The interview and impression of personal characteristics will be given weight in the ranking.

Application

Applications must be submitted electronically by **1st of February 2024**.

The electronic application must include:

- An application letter containing a description of your motives for applying for the position.
- A complete CV (education, work and teaching experience (if any), and details about any scientific publications).
- Certified copies of Bachelor's and Master's degree certificates incl. overview of subjects in the educations, as well as relevant certificates.
- A project proposal up to 10 pages, outlining your idea for the PhD project, theoretical grounding, methodological approach and progress plan.
- Contact details for 2-3 references (name, your relationship to the person, their email address and phone number).
- Other activities deemed to be relevant to the position and that you want to be taken into consideration.

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.

Refnr. 30200467

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 Social Sciences (FSV) educates social scientists and professionals who meet society's need for innovation in welfare, development and communication. The Faculty offers a PhD in Sociology. The Faculty of Social Sciences has 1,800 students and 100 employees. The professional community is organised into the following five divisions: History, geography and international relations; Journalism and creative media; Social work; Organization, leadership and work life; and Sociology, research methods and philosophy of science.

Read more: www.nord.no/fsv

Additional information

Contact person:

Johans Tveit Sandvin, Professor og leder for ph.d.-programmet i sosiologi
Phone: 75517631 | E-mail: johans.t.sandvin@nord.no

Place of service:

