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Scope: Fulltime
Duration: Fixed Term

Postdoctoral Fellows in the History of English Language / Corpus Linguistics

Job description

The University of Stavanger invites applicants for two positions as Postdoctoral Fellow in the History of English Language / Corpus Linguistics at the Faculty of Arts and Education, Department of Cultural Studies and Languages. The positions are vacant from 1 January 2026.

The aim of the positions is for the successful candidate to develop a research profile and gain the qualifications required to be eligible for a position as an Associate Professor. Additionally, the position may provide valuable experience and other competencies relevant to the postdoctoral researcher's career development.

The Postdoctoral Fellows will be affiliated with the ERC-funded project LiTra (Linguistic Traces: low-frequency forms as evidence of language and population history). The Fellows are employed for a period of 4 years. The employment period does not include teaching or supervision work, but the Fellows will use ca 25% of their position for 1) technological development and maintenance and/or 2) corpus compilation within the LiTra project.

The project will be carried out at the University of Stavanger. It is assumed that the appointee will work full time on the project and that she/he will participate in the academic community.

Project proposal

You must submit a description of a research project within the LiTra project. The individual project should contribute to the main empirical aim of LiTra: to relate geographical variation in minority forms to earlier language and dialect contact in England. Please contact project leader Merja Stenroos (merja.stenroos@uis.no) for a description of the LiTra project.

The project proposal must show how the research work is to be carried out, what the key research questions and hypotheses will be, what theories and methods will be applied, and a schedule for carrying out the work. It must be clear from the application in what way the project will add both to the LiTra project and to your own competence. The project proposal will be included in the assessment.

The final project description and progress plan are drawn up in consultation with the supervisor (s) during the first three months of the employment period. It is a prerequisite that the project is to be completed during the employment period.

Qualification requirements

The Postdoctoral Fellow must have a doctoral degree with a specialisation relevant for the project. The doctoral thesis must have been submitted for evaluation within the application deadline for the position and approved before accession.

The two Postdoctoral Fellows will ideally have complementary skill sets and roles within the project.

Fellow 1 should have solid experience and knowledge within historical corpus linguistics, together with a high degree of technological competence, including programming and database skills. They should be able to make informed decisions in choosing and testing tools for the project, and also to develop new tools and methodologies as needed.

Fellow 2 should have a solid background in the history of English as well as experience in working with medieval/early modern manuscript texts, preferably administrative documents. They will, together with the project leader, play a central role in preparing and compiling a corpus of medieval documentary texts.

Both Fellows will in addition carry out a self-contained linguistic project within the LiTra framework. They should therefore have a good basis in linguistics, as well as research interests within one or more areas of the History of English, such as syntax, morphology, lexicology and/or phonology.

Applicants must have a good command of both oral and written English.

Other relevant skills and qualifications might include:

- a good knowledge of early English and North European history
- knowledge of medieval English, Latin and (especially early) Celtic and Germanic languages
- reading medieval handwriting
- historical or social geography and maps
- methods and approaches within onomastics, dialectology and sociolinguistics.

In the assessment the following criteria will also be emphasised:

- quality of the project description and its relevance for the LiTra project
- submitted scientific work
- your personal skills for completing the project within the timeframe
- international experience and networks
- experience and qualifications within research, innovation and development
- good teamwork, communication skills and ability to participate in research communities across organisational units
- ability to work independently in a structured manner
- motivation, sense of responsibility and accountability, work capacity and enthusiasm for research

We offer

- varied duties in a large, exciting and socially important organisation
- an ambitious work community which is developing rapidly. We strive to include employees at all levels in strategic decisions and promote an informal atmosphere with a flat organisational structure
- access to [Lifekeys](#), a digital service for the preservation of personal mental health and well-being
- salary in accordance with the State Salary Scale, l.pl 17.510, code 1352, NOK 580.000 - 680.000 gross per year. A higher salary may be considered in special cases. From the salary, 2% is deducted as a contribution to the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund.
- automatic membership in the [Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund](#), which provides favourable insurance and retirement benefits
- favourable membership terms at a gym and at the university sports club, [SiS sports club](#) at campus
- employment with an Inclusive Workplace organisation which is committed to reducing sick leave, increasing the proportion of employees with reduced working capacity, and increasing the number of professionally active seniors
- [Hjem-jobb-hjem](#), discounted public transport to and from work
- as an employee in Norway, you will have access to an optimal health service, as well as good pensions, generous maternity/paternity leave, and a competitive salary. Nursery places are guaranteed and reasonably priced.
- relocation programme

Diversity

Diversity is a resource in the working and learning environment at UiS. When we have different backgrounds and experiences, we can approach challenges from multiple perspectives and find better solutions.

At UiS, we are committed to showing respect for each other's differences and accommodating employees with disabilities. We take into consideration your needs and your situation in various life phases.

If you find this position interesting, we encourage you to apply, regardless of gender, disability, cultural background, or whether you have been out of the workforce for a period.

If there are qualified applicants with disabilities, gaps in their CV, or immigrant backgrounds, we will invite at least one applicant from each of these groups for an interview. If you fall into any of these categories, feel free to indicate it when applying for the position.

Learn more about the criteria for being considered an applicant in these specific groups [here](#).

Contact information

More information on the position can be obtained from Kjetil Vikhamar Thengs (Head of Department), tel: 51831337, e-mail: kjetil.v.thengs@uis.no or Merja Stenroos (Project Leader), tel: 51831365, e-mail: merja.stenroos@uis.no.

Information about the appointment procedure can be obtained from HR advisor Annette Lothe Molnes, e-mail: annette.l.molnes@uis.no.

Application

To apply for this position please follow the link "Apply for this job". Your application letter, relevant education and work experience as well as language skills must be registered here. In the application letter, you must state your research interests and motivation for the position. It is an advantage if you also specify which of the two postdoctoral positions you are primarily interested in, Fellow 1 or 2.

The following documents must be uploaded as attachments to your application:

- project proposal
- CV with a full summary of your education and experience
- documentation of approved doctoral degree. If you have not yet completed the degree, you may enclose a confirmation from the institution on the expected date of obtaining the doctoral degree.
- complete list of academic publications with information on where they are published. You may also upload up to 5 publications, including your PhD thesis or published monograph based upon the thesis.
- transcripts and certificates, and other documentation that you consider relevant

Applications are evaluated based on the information available in Jobbnorge on the application deadline. You should ensure that your application shows clearly how your skills and experience meet the criteria which are set out above.

The documentation must be available in either a Scandinavian language or in English. If the total size of the attachments exceeds 30 MB, they must be compressed before upload.

Please note that information on applicants may be published even if the applicant has requested not to be included in the official list of applicants - see [Section 25 of the Freedom of Information Act](#). If your request is not granted, you will be notified.

UiS only considers applications and attachments registered in Jobbnorge.

General information

The engagement is to be made in accordance with the regulations in force concerning State Employees and Civil Servants, and the acts relating to Control of the Export of Strategic Goods, Services and Technology. If your application is considered to be in conflict with the criteria in the latter legislation, it will be rejected without further assessment.

Employment as Postdoctoral Fellow is regulated in "[Regulations concerning terms and conditions of employment for the posts of post-doctoral research fellow and research fellow, research assistant and resident](#)".

We put emphasis on the quality, relevance and significance of the research work and not on where the work is published, in accordance with the principles of [The San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment \(DORA\)](#).

UiS has signed [The Agreement on Reforming Research Assessment \(CoARA\)](#), committing to recognizing various forms of results, practices, and activities in the evaluation of research and researchers.

Your qualifications for the position, based on documentation registered in Jobbnorge, will be assessed by an internal expert committee.

Based on the committee's statement, relevant applicants will be invited to an interview before any recommendations are made. References will also be obtained for relevant candidates. [More about the hiring process on our website.](#)

UiS has an Acquisition of Rights Agreement for the purpose of securing rights to intellectual property created by its employees, including research results.

It is a prerequisite that you have a residence which enables you to be present at/available to the academic community during ordinary working hours.

The position has been announced in both Norwegian and English. In the case of differences of meaning between the texts, the Norwegian text takes precedence.

UiS - challenge the well-known and explore the unknown

The University of Stavanger (UiS) has about 12,000 students and 1,900 employees. The university has high ambitions. We strive to have an innovative and international profile, and be a driving force in knowledge development and in the process of societal change. Our common direction is driven by consideration for sustainable change and equitable social development, through new ways of managing natural resources and facilitating better cities and local communities. Energy, health and welfare, learning for life are our focus areas.

In constant collaboration and dialogue with our surroundings, regionally, nationally and internationally, we enjoy an open and creative climate for education, research, innovation, dissemination and museum activities. Academic life at the University of Stavanger is organised into six faculties comprising various departments/schools and National Research Centres, as well as the Museum of Archaeology. We are a member of the European Consortium of Innovative Universities. The university is located in the most attractive region in the country with more than 300,000 inhabitants. The Stavanger region has a dynamic labour market and exciting cultural and leisure activities.

Together with our staff and students we will challenge the well-known and explore the unknown.

The Faculty of Arts and Education is the region's most important institution for educating teachers for kindergartens, primary and secondary schools, upper secondary schools and higher education. The Faculty also provides basic education in sport, languages, religion and history, as well as eight Master's programmes and two doctoral programmes.

The Faculty has three national centres: The National Centre for Reading Education and Research (the Reading Centre), the National Centre for Learning Environment and Behavioural Research (The Learning Environment Centre) and the Knowledge Centre for Education (KSU), as well as the Filiorum Centre for Early Childhood Research. The Faculty collaborates with the Norwegian Directorate for Education and Training and local government authorities in respect of further and continuing education. The Faculty has a total of around 3,000 students and 320 employees divided between the Faculty administration, Department of Early Childhood Education, Department of Education and Sports Science, Department of Cultural Studies and Languages, Reading Centre, Learning Environment Centre and Knowledge Centre for Education.

The Department of Cultural Studies and Languages has responsibility for the university's teacher education programme for levels 8-13 and practical pedagogical education. The Institute also offers education in Nordic languages, English, Religion, History, Norwegian for international students as well as Master's degrees in History and History didactics, Nordic and Literacy Studies, and English and Literacy Studies. Together with other departments at the faculty, we offer a PhD programme in Educational Science and humanities. There are currently 80 employees and 1,200 students at the department.

Additional information

Place of service:

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