

Jobbnorge ID: 282483
Deadline: 10/15/2025
Website: <http://www.ntnu.no>
Scope: Fulltime
Duration: Fixed Term

The Faculty of Humanities are searching for applicants to

UP TO 7 PhD POSITIONS

This is NTNU

NTNU is a broad-based university with a technical-scientific profile and a focus in professional education. The university is located in three cities with headquarters in Trondheim.

At NTNU, 9,000 employees and 43,000 students work to create knowledge for a better world.

You will find more information about working at NTNU and the application process [here](#).

Video: <https://youtu.be/Xt-yHCN5QSO>

About the position

The Faculty of Humanities is announcing up to 7 PhD positions.

The successful applicants must commit to completing their PhD studies within the period of employment.

This call does not include the PhD programme in artistic research. A call for proposals for artistic research will be announced in a separate call.

Strategic considerations and academic relevance will be an important part of the selection process. Applicants must therefore align their application with one of [the Faculty's research groups/networks](#). You can find the groups included in the announcement on our website. Applications that are not connected to one of these groups, will not be assessed. The same applies to applications where the Faculty's [template for project description](#) is not followed. You can read more about this under "About the application" below.

The applicant must account for how the project can be related to the relevant research group/network and the activity at the Department. Applicants must have been in contact with the research group/network prior to submitting the application. Applicants are encouraged to get in touch with relevant academic staff early in the process. The intended main supervisor must be employed at one of the Faculty's departments and be part of the relevant research group/network. Supervisors are required to satisfy [the requirements of the PhD Regulations for supervision at doctoral level](#).

The Faculty of Humanities hosts four PhD programmes aimed towards the scientific PhD degree: [Humanities and the Arts](#), [Historical and Cultural Studies](#), [Language and Linguistics](#) and [Interdisciplinary Studies of Culture](#).

Read more about [the open call on the Faculty of Humanities' website](#).

Your immediate manager will be the head of department.

Required selection criteria

To be qualified for the announced positions, you must:

- have a strong academically relevant background with a master's degree or equivalent. Your course of study must correspond to a five-year Norwegian course, where 120 credits have been obtained at master's level. The average grade from your Master's degree study, or equivalent education, must be equal to B or better compared to [NTNU's grading scale](#). If you do not have letter grades from previous studies, you must have an equally good academic foundation. If you have a weaker grade background, you may be considered if you can document that you are particularly suitable for a PhD education
- meet the requirements for admission to the [faculty's Doctoral Programme](#)
- have good oral and written presentation skills in English

The appointment is to be made in accordance with [Regulations for the Universities and Colleges Act \(university and colleges regulations\)](#) and [Regulations for the degrees philosophiae doctor \(ph.d.\) and philosophiae doctor \(ph.d.\) in artistic development work at the Norwegian](#)

[University of Science and Technology \(NTNU\)](#) for general criteria for the position.

In accordance with the Regulations concerning terms and conditions of employment, former PhD research fellows at NTNU are not eligible for the positions regardless of field of study. Candidates who already have an approved doctorate in related fields from other institutions, either nationally or internationally, are also asked not to apply for these positions.

Personal characteristics

- Structured, systematic and goal oriented
- Good communication and collaboration skills
- Motivation to contribute to a good working environment, both academically and socially
- Ability to follow through. Completion time on the master's programme may therefore be addressed at an interview

Personal suitability will be emphasized in the selection process.

We offer

- An exciting job with an important [mission](#) in society
- Developing tasks in a strong and international professional environment
- [Working capital](#) that can be used to implement the project
- [Mentor programme](#) as a [new employee at NTNU](#)
- As a public employee, you have favourable benefits as a member of the [Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund \(SPK\)](#)

You will be employed as a PhD research fellow at NTNU and will have access to [employee benefits and discounts](#).

Diversity

Diversity is a strength, and at NTNU we aim to be an employer that reflects the diversity in society and that makes use of the potential of the population's collective skills. Our vision is [Knowledge for a better world](#) and [our values are creative, critical, constructive and respectful](#). We believe that an organization that is equal, diverse and gender-balanced is essential for us to achieve our goals.

We strive to attract employees with different skills, life experiences and perspectives to contribute to even better problem solving of our societal mission in research and education.

If you think this position is relevant and interesting, we encourage you to apply, regardless of gender, functional ability and cultural background, or whether you have been out of work for a period of time.

Salary and conditions

In the PhD position, code 1017, your gross salary will normally be NOK 550 800,- per annum depending on qualifications and seniority. A 2% statutory contribution to the State Pension Fund is deducted from the salary.

The employment period is 3 years, but career-enhancing work may be considered added to some of the positions, depending on the needs of the departments.

To be employed in a PhD position at NTNU, it is a prerequisite that you gain admission to the PhD relevant [PhD-programme](#) within three months of your employment contract start date, and that you participate in an organized doctoral programme throughout the period of employment.

As an employee at NTNU, it is important that you keep yourself up to date with academic and organizational changes and adapt to them.

For the necessary academic and social interaction, it is a prerequisite that you are physically present and available to the institution on a daily basis.

The appointment is carried out in accordance with the principles of the [State Employees Act](#), and [Export control](#) (legislation that regulates the export of knowledge, technology and services). Candidates who, after assessment of the application and attachments, are considered to be in conflict with the criteria in the latter act, will not be able to be employed.

About the application

The application must include information about the applicant's background, language skills and motivation for carrying out the PhD project. The application and project description must be available in English, Norwegian or another Scandinavian language, normally in the same language as planned for the thesis. The applicant must not send in an application for admission to the PhD-programme at this point.

Please note: the application will only be assessed on the basis of the information we have received by the application deadline. Therefore, make sure that your application clearly shows how your skills and experience meet the criteria described above. The application and all attachments must be sent electronically via [Jobbnorge.no](#). If you are invited to an interview, you must bring certified copies of certificates and diplomas upon request.

The application must include:

- transcripts, diplomas and diploma supplement for bachelor's and master's degrees
- CV registered in [Jobbnorge.no](#)
- description of the doctoral project to be carried out during the employment period, using the appropriate [template for project description](#) (the template is located at the bottom of the page in a separate Word document)
- name and contact information of three referees (can be provided before an interview)

The applicant must document a high scientific potential through the project description. The project description is a key element in evaluating the applicants. It is also highly important that the project is feasible within the nominal length of study, which is three years full time, with ½ year set aside for the coursework component.

It will also be assessed whether the project will contribute to academic goals in the relevant department's strategic plans. This must therefore be addressed in the project description.

If all, or parts, of your education has been taken abroad, we also ask you to attach documentation of the scope and quality of your entire education, both bachelor's and master's education, in addition to other higher education. If your institution offers "diploma supplement" (most European institutions do), you must attach this. [A description of the documentation required](#) can also be found at NTNU's webpage. If you already have a statement from [Norwegian Directorate for Higher Education and Skills](#), please attach this as well.

The successful applicant commits to completing a PhD within the period of employment and the available resources. The applicant must therefore demonstrate that they will have access to the necessary equipment and infrastructure to complete the project. PhD research fellows at the Faculty of Humanities will receive up to NOK 100,000 in working capital (driftsmidler) to complete the project.

Joint works will be considered. If it is difficult to identify your contribution to joint work, you must attach a brief description of your participation.

The following applications will not be considered:

- Applications that are not sent electronically through the Jobbnorge.no portal by the application deadline
- Applications that have not used [the faculty's template for project description](#) or which lack a project description all together
- Applications without certificates/grade transcript from their master's degree
- Applications that do not include information about the preferred supervisor listed at the Faculty of Humanities
- Applications where the candidate has not been in contact with [the relevant research group/network](#)

General information

NTNU recognizes a wide range of academic contributions and has committed itself to [The San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment](#) and [CoARA](#) (responsible assessment of research and recognition of a greater breadth of academic contributions in accordance with NTNU's social mission).

A public list of applicants with name, age, job title and municipality of residence is prepared after the application deadline. If you wish to be exempt from entry on the public applicant list, this must be justified. Assessment will be made in accordance with [current legislation](#). You will be notified if the exemption is not granted.

If you have any questions about the position, please contact the Research Support Office at phd@hf.ntnu.no. If you have any questions about the recruitment process, please contact HR advisor Martin Jakobsen at martin.jakobsen@ntnu.no.

Application deadline: 15.10.2025

For practical information about [working at NTNU](#), please visit [this webpage](#).

[The city of Trondheim](#) is a modern European city with a rich cultural scene. [Trondheim is the tech capital of Norway](#) with a population of 200,000. The Norwegian welfare state, including healthcare, schools, kindergartens and overall equality, is probably the best of its kind in the world. Professional subsidized day-care for children is easily available. Furthermore, Trondheim offers great opportunities for education (including international schools) and possibilities to enjoy nature, culture and family life and has low crime rates and clean air quality.

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The Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU) creates knowledge for a better world and solutions that can change everyday life.

Faculty of Humanities

[The Faculty of Humanities](#) offers a wide range of study programmes in the humanities, and is Norway's second largest faculty of humanities measured in the number of students. We develop leading academic groups in the action-oriented humanities, as well as innovative and inquiry-based teaching and learning. The Faculty consists of six departments as well as a Faculty administration.

Additional information

Place of service:

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