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Jobbnorge ID: 287389

Deadline: 1/20/2026

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

Scope: Fulltime

Duration: Fixed Term

Are you interested in politics, diplomacy, and norm development in the Arctic and internationally?

PhD Research Fellow in Social Science - Arctic Vulnerabilities (1-2 positions)

This is Nord University

Do you want to help create knowledge that makes a difference? At Nord University, we develop future solutions through education, research, and collaboration with the society around us.

Together, we shape the future with roots in the North and eyes on what lies ahead.

Nord in the world - knowledge for the future.

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mzrda-wPlc8>

About the position

Nord University's Faculty of Social Sciences invites applications for 1-2 temporary full-time positions as PhD Research Fellow in Social Science - with a thematic focus on Arctic Vulnerabilities. The position is affiliated with the Research group Governance, Geopolitics & Security ([GEO-Security](#)). The position is further linked to the specialization [Arctic Vulnerabilities](#).

The appointment period is normally three years without teaching duties, but a four-year period with 25 % duties may be considered. Duties may include teaching and/or research-related tasks depending on the candidate's competence and faculty needs.

Nord University's Strategy 2030 highlights the High North as Norway's most important strategic region and states that the university will strengthen its social science research related to the region. The strategy further emphasizes that the university should contribute to building a safe and democratic society through the development of knowledge on risk and vulnerability.

To contribute to Nord University's strategy, the research group wants to strengthen its competence within comprehensive and critical approaches to vulnerability and resilience, positioning them at the core of governance, geopolitics, and security across local, national and international scales.

The position will be linked to the faculty's PhD programme in Social Science and the Division History, Geography and International Relations. We are interested in candidates whose project can fit within the programme stream on Arctic Vulnerabilities, and whose project will contribute to Nord University's Strategy 2030.

Specifically, projects that examine the (geo)politics, diplomacy and/or normative evolutions of the Arctic region and/or in the international system. This can include 1) comparative studies that intersect with China, Russia, EU, Trans-Atlantic or Nordic dimensions, 2) different theoretical, ontological, epistemological, and methodological approaches to knowledge, data or analysis and/or 3) focus on diplomacy, governance and/or dimensions of justice or democracy. This focus on norms/rule-making can include concepts such as performativity, legitimacy, power, resilience or security.

The position is based in Bodø and physical presence during working hours is expected. If required duties are assigned, tasks may also be carried out at other Nord University campuses.

Qualification requirements

- To be admitted to the PhD programme, applicants must hold a bachelor's and master's degree (120 ECTS), or equivalent, in a relevant social science discipline and/or history. Applicants with degrees in the humanities or other relevant fields may be considered on an individual basis.
- Candidates must demonstrate solid knowledge of relevant social science theories and methods necessary to carry out the proposed PhD project.
- Admission to the faculty's PhD programme is a prerequisite. See admission requirements: [PhD in Social Science](#)
- Applicants must meet the grade requirements for PhD admission (typically a B average in the master's degree).
- Strong English skills, both written and oral, are required. For applicants from outside the Nordic countries, documentation may be required (see [PhD regulations, section 6-1](#)). The dissertation may be written in English or Norwegian (or another Scandinavian language).
- A final project proposal must be approved and formalized within three months of employment.

- Candidates who already hold a PhD are not eligible.

Qualified applicants will be ranked according to the following criteria

- Submitted project proposal
- Academic background and grades from master's studies
- Research experience
- Relevant academic background
- Personal suitability
- Motivation and feasibility of the proposed PhD project

We offer

Salary according to the Norwegian government's pay scale, position code 1017, currently NOK 550,800 per year. Statutory contributions to the [Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund](#).

- Excellent loan, insurance, and pension schemes
- A creative and collegial work environment
- A workplace in continuous development
- Flexible working hours
- Active university sports teams

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 Research Group, Associate Professor, Beate Steinveg, telefon +47 75 51 76 78, email beate.steinveg@nord.no
- Head of Specialisation, Professor Astri Dankertsen, phone + 47 75 51 79 23, email astri.dankertsen@nord.no
- Administrative questions: Senior Advisor Anneli M. Watterud, phone +47 75 51 75 72, email anneli.m.watterud@nord.no

Application process

Applications will be assessed by an expert committee. Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an interview.

The faculty reserves the right not to appoint candidates who are academically qualified but for whom adequate supervision cannot be provided.

Application requirements

Applications must be submitted electronically by **January 20, 2026**.

The application should include:

- Project proposal (approx. 5-7 pages) outlining the PhD idea, theoretical framework, methodological approach, and progress plan
- Cover letter describing your motivation for applying
- Complete CV (education, work and teaching experience, list of publications if applicable)
- Diplomas and official transcripts from bachelor's and master's degrees, and other relevant certificates
- Documentation that all requirements for admission to the PhD programme are met
- Digital version or link to completed master's thesis and any other academic work
- Names and contact information for 2-3 references (name, relationship, email, phone number)
- Applicants from countries outside Scandinavia must include a Diploma Supplement in English or in a Scandinavian language
- Other relevant activities to be considered in the evaluation
- Applicants from outside the EU/EEA area may be asked to provide additional documentation of their education

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.

A public list of applicants will be prepared after the deadline. Please note that information about applicants may be disclosed even if a request for confidentiality has been made. Applicants requesting confidentiality must justify this in the application. They will be notified in advance if disclosure is necessary.

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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 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 Social Science. The Faculty of Social Sciences has 1,900 students and 200 employees.

The professional community is organised into the following five divisions: History, geography and international relations; Journalism and creative media; Social work; Organisation, leadership and working life; and Sociology, research methods and philosophy of science.

Read more: www.nord.no/fsv

Additional information

Place of service:

Universitetsalléen 11 8026 Bodø (Bodø Municipality)