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Website: <http://www.uis.no/>
Scope: Fulltime
Duration: Permanent

PhD Fellow in Industrial Economics

Job description

The University of Stavanger invites applicants for a PhD Fellowship in Industrial Economics at the Faculty of Science and Technology, Department of Safety, Economics and Planning.

This is a trainee position that will give promising researchers an opportunity for academic development through a PhD education leading to a doctoral degree.

The hired candidate will be admitted to the PhD program in Risk Management and Societal Safety. The education includes relevant courses to about six months of study, a dissertation based on independent research, participation in national and international research environments, relevant academic communication, a trial lecture and public defence. Read more about the PhD education at UiS on [our website](#).

The appointment is for three years with research duties exclusively, or four years with both research and other career-promoting work. This will be clarified in the recruitment process.

A career plan will be prepared that specifies the competencies that the Research Fellow will acquire. Access to career guidance will be provided throughout the doctoral education.

Research topic

The PhD Fellow will conduct research in industrial economics with a primary focus on the seafood industry, comprising aquaculture and fisheries. The candidate will join an active group of Norwegian and international researchers working on issues related to seafood production, processing, market dynamics, international trade, and the broader impacts on the environment and coastal communities. Research topics are broadly defined, allowing the candidate to shape their project according to their interests, whether through applied econometric analysis, data-driven approaches, or more theoretical economic modeling. The position also provides opportunities for international research stays (for example, at the University of Florida, USA) as well as close collaboration with the Norwegian seafood sector.

The PhD Fellow may also contribute to ongoing projects in the research group, such as "[Salmon exports, processing, and local economic impacts \(NFR 352350\)](#)" and "[Co-innovation in government policies and sustainable business models for offshore and inshore aquaculture \(NFR 353039\)](#)", both funded by the Norwegian Research Council.

Project proposal

Applicants are expected to submit a preliminary project proposal for a doctoral project within the research topic, which explains the problem, relevance, theoretical and methodological approach. Your preliminary project proposal, a maximum of one page, will be included in the application assessment.

During the first three months of the employment period, the project proposal and progress plan will be further developed in cooperation with the supervisors and completed for the final plan for the PhD-project. A project proposal template can be found [here](#).

Qualification requirements

We are looking for applicants with a strong academic background who have completed a five-year master degree (3+2) within industrial economics, natural resource economics, environmental economics, or related, and which has preferably been acquired within the prior five years.

To be eligible for admission to the doctoral programmes at the University of Stavanger both the grade for your master's thesis and the weighted average grade of the master's degree must individually be equivalent to or better than a B grade. If you finish your education (master's degree) in the spring of 2026 you are also welcome to apply.

Applicants with an education from an institution with a different grade scale than A-F, and/or with other types of credits than sp/ECTS, must attach a confirmed conversion scale that shows how the grades can be compared with the Norwegian A-F scale and a Diploma Supplement or similar that explains the scope of the subjects that are included in the education. [You can use these conversion scales to calculate your points for admission](#).

Emphasis is also placed on your:

- strong background in quantitative analysis and data manipulation

- proficiency with programming languages such as R, Python, MATLAB, or similar
- motivation, and potential for research within seafood
- professional and personal skills for completing the doctoral degree within the given time frame
- ability to work independently and in a team, innovatively and creatively
- ability to work in a structured manner and handle a heavy workload
- demonstrate presentation and writing skills in English
- basic knowledge of a Scandinavian language or willingness to learn

Requirements for competence in English

A good proficiency in English is required for anyone attending the PhD program. International applicants must document this with a valid test certificate from one of the following tests:

- TOEFL - Test of English as a Foreign Language, Internet-Based Test (IBT). Minimum result: 90
- IELTS - International English Language Testing Service. Minimum result: 6.5
- Certificate in Advanced English (CAE) og Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE) from the University of Cambridge
- PTE Academic - Pearson Test of English Academic. Minimum result: 62

The following applicants are exempt from the above requirements:

- Applicants with one year of completed university studies in Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, United Kingdom, USA
- Applicants with a completed bachelor's and / or master's degrees taught in English in a EU/EEA country
- Applicants who are exempt based on HK-dir's [GSU list](#)

We offer

- a PhD education in a large, exciting and socially important organisation
- an professional 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.
- free Norwegian language courses if you do not have proficiency in Norwegian, Swedish, or Danish at level A2 at the time of employment.
- 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 17.515, code 1017, NOK 550 800 gross per year with salary development according to seniority in the position. 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 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 and language courses

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](#).

The university aims to recruit more women within the subject area. If several applicants are considered to have equal qualifications, female applicants will be given priority.

Contact information

More information on the position (and project description) can be obtained from Associate Professor Ruth B. M. Pincinato, tel: 942 667 41, e-mail: ruth.b.pincinato@uis.no or Associate Professor Andreea L. Cojocar, tel: 904 107 34, e-mail: andreea.cojocar@uis.no.

Information about the appointment procedure can be obtained from HR-advisor Christina Storm, tel: 518 317 53, e-mail: christina.storm@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 your application letter, you must state your research interests and motivation for the position.

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

- project proposal, A project proposal template can be found [here](#).
- CV with a full summary of your education and experience
- references, certificates/diplomas and other documentation that you consider relevant
- Diploma Supplement or similar and a confirmed conversion scale if this is required

- documentation on competence in the English language if this is required
- publications or other relevant research work

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

The documentation must be available in either a Scandinavian language or in English. If the total size of the attachments exceeds 100 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.

Employment as PhD Fellow is regulated in [Regulations to the Universities and Colleges Act, chapter IV](#). Admission to the doctoral program is regulated in [Regulations for the PhD degree at UiS](#).

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.

The appointee will be based at the University of Stavanger. 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 will be a driving force in innovation and green transition, with sustainability making its way into all our study programmes. Our areas of priority are energy, health and welfare, and learning for life.

Our workplace is characterized by outstanding researchers, bustling student life and high levels of well-being among our 2,000 employees. We are an open university, generous and inclusive, with vibrant meeting places for critical reflection, knowledge sharing and constructive debate. One of our main characteristics is extensive collaboration with working life, in research and education alike. UiS focuses on innovative and flexible learning methods for our 12,000 students. We are working to reinvent European higher education through ECIU University, a flagship initiative in the EU. This provides unique opportunities for learning, exchange and development for our students and staff.

The university is located in an international region with 300,000 inhabitants, offering diverse job opportunities, an exciting cultural scene and stunning nature experiences. As an employee, you get access to reduced rates on public transport, training during working hours, the possibility of flexible working hours and a mortgage from the State Pension Fund.

The Faculty of Science and Technology offers study programs at bachelor, master and doctoral level. The faculty has established close cooperation on research with NORCE (Norwegian Research Centre AS) and the regional industry. A number of master's and doctoral theses are made in collaboration with the industry. The faculty has established research collaborations with universities in the US and Europe, and has developed several academic environments that are at the forefront internationally. The faculty has about 2,800 students and approximately 500 employees at the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Department of Structural Engineering and Materials Science, Department of Mathematics and Physics, Department of Energy and Petroleum Engineering, Department of Energy Resources and the Department of Safety, Economics and Planning.

The Department of Safety, Economics and Planning has one of Norway's most active research environments within Risk Management, Societal Safety, Industrial Economics and Urban Planning. The environment is internationally recognised with many externally funded projects and extensive networks. The department has approximately 100 employees with backgrounds in, among other things, engineering, economics, science, sociology and social sciences, and is characterised by extensive interdisciplinary collaboration. More than 900 students are associated with study programs at Bachelor, Master's and PhD level in the disciplines of Societal Safety, Industrial Economics, Urban Planning, Risk Analysis (the last two are international Master's programs), as well as in Customs and border management. In addition, an experience-based master's degree in Risk Management and Safety Management is offered in the continuing education program.

Additional information

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