

Jobbnorge ID: 295240
Deadline: 3/15/2026
Website: <http://www.uia.no>
Scope: Fulltime
Duration: Fixed Term

PhD Research Fellow in Environmental Sociology and the Politics of Sustainable/Green Transition

About the position

Socioecological transition, the decarbonisation of economies and the technological, political and challenges it generates, pose urgent and important questions for the social sciences. The **Department of Sociology and Social Work at the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Agder**, invites applications for a **PhD research fellow** to conduct sociological research on **the politics of socioecological transition**. Relevant topics may include, but are not limited to: the challenges and tools for democratic politics and governance posed by policies and technologies of transition; the comparison and dynamics of social movements, imaginaries and discourses around sustainability; the exclusions, inequalities and injustices related to environmental governance; populist and far-right responses to green transition, the social and political consequences of initiatives and strategies such as the European Green Deal and the politics of twin transition.

The position is full-time (100%) for a period of three years (or four years with 25 % other career-promoting work). The position is located at Campus Kristiansand in southern Norway.

A prerequisite for employment is that the candidate is to be admitted to [UiA's PhD programme at the Faculty of Social Sciences](#), and that the Department of Sociology and Social Work has a thematically relevant advisor available to supervise the doctoral project.

Required qualifications

You will have

- A Master's degree of 120 ECTS credits, with an average grade of B or higher, in Sociology, Political Science or International Relations - or a very closely related field in the social sciences.
- An original, academically outstanding project proposal that can make an independent and original contribution to the research literature and the field of Sociology.
- Strong analytical skills.
- Excellent command of English, both written and oral.

Your Master's thesis must be submitted for assessment by the application deadline, and your Master's degree must be approved no later than 4 weeks after the application deadline.

[Criteria for positions as PhD Research Fellow](#) (in Norwegian).

Desired qualifications

You might have

- Knowledge of, and interest in, environmental sociology and political sociology and relevant theories and topics.
- Experience conducting scientific research, completing academic projects, and writing and publishing academic texts
- Teaching experience in a university context (such as giving lectures or holding seminars)
- Good pedagogical skills
- Ability to communicate in Norwegian and/or a Scandinavian language

The working language at the University of Agder is Norwegian and most of the teaching in the Department of Sociology and Social Work takes place in Norwegian. Proficiency in Norwegian or another Scandinavian language, both written and spoken, is therefore a desirable, but not necessary, qualification.

Any scientific publications will be given weight in the assessment of the application. If you have published any work previously, you are invited to enclose a maximum of two academic texts along with a list of relevant publications.

Personal qualities

You will be

- Committed to academic excellence, originality and rigour.
- Good at communicating.
- Flexible and open to new ideas.

- Motivated to contribute to a good academic environment.
- Interested in academic discussion and teaching.
- Able to work both independently and as part of a team.

Personal qualities and suitability for the position will be emphasized.

What we can offer

- Professional development in a large, exciting and socially influential organization.
- A positive, inclusive, open-minded and diverse working environment.
- Modern facilities and a comprehensive set of welfare offers including voluntary language courses in Norwegian
- Membership of the [Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund](#)

The position is remunerated according to the State Salary Scale, salary plan 17.515, code 1017 PhD Research Fellow, NOK 550 800 gross salary per year. A compulsory pension contribution to the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund is deducted from the pay according to current statutory provisions.

[More about working at UiA.](#)

General information

UiA is an open and inclusive university. We believe that diversity enriches the workplace and makes us better. We, therefore, encourage qualified candidates to apply for the position independent of gender, age, cultural background, disability or an incomplete CV.

The successful applicant will have rights and obligations in accordance with the current regulations for the position, and organisational changes and changes in the duties and responsibilities of the position must be expected. Appointment is made by the University of Agder's Appointments Committee for Teaching and Research Positions.

A [background check](#) may be carried out to verify information stated in the CV and available documents. Background checks are not conducted without the applicant's consent, and relevant applicants will receive further information about this.

Short-listed applicants will be invited for interview. With the applicant's permission, UiA will also conduct a reference check before appointment.

Read more about the [employment process](#).

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act § 25 (2), applicants may request that they are not identified in the open list of applicants. The University, however, reserves the right to publish the names of applicants. Applicants will be advised of the University's intention to exercise this right.

In case of discrepancies between the Norwegian and the English version of this description, the English version takes precedence.

Application

The application and any necessary information about education and experience (including diplomas and certificates) are to be sent electronically. Use the link "**Apply for this job.**"

The following documentation must be uploaded electronically:

- BA and MA diplomas with grade transcripts.
- Master's thesis. If the thesis is not in English then please provide a one-page summary of the thesis in English.
- Contact details for two referees (including phone number and e-mail).
- A maximum of two academic publications (articles or book chapters), and a complete list of academic publications and research projects
- Project description in English with a maximum scope of 10 pages, including:
 - a description of research topic and question(s)
 - discussion of relevant theory
 - description of planned methods
 - progress plan
 - references

The quality of the project description and the feasibility of the proposed project will be given great weight in the assessment of applications and ranking of applicants.

The applicant is fully responsible for submitting complete digital documentation before the closing date. All documentation must be available in a Scandinavian language or English.

Application deadline: **15.03.26**

Contact

Please read the application and use the links provided to find answers to general questions.

For further questions about the position:

- Amanda Machin, Department PhD Coordinator and Professor, Department of Sociology and Social Work, tel. (+47) 92041229, e-mail amanda.machin@uia.no
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For further questions about the application process:

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Additional information

Place of service:

Gimlemoen 25 4630 Kristiansand S (Kristiansand Municipality)