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Website: <http://www.uio.no/>
Scope: Fulltime
Duration: Fixed Term

Join the University of Oslo as a PhD Research Fellow! Collaborate on impactful research in men's health and family life.

PhD-fellowship

About the position

We invite applicants for a three-year position as a PhD research fellow at the Institute of Psychology, Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Oslo. The position is based at the University of Oslo, and is jointly led and supervised by the University of Oslo, the ERC HOMME grant (PI Vegard Skirbekk), as well as the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, the ERC Biosfer grant (PI Mikko Myrskylä).

The successful candidate will make use of a rich linkage of register data on the whole Norwegian population and larger health studies. The PhD candidate will be part of an interdisciplinary team of researchers with backgrounds in demography, sociology, psychology, economics and health sciences. He or she will work closely with researchers at other institutions, especially the Norwegian Institute of Public Health where the candidate will be offered part-time placement, and there are opportunities for collaboration and exchanges with international project partners in Europe and North America.

Project description

The project studies how men's changing family and working lives - two central domains of adult life - influence their health and cognition. The research addresses men's demography, fertility and health from an interdisciplinary perspective. Men are more likely than women to die prematurely, and a great deal of men's excess mortality is preventable. Improving men's health and cognition is not only critical for achieving gender equality, but also for enhancing men's potential in the labor market, understanding male reproductive and family decisions, and understanding how men could fare better in the modern world.

Within the project, the successful candidate will be able to develop a research agenda focusing on health effects of men's participation in the family and drivers of the greater diversity in men's fertility and family experiences. The research may include examinations of how gender roles, parental leave, and traditional values in communities influence men's life outcomes. The candidate will work with rich linkage of Norwegian population register data and several large health studies.

The successful candidate will develop a research agenda that may include:

- Health effects of men's family participation
- Determinants of variation in men's fertility and partnership trajectories
- How gender roles, parental leave, and traditional community values shape men's life outcomes

The position is full-time for three years, with the possibility of a fourth year with 25% teaching or other career-promoting duties, depending on the candidate's qualifications and the needs of the department. The HUP Section at the Department of Psychology conducts research in health, developmental and personality psychology, and hosts a large and diverse group of PhD students, postdoctoral fellows and faculty.

Your areas of responsibility will be

- The candidate will make use of a rich linkage of register data on the whole Norwegian population and larger health studies, and may include research on how gender roles, parental leave, and traditional values in communities influence men's life outcomes.
- The PhD candidate will be part of an interdisciplinary team of researchers with backgrounds in demography, sociology, psychology, economics and health sciences.
- He or she will work closely with researchers at other institutions, especially the Norwegian Institute of Public Health where the candidate will be offered part-time placement, and there are opportunities for collaboration and exchanges with international project partners in Europe and North America.

What skills are important in this role?

You must have

- A Master's degree (120 ECTS) or equivalent in Demography, Economics, Sociology, Health Economics, Psychology, or another relevant field.
- Grade point average of A or B on the ECTS scale in the Master's degree (C may be considered individually).
- Admission to a PhD programme at UiO within 3 months of start-up (or a binding agreement).
- Documented skills in advanced statistics, preferably using Stata and/or R.

- Excellent academic results and strong analytical abilities.
- Good written and oral proficiency in English.
- Good collaboration skills and ability to work independently.

You should have

- A strong interest in men's family life, fertility, and/or men's health.
- Demonstrated knowledge of causal inference methods or econometrics.
- Interest in interdisciplinary research across social, psychological and health sciences.
- Ability to think creatively within a scientific framework.
- Well-organised and able to structure own work.

We are looking for you who is:

- Strong ability to collaborate in teams while also working independently.
- Motivation, curiosity and capacity for developing a research agenda.
- Flexibility and willingness to engage across disciplines.
- Personal suitability and motivation will be emphasised.

Employment in the position is based on a comprehensive assessment of all qualification requirements applicable to the position, including personal qualifications.

We need different perspectives in our work

UiO is an open and internationally oriented comprehensive university that strives to be an inclusive and diverse workplace and academic environment. You can read more about UiO's work on equality, inclusion, and diversity at uio.no.

We fulfill our mission most effectively when we draw upon our variety of experiences, backgrounds, and perspectives. We are looking for great colleagues—could you be the next one?

We will do our best to accommodate your needs. Relevant adjustments may include modifications to working hours, task adaptations, digital, technical, or physical adjustments, or other practical measures.

If you have an immigrant background, a disability, or CV gaps, we encourage you to indicate this in the job application portal. We always invite at least one qualified candidate from each group for an interview. In this context, disability is defined as an applicant who identifies as having a disability that requires workplace or employment-related accommodations. For more details about the requirements, please refer to the [Employer portal](#) (Norwegian).

The selections made in the job application portal are used for anonymized statistics that all state employers include in their annual reports.

More information about gender equality initiatives at UiO can be found [here](#).

We hope you will apply for the position with us.

We offer:

- Exciting and meaningful tasks in an organization with an important societal mission, contributing to knowledge development, education, and enlightenment that promote sustainable, fair, and knowledge-based societal development.
- Committed colleagues in a good working environment.
- Good [welfare schemes](#).
- Opportunity of up to 1.5 hours a week of [exercise during working hours](#).
- A workplace with good development and career opportunities.
- Membership in the [Statens Pensjonskasse](#), which is one of Norway's best pension schemes with beneficial mortgages and good insurance schemes.
- Salary in position as Doctoral Research Fellow, position code 1017 in salary range NOK from 550 800 to 615 000, depending on competence and experience. From the salary, 2 percent is deducted in statutory contributions to the State Pension Fund.

Read more about the benefits of working in the public sector at [Employer Portal](#).

Application

Your application should include:

- Application letter.
- CV.
- A complete list of publications.
- Transcripts and certificates.
- Contact information for 2-3 references.

Application with attachments must be submitted via our recruitment system Jobbnorge, click "Apply for the position".

When applying for the position, we ask you to retrieve your education results from [Vitnemålsportalen.no](#). If your education results are not available through Vitnemålsportalen, we ask you to upload copies of your transcripts or grades. Please note that all documentation must be in English or a Scandinavian language.

General information

The best qualified candidates will invited for interviews.

Applicant lists can be published in accordance with [Norwegian Freedom of Information Act](#) § 25. When you apply for a position with us, your name will appear on the public applicant list. It is possible to request to be excluded from this list. You must justify why you want an exemption from publication and we will then decide whether we can grant your request. If we cannot, you will hear from us.

Please refer to [Regulations for the Act on universities and colleges chapter 3](#) (Norwegian), [Guidelines concerning appointment to post doctoral and research posts at UiO](#) and [Regulations for the degree of Philosophiae Doctor \(PhD\) at the University of Oslo](#).

The University of Oslo has a [transfer agreement](#) with all employees that is intended to secure the rights to all research results etc.

University of Oslo

The University of Oslo is Norway's oldest and highest ranked educational and research institution, with 26 500 students and 7 200 employees. With its broad range of academic disciplines and internationally recognised research communities, UiO is an important contributor to society.

The Department of Psychology is one of seven units of the Faculty of Social Sciences, and has 75 permanent and 70 temporary members of scientific staff. Degrees are offered at bachelor and master level, plus a clinical training programme, and the PhD programme has 140 students.

Additional information

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