



NTNU

Position as PhD Candidate in Peace Research/Political Science

About the position

The Department of Sociology and Political Science offers exciting opportunities for collaboration and research training in the field of peace research. The PhD position is connected to the Departments' research group "International conflicts, Cooperation and Use of Power". The successful candidate will join the multidisciplinary "Violence, Institutions and Peace" research group, which meets fortnightly and brings together members of the department of Economics, Geography, Sociology and Political Science for constructive discussions of ongoing research projects in the field.

The department also offers methodological training at the postgraduate level, close links to the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO) and the Research School on Peace and Conflict. The successful candidate is also free to join other relevant research groups at the Department, such as Political Behaviour and Political Communication", and others. An annual research allowance will facilitate the successful candidate's professional development. The successful candidate will also join 4 other PhDs working in the field of peace research.

Main duties and responsibilities

- The PhD candidate will be expected to conduct research in the field of Peace and Conflict Studies, with a specific focus on the dynamics of intra-state conflict and peace processes. All proposals within this field will be considered, but candidates with proposals that relate to the micro dynamics of peacebuilding and/or conflict recurrence, or that draw on the public opinion tradition, will be looked upon favourably.
- Through the research project "Attitudes for Peace: Post-Conflict Public Opinion", completed in 2018, the successful candidate will get access to unique, comparable survey data collected in Guatemala, Nepal, and Northern Ireland in 2016 (N=3200) These survey data contain a variety of questions on people's war-time experiences, political engagement, and attitudes towards peacebuilding strategies and reconciliation, and can be used to investigate a number of different research questions related to micro dynamics of peace and conflict. More details about the data are available upon request. The project did also produce an overview of the compatibility of general survey projects like the Afrobarometer, Latinobarometer, and the World Values Survey.
- The PhD position is connected to the Departments' research group "International Conflicts, Cooperation and Use of Power".
- It is required that the candidate participates in international activities, among other through long research stays at educational institutions abroad.
- The position may be ascribed obligation to work, and extended with up to one year, and it is expected that the candidate contributes to teaching in the special fields of the Department as part of this.

Qualification requirements

PhD candidate:

The PhD-position's main objective is to qualify for work in research positions. The qualification requirement is completion of a master's degree or second degree (equivalent to 120 credits) with a strong academic background in political science or equivalent education with a grade of B or better in terms of [NTNU's grading scale](#). Applicants with no letter grades from previous studies must have an equally good academic foundation. Applicants who are unable to meet these criteria may be considered only if they can document that they are particularly suitable candidates for education leading to a PhD degree.

The appointment is to be made in accordance with the regulations in force concerning State Employees and Civil Servants and [national guidelines for appointment as PhD, postdoctor and research assistant](#)

NTNU is committed to following evaluation criteria for research quality according to [The San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment - DORA](#).

Other qualifications:

Candidates should be able to demonstrate confidence in basic regression techniques through a master's thesis or other relevant publications and/or qualifications. Fluent English skills are required. The application will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Grades from the Master's degree
- The research proposal (see below)
- Relevant research experience
- Documented skills in quantitative research methods
- Relevant language skills

Personal characteristics

- Independent and self-motivated
- Thorough and analytical
- Good collaborate skills

In the evaluation of which candidate is best qualified, emphasis will be placed on education, experience and personal suitability, in terms of the qualification requirements specified in the advertisement.

We offer

- exciting and stimulating tasks in a strong international academic environment
- an open and [inclusive work environment](#) with dedicated colleagues
- favourable terms in the [Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund](#)
- [employee benefits](#)

Salary and conditions

PhD candidates are remunerated in code 1017, and are normally remunerated at gross from NOK 449 400 before tax per year. From the salary, 2 % is deducted as a contribution to the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund.

The period of employment is three years. The position may be ascribed obligation to work and extended by up to one year. Appointment to a PhD position requires admission to the PhD programme in Social sciences, specialization in Political Science.

As a PhD candidate, you undertake to participate in an organized PhD programme during the employment period. A condition of appointment is that you are in fact qualified for admission to the PhD programme within three months.

Appointment takes place on the terms that apply to State employees at any time, and after the appointment you must assume that there may be changes in the area of work. It is a prerequisite that the appointed takes up residence in Trondheim in order to be present and available for the institution as required.

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. Candidates who by assessment of the application and attachment are seen to conflict with the criterias in the latter law will be prohibited from recruitment to NTNU. After the appointment you must assume that there may be changes in the area of work.

General information

A good work environment is characterized by diversity. We encourage qualified candidates to apply, regardless of their gender, functional capacity or cultural background. Under the Freedom of Information Act (offentleglova), information about the applicant may be made public even if the applicant has requested not to have their name entered on the list of applicants.

Questions about the position can be directed to Associate Professor Karin Dyrstad, phone number +47 47418574, e-mail karin.dyrstad@ntnu.no.

For information about processing of applications, please contact HR, Marie Kristiansen, e-mail: marie.kristiansen@ntnu.no

About the application

Applications should include:

- a publication list
- relevant sample publications (max. 5) preferably including a copy of a postgraduate research thesis
- a research proposal of max. 5 pages.
- CV with information on education, and previous research experience
- Authorized documentation of certificates and study records

Publications and other academic works that the applicant would like to be considered in the evaluation must accompany the application. Joint works will be considered. If it is difficult to identify the individual applicant's contribution to joint works, the applicant must include a brief description of his or her contribution.

The research proposal should form the foundation for evaluation of admission to PhD - training at the faculty. The proposal should be no more than 5 pages and outline the titles, main research question(s), relevant literature and proposed methods including preliminary data sources for 3-4 articles that will constitute a thesis. The description should also include a brief introduction that outlines the project and its contribution to the field. If the proposed thesis is a monograph, then the description should include all of the above information and brief descriptions of the chapter content. The final project description shall be accepted at the latest six months after admission for the admission to be valid. Please submit your application electronically via jobbnoige.no with your CV, diplomas and certificates. Applicants invited for interview must bring certified copies of transcripts and reference letters.

Please refer to the application number SU-339 when applying.

Application deadline: 20.08.2019

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Department of Sociology and Political Science

We conduct research, teaching and dissemination in sociology, political science, media, communication and information technology, and sport sciences. The Department offers five-year master's programmes in teacher education (lektorutdanning) in social sciences as well as in physical

education and sports. As a social science department we have a special obligation to contribute to the public debate on important social issues. [The Department of Sociology and Political Science](#) is one of seven departments in [the Faculty of Social and Educational Sciences](#).

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