Postdoctoral Fellow/Researcher in Sociology

Job description

There is a vacant position at the Department of Sociology and Human Geography for a Postdoctoral Fellow (SKO 1352) for three years without compulsory work or four years with compulsory work (primarily teaching duties), or secondarily, a Researcher (SKO 1109) for three years without compulsory work.

The position is funded by the European Research Council and is dedicated to the newly established research project OPENFLUX. The project lies at the intersection of social science and genetics. Using both behavior and molecular genetic data linked with register data, we will examine social change across birth cohorts, change across the life course and transmission across generations in demographic and socioeconomic outcomes. In these efforts we will draw upon statistical methods from social sciences and genetics.

At the Department of Sociology and Human Geography, the project is part of the research group in Social Inequalities and Population Dynamics. The applicant will work closely with the principal investigator Professor Torkild Hovde Lyngstad, other members of the project staff, the project’s international collaborators, as well as other members of the SIPD group.

Residence in Norway is expected during the appointment. Postdoctoral fellows are encouraged to spend time abroad during the fellowship period.

Qualification and personal skills

- Applicants must hold a degree equivalent to a Norwegian doctoral degree in Sociology, Demography, or a related field. Applicants to a postdoctoral must have submitted their doctoral dissertation for evaluation by the closing application date. Appointment is dependent on the public defense of the doctoral thesis being approved.
- Applicants must have the capacity for independent academic research at a high level, preferably documented through publications in international journals.
- Competitive applicants will have expertise in one or more of these fields/issues:
  - administrative register data
  - theories of social stratification and mobility and demographic change
  - statistical methods for behavior and molecular genetics
  - statistical methods for social sciences
  - open science practices and standards
- Applicants must have excellent written and oral proficiency in English.
- Applicants for the Postdoctoral Fellowship who wish to be considered for teaching duties must provide documentation of basic formal teaching competence. Candidates without such will be required to acquire such competence by completing a mandatory pedagogical course provided by UiO.

We offer:

- salary NOK 523,200-605,500 per annum depending on qualifications
- a professionally stimulating working environment
- attractive welfare benefits and a generous pension agreement, in addition to Oslo’s family-friendly environment with its rich opportunities for culture and outdoor activities

How to apply

The application must include:

- application letter. Please describe your motivation for applying for this position and explain how your background, research and experience is relevant to the research project
- CV summarizing education, positions, research experience, and other activities
- a complete list of publications
- copies of educational certificates (academic transcripts only)
- up to five academic works that the applicant wishes to have considered in the assessment process (a doctoral dissertation or a monograph will count as three publications)
- list of reference persons: 2-3 references (name, relation to candidate, e-mail and phone number)

The application with attachments must be delivered in our electronic recruiting system. Foreign applicants are advised to attach an explanation of their University's grading system. Please note that all documents should be in English (or a Scandinavian language).

The hiring process

OPENFLUX seeks primarily candidates for the Postdoctoral Fellowship. Should the best qualified candidate be precluded from a Postdoctoral position due to prior Postdoctoral fellowships at UiO, they will be considered for a position as Researcher.
In assessing applications, particular emphasis will be placed upon the academic and personal capacity of the candidate to contribute to the project within the given time frame, to interact within national and international networks, and to be part of a dynamic research group. Interviews with the best qualified candidates will be arranged.

The final hiring decision is the responsibility of the Faculty Hiring Board. The length of the employment period for a Postdoctoral Fellow will be based on the Department’s teaching needs as well as an evaluation of the overall qualifications of the successful candidate.

**Formal regulations**

Please see the [guidelines and regulations](#) for appointments to Postdoctoral fellowships at the University of Oslo.

No one can be appointed for more than one Postdoctoral Fellow period at the University of Oslo.

According to the Norwegian Freedom of Information Act (Offentleglova) information about the applicant may be included in the public applicant list, also in cases where the applicant has requested non-disclosure.

The University of Oslo has an agreement for all employees, aiming to secure rights to research results etc.

The University of Oslo aims to achieve a balanced gender composition in the workforce and to recruit people with ethnic minority backgrounds.

**Contact information**

- [Professor Torkild H. Lyngstad](#) (principal investigator)
- Head of Administration, Inger-Lise Schwab

**About the University of Oslo**

The University of Oslo is Norway's oldest and highest ranked educational and research institution, with 28 000 students and 7000 employees. With its broad range of academic disciplines and internationally recognised research communities, UiO is an important contributor to society.

The Department of Sociology and Human Geography is Norway's leading department for both Sociology and Human Geography. The Department offers four Bachelor's and three Master's programmes. Research, teaching and dissemination activities within both fields are of the highest level. The Department is renowned both for the breadth of topics and methodologies employed and for its highly qualified researchers. Gender balance among the academic staff is an important distinguishing feature. The Department has 35 permanent academic staff, nearly 40 doctoral and post doctoral research fellows and 12 administrative staff members. There are approximately 80 PhD. candidates and 1500 students enrolled in the Department.

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