Post-Doctoral Research Fellow in Digital Humanities and the Dead Sea Scrolls

About the position

A fixed-term 100 % position is available at the University of Agder, Faculty of Humanities and Education, as a Post-Doctoral Research Fellow in Digital Humanities and Dead Sea Scrolls, affiliated to the Department of Religion, Philosophy and History for a period of three years. The position is located, at present, at Campus Kristiansand. The starting date is 1 August 2020.

The position is linked to the research project The Lying Pen of Scribes: Manuscript Forgeries, Digital Imaging, and Critical Provenance Research (https://lyingpen.uia.no/), funded by a FRIPRO/ToppForsk-grant from the Research Council of Norway and the University of Agder (2019-24). The project is owned by the University of Agder and chaired by Professor Årstein Justnes. The main goal of The Lying Pen project is to produce a comprehensive resource of data, methods, and procedures for the interdisciplinary analysis of Hebrew and Aramaic Dead Sea Scrolls manuscripts and fragments through a combination of physical analyses, digital imaging, machine learning, the study of scribal practices and media, and provenance research.

The Lying Pen project is an interdisciplinary and collaborative project. The successful candidate will be based at UiA in Kristiansand and work with Professors Årstein Justnes and Torleif Elgvin and in close cooperation with other members of the research team based at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (Campus Gjøvik) and MF (Oslo).

Responsibilities

In collaboration with other team members, the successful candidate will be responsible for developing a comprehensive manuscript database that tracks paleographical, material, physical, and visible aspects of Dead Sea Scrolls manuscripts, as well as provenance information. The applicant must also develop a research project on the provenance of the Dead Sea Scrolls, compatible with the Lying Pen of Scribes project.

Required qualifications

Further provisions relating to the positions as Post-Doctoral Research Fellows can be found in the Regulations Concerning Terms and Conditions of Employment for the post of Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Research Fellow, Research Assistant and Resident.

- PhD in Qumran Studies, Biblical Studies, Religious Studies, Archaeology, Digital Humanities, or in another relevant discipline. Potential applicants must have had their theses submitted by the time of the application deadline.
- Experience with Digital Humanities approaches to manuscript studies
- Fluency in written and spoken English
- Intimate knowledge of Hebrew and Aramaic
- Capacity for excellent independent research and experience in international publishing
- Experience in and ability to work in a team environment

In assessing the applications, emphasis will be placed on:

- The quality of the project proposal and its suitability within the overall project
- Personal suitability and motivation

Desired qualifications

- Experience in building complex databases
- Knowledge of Ancient Greek
- Knowledge of French and German

We offer

- professional development in a large, exciting and socially influential organisation
- a positive, inclusive and diverse working environment
- modern facilities and a comprehensive set of welfare offers
- membership of the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund

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The position is remunerated according to the State Salary Scale, salary plan 17.510, code 1352, NOK 552 800 - 573 100 gross salary per year. Higher salary grades may be considered for particularly well-qualified applicants. A compulsory pension contribution to the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund is deducted from the pay according to current statutory provisions.
General information

We encourage all qualified candidates to apply for the position, irrespective of gender, age, disability or cultural background. The University of Agder is an IW (Inclusive Workplace).

Women are encouraged to apply for the position.

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. The appointment is made by the University of Agder’s Appointments Committee for Teaching and Research Positions.

Short-listed applicants will be invited for an 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.

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:

- An application letter in English that addresses the desired qualifications for the position as described above
- A curriculum vitae in English, including a complete list of publications
- A preliminary project proposal of a maximum of 5 pages (The applicant must frame the project proposal within the overall framework of The Lying Pen project, and be familiar with the project’s objectives.)
- List of reference persons: 2-3 references to be contacted at the final stage of the application process
- Certificates with grades
- List of publications
- Doctoral thesis
- Up to 10 academic articles and R&D projects which the candidate wishes to particularly emphasise for the assessment process

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: 1. April 2020

Contact

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