Postdoctoral Fellow in Political Science
(Comparative politics / Political Methodology)

Job description

The position is a four-year, non-tenured research position with a 25 % teaching requirement. This means that 75 % of the working time over four years is devoted to research. In Norway, postdoctoral fellowships are fixed-term appointments for up to four years, primarily intended to qualify candidates for a career in academia. As such, it is best suited as a first job after obtaining a PhD.

The position is partly financed by the Research Council of Norway grant SIREP - The Strategy of Recorded Voting in the European Parliament, headed by Professor Bjørn Høyland. The project aims to assess the effects of roll call requests on voting behavior, coalition formation and voting outcomes in the European Parliament. Read more about the project here. SIREP will be part of the Department's internationally leading research group on Comparative Institutions and Regimes (CIR).

Successful applicant must be prepared to teach Bachelor’s and Master’s level courses within the Department’s course portfolio as well as tutor Master’s students.

Qualification requirements and personal skills

Applicants will be assessed based on scientific merits and personal suitability. Priority is given to candidates with research interest in theoretical, methodological and empirical aspects of legislative politics, in particular politics in the European Parliament. Further, candidates with experience from empirical implications of theoretical models (EITM) and good R-programming skills are particularly encouraged to apply.

Candidates must have submitted their doctoral dissertations for evaluation by the closing date in order to be considered. A prerequisite for taking up the position is the successful completion of a doctoral degree.

Postdoctoral fellows who are appointed for a period of four years are expected to acquire “basic pedagogical competency” in the course of their fellowship period within the duty component of 25 %.

We offer

- Salary according to “SKO 1352 postdoktor”, pay grade 59-67, NOK 523 200-605 500 per year (approx. 52 000 - 61 000 Euro), depending on qualifications
- Budget for travel and research assistance
- An internationally leading research team
- A pleasant and stimulating working environment
- A good pension scheme through the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund
- Excellent welfare schemes, including possibilities for University kindergarten
- Oslo’s high-quality of living and rich opportunities for culture and outdoor activities

How to apply

The application must include all of the following items:

- A cover letter (max 2 pages, incl. statement of motivation, summarizing research interests, and how the applicant will contribute to SIREP)
- A research proposal (max 2 pages; if cover letter and research proposal are merged, the maximum is 4 pages)
- Curriculum Vitae
- A complete list of papers and publications
- Up to three research papers
- List of reference persons: 2 or 3 references (name, relation to candidate, e-mail, and phone number)

The application with attachments must be delivered via 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 best qualified candidates will be interviewed and may be invited to give a seminar.

Application deadline: 15 April 2020

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.

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**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 Political Science is a part of the Faculty of Social Sciences and conducts research, teaching and dissemination. The Department currently has 33 permanent academic staff members, 13 research fellows conducting PhDs, six postdoctoral fellows and ten administrative employees. About 1100 students are currently enrolled in Bachelor’s, Master’s and PhD study programmes in political science, as well as the interdisciplinary Bachelor’s degree programmes in International Studies and Public Administration and Leadership, and the Master’s degree programme in Peace and Conflict Studies. The department is the host of C-REX Center for Research on Extremism.

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