Associate Professor in Digital Entrepreneurship

Job description

A full-time Associate Professor position in the field of Digital Entrepreneurship is available in the section for Digitalization at the Department of Informatics. The Department seeks a potential scientific leader with a strong research profile in digital entrepreneurship, clear research visions, educational skills, as well as administrative skills related to research management. The successful candidate will strengthen our research and education profile connected to entrepreneurship and innovation in the digital era.

The Digitalization section conducts interdisciplinary research on digitalization, innovation, entrepreneurship, and sustainability in digital technologies and their design. The section offers several study programs at the master and bachelor level. Our study programs attract a high number of well-qualified students, and our external collaboration with organizations and industry is growing. The research and education activities of the position should strengthen the section’s research profile in entrepreneurship and contribute to the Master program Entrepreneurship and Innovation Management, which is taught in English. The successful candidate is expected to engage with our Master and PhD students, and to conduct research within the field of digital entrepreneurship addressing issues related to digital business, digital economy, digital platform ecosystems and infrastructures, and digital entrepreneurship.

Qualification requirements

The candidate must have a PhD in Digital Entrepreneurship, Information Systems (IS) or an adjacent research field. The candidate is expected to have experience with theoretical and methodological approaches in the wider research field of IS or Entrepreneurship, with a specific focus on digital entrepreneurship and digital innovation. We welcome applicants with competences in conducting both qualitative and quantitative research, including mixed method studies, demonstrating a strong ability to publish in top-level outlets.

Pedagogical qualifications and teaching experience and attitude is an important factor in the evaluation of the candidate. The candidate is expected to demonstrate adherence to the SoTL-criteria (Scholarship of Teaching and Learning).

Primary assessment criteria:

- The candidate must hold a PhD in digital entrepreneurship, information systems or an adjacent research field and have a strong scientific track record that confirms capacity to address relevant and challenging issues. A strong record of scholarly publications relevant to the area in leading international journals is required.
- The candidate should demonstrate competence in empirical research in collaboration with organizations around core aspects of digital entrepreneurship and digital innovation.
- The candidate should also demonstrate engagement in the international research community on entrepreneurship and digital entrepreneurship.
- Candidates should be able to establish, lead, conduct and collaborate in research projects. A strong track record in academic and administrative leadership is an advantage, as well as the ability to attract third-party funding.
- Candidates should have pedagogical qualifications and teaching and supervision experience at master and PhD level. The ideal candidate will demonstrate competence and ability to deliver high quality teaching on entrepreneurship, business, strategy and economics subjects.
- The candidate should have an active approach to the dissemination of research results and knowledge.
- Fluent oral and written communication skills in English is a prerequisite. Fluent oral and written communication skills in Norwegian or another Scandinavian language is desirable.

The successful candidate should have an international profile with respect to the above criteria. The candidate for this position will be selected based on excellence and fit with the section’s research profile.

We offer

- salary NOK 640 200 - 741 300 per annum depending on qualifications in position as Associate professor (position code 1011)
- 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
- the opportunity to apply for promotion to full professorship at a later stage only pertains to employment as Associate Professor

Formal regulations

The successful candidate who at the time of appointment cannot document basic teaching qualifications will be required to obtain such qualifications within a two-year period.

The successful candidate must demonstrate mastery of both English and one of the Scandinavian languages as working languages. If an appointee is not fluent in a Scandinavian language, the appointee will be expected within a two-year period to learn sufficient Norwegian to be able to participate actively in all functions the position may involve.
Please see the rules for Appointments to Professorships and Associate Professorships and the rules for practising the requirement for basic university pedagogical competence at UiO.

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.

How to apply

The application must include:

- Application letter
- A research position paper (1-4 pages) describing the applicant’s vision and ambitions for the nearest future
- Detailed CV (including complete list of education, positions, pedagogical experience, administrative experience, project acquisition and coordination experience, funding and awards, and other qualifying activities)
- Copies of educational certificates, PhD diploma, transcript of records and letters of recommendation
- A complete list of publications and academic merits and awards (if not included in the CV)
- Full text of up to 10 selected publications the applicant wishes to include in the evaluation
- A document discussing the importance, interrelation, and relevance of the selected papers for this position
- Description of dissemination activities beyond scientific publications
- A teaching portfolio describing the applicant's qualifications in view of the SoTL-criteria:
  - Focus on the students’ learning
  - A definite development over time
  - A research attitude to teaching and learning
  - A collegial attitude and practice.
- The teaching portfolio is expected to demonstrate competence wrt. teaching entrepreneurship, business, strategy and economics subjects, including:
  - Listing of teaching experience as well as work on developing/ revising/ renewing study plans and the design of courses
  - Documentation of teaching qualifications and supervision of Master and PhD students
- List of 3 reference persons (name, relation to candidate, e-mail and phone number

The application with attachments must be delivered in our electronic recruiting system. Please note that all documents should be in English (or a Scandinavian language).

In the evaluation of the qualified candidates the full range of these criteria will be explicitly addressed and assessed.

Relevant candidates will be called for interviews and requested to hold a trial lecture and/or trial tuition, and references may be consulted.

Contact information

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About the University of Oslo

The University of Oslo is Norway’s oldest and highest rated institution of research and education with 28 000 students and 7000 employees. Its broad range of academic disciplines and internationally esteemed research communities make UiO an important contributor to society.

The Department of Informatics (IFI) is one of nine departments belonging to the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences. IFI is Norway’s largest university department for general education and research in Computer Science and related topics.

The Department has more than 1800 students on bachelor level, 600 master students, and over 240 PhDs and postdocs. The overall staff of the Department is close to 370 employees, about 280 of these in full time positions. The full time tenured academic staff is 75, mostly Full/Associate Professors.

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