PhD Research Fellow - Center for Research on Extremism

Job description

The Center for Research on Extremism (C-REX) seeks to recruit an excellent candidate interested in doing cutting-edge research on contemporary antisemitism. We offer a three-year doctoral fellowship to work on the project “Comparing Histories of Antisemitism in Contemporary Europe” (CHACE).

Combining historical and comparative social science methods, CHACE seeks to describe and compare historical trajectories of antisemitism in post-Cold War Europe and to explain temporal and cross-national variation in its prevalence and intensity. The project is funded by the Research Council of Norway as a collaboration between the Institute for Social Research (ISF) and C-REX. More information about the project can be found here: https://www.sv.uio.no/c-regex/english/topics/projects/chace/

The successful candidate will carry out a comparative historical study of antisemitism since the 1990s, focusing on two of the following European countries: France, the UK, Hungary, Poland, and Ukraine. The candidate will be required to master the languages involved.

The appointment is for a fixed, non-tenured term of 3 years. If the successful candidate’s research interests match, the Department of Political Sciences’ teaching needs, the appointment may be extended to a fixed, non-tenured term of 4 years with a 25% teaching requirement.

Applicants must formulate a project description that lays out a promising research project that can be fulfilled in the course of three years.

Qualification requirements

The successful candidate must have a Master's degree (120 ECTS) or an equivalent qualification in a relevant discipline within the social sciences or humanities. The Master's degree must include a thesis of at least 30 ECTS and training in research methodology. Mastery of the languages involved in the case studies is required. In evaluating applications, academic qualifications and the project outline will be given more weight than other disciplinary and general qualifications. Successful candidates must document top grades and an MA thesis of the highest quality. Personal suitability will also be an important factor. Short-listed applicants may be called in for interview.

Applicants must submit a project description of up to 3000 words outlining the research topic, the research questions, the sources of data to be used, the choice of scientific theory and method, and a realistic schedule that details how the project will be completed within the fellowship period.

We offer

- salary NOK 479 600 - 523 200 per annum depending on qualifications in position as PhD Research fellow (position code 1017)
- budget for travel and research assistance
- 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

How to apply

The application must include

- Letter of application
- CV (summarizing education, positions and academic work)
- Project description (maximum 3000 words)
- a complete list of publications
- Copy of the Master's dissertation
- Copies of transcripts: All applicants must submit their Master’s degree diploma and transcript(s), preferably together with a class distribution of grades. The transcript must specify the grade achieved on the Master’s thesis.

The application with attachments must be delivered in our electronic recruiting system, please follow the link “apply for this job”. 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).

Formal regulations

Please see the guidelines and regulations for appointments to Research Fellowships at the University of Oslo.

No one can be appointed for more than one PhD Research Fellowship 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 appointment may be shortened/given a more limited scope within the framework of the applicable guidelines on account of any previous employment in academic positions.

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

Contact information

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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 Center for Research on Extremism (C-REX) is a cross-disciplinary center for the study of the extreme right, hate crime and political violence. The center was established in early 2016 and is a joint collaboration with five of the leading Norwegian institutions and three of the leading international universities on extremism research. The research focuses on both ideological and behavioral aspects right-wing extremism. In particular, C-REX concentrates on the following areas of research: (1) ideology and identity, (2) violence and hate crimes, (3) gender in extremism, (4) parties and movements, and (5) analyses of prevention and intervention. Geographically, the center concentrates on Europe.

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