Postdoctoral Fellowship in Innovation and Food Waste Reduction

Job description

TIK Centre for Technology, Innovation and Culture offers a two-year postdoctoral position to work on the research project “Building Responsibility and Developing Innovative Strategies for Tackling Food Waste” (BREAD) funded by the Norwegian Research Council.

The aim of the BREAD project is to analyze food waste reduction as an important issue for Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI). The research looks at the national policies designed and put in place to regulate the food sector, companies as the main actors of the food industry and finally at the business/consumer interface. The project description is available at the following link. The postdoc candidate is expected to conduct research on company and bottom-up innovations for food waste reduction.

Qualification requirements

Applicants must have:

- A PhD degree in a social science discipline, with relevance for the area of innovation studies (innovation studies, economics, management studies, sustainability transitions studies, etc).
- Only candidates that have submitted their PhD before the closing date for this position are eligible.
- Demonstrated experience with relevant theories and methods for studies of innovation and food waste is an advantage.
- Knowledge of a Scandinavian language is required for the empirical work and workshops with the companies.
- High-level proficiency in written and spoken English is required.
- The ability to perform high impact academic work, demonstrated by previous publications in relevant journals.

We offer

- Salary NOK 523 200 - 605 500 per annum depending on qualifications
- A academically 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

- A cover letter, explaining the candidate's motivation to apply for the position
- A postdoc project description (max 5 pages) demonstrating the candidate's knowledge of the food sector and food waste issues, as well as ideas for research to be conducted within the BREAD project, with a particular emphasis on the industry (company level) and consumers.
- CV (summarising education, positions and academic work)
- Copies of educational certificates (academic transcripts only)
- List of publications and academic work
- 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).

Evaluation of the application

In assessing applicants, we will emphasize each candidates’ academic background and potential, as well as motivation and match with the project. Interviews will be performed as part of the selection process.

It is expected that the successful candidate will be able to complete the project in the course of the period of employment.

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**

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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.

TIK Centre for Technology, Innovation and Culture is a cross disciplinary unit at the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Oslo. TIK is home to 40 staff members working in research, education and research communication in innovation and science and technology studies (STS). A major part of TIK’s activity is externally funded research. TIK also offers postgraduate education; a PhD-programme and two Master programmes. The Centre also hosts OSIRIS - Oslo Institute for Research on the Impact.

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