PhD Research Fellow in Cognitive Hearing Science

Job description

Applicants are invited for a Research Fellowship as PhD Candidate in Cognitive Hearing Science to be based at the Department of Special Needs Education, Faculty of Educational Sciences, University of Oslo.

The position will be within the European Union’s Horizon 2020 Marie Skłodowska - Curie (MSC) Innovative Training Network (ITN) Communication for Children with Hearing Impairment to optimize Language Development (Comm4Child). Comm4Child is a graduate school for 15 early-stage researchers investigating different aspects of hearing impaired children’s language and communicative development. Further information on the network can be found on the following website.

More about the position

The fellowship period is 3 years. The research fellow must take part in the Faculty’s approved PhD program and is expected to complete the project within the set fellowship period. The main purpose of the fellowship is research training leading to the successful completion of a PhD degree.

The successful candidate must satisfy the formal requirements for admission to the Faculty’s PhD program:

- Documented successful completion of a Master’s degree (120 ECTS) or equivalent. The Master’s degree must include a thesis of at least 30 ECTS
- Minimum grade B or equivalent (ECTS grading scale) for the Master’s degree, including the grade on the thesis

Please see our web site for more information about the PhD program.

Qualification requirements

- Applicants must hold a Master’s degree in an area of relevance to Cognitive Hearing Science (e.g. cognitive developmental psychology, hearing, speech and language, educational audiologist, logopedics or neuroscience (please see the paragraph above for further requirements regarding the Master’s degree)
- Training in quantitative methods and attitude to rigorous empirical analysis
- Excellent English writing and communication skills; knowledge of Norwegian is not required
- Willingness to travel nationally and internationally
- Ability to work both independently and collaboratively with a strong personal commitment
- Mobility rule: Applicants must not have resided or carried out their main activity in Norway for more than 12 months in the 3 years before the recruitment date 1 July 2020
- Early-stage researcher status: Applicants cannot have been awarded a doctoral degree and/or completed more than four years of full-time equivalent research experience at the date of recruitment

Personal skills

In the assessment of applications, emphasis will be put on:

- The applicants’ academic attitude for completing the research training program
- The applicant’s personal suitability and motivation for the post, including his/her ability to collaborate and to form part of a cross-disciplinary and internationally composed academic community

We offer

- This is an opportunity to work at an established and international research department, which conducts basic and applied research in Special Needs Education. Employment will include an extended period of secondment at another European university, and several shorter visits across Europe participating in training activities
- The Faculty of Educational Sciences offers a structured doctoral program in which PhD candidates are trained in various fields of educational sciences, including methodology and research in substantive areas
- Salary NOK 479 600 - 523 200 per annum depending on qualifications in a position as PhD Research fellow, (position code 1017). Research fellows are normally allocated pay grade 54, NOK 479 600, on appointment and remunerated according to the Norwegian State salary scale. In addition, and according to the rules of the Marie Skłodowska -Curie Actions (MSCA), a modest Family Allowance is available for candidates satisfying specific EU criteria
- 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:

- Confirmation on eligibility (mobility rule and early stage researcher status. See this page for more information)
- Cover letter, including statement of motivation and research interests
- Project description (8-10 pages, cf guidance)
- Completed application form for admission to the doctoral degree program (see this page)
- CV (summarizing education, positions, publications and academic work)
- Copies of educational certificates (academic transcripts only, including information of the University’s grading system)
- Documentation of English proficiency (for information on required documentation, see information on this webpage)
- An electronic version of the Master’s thesis and any other academic works that may be of relevance to the application. If the thesis has been written in languages other than English, a short executive summary in English (1-2 pages) needs to be handed in. Note that the grade of the Master thesis must be clearly indicated
- A complete list of publications and academic works
- List of reference persons: 2-3 references (name, relation to candidate, e-mail and phone number)

Incomplete applications will under normal circumstances not be assessed.

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.

As a rule, interviews will be conducted as part of the appointment process.

Prospective applicants are strongly encouraged to contact Professor Björn Lyxell to discuss possible project plans and objectives.

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 Department of Special Needs Education is one of the three departments at UiO's Faculty of Educational Sciences.

The department has today approximately 25 permanent employees that work with research, 14 temporary research fellows and postdoctoral fellows, in addition to 12 administrative employees. The department has approximately 800 students distributed between bachelor- and master’s degree studies in Special Needs Education, master’s degree studies in Special Needs Education, as well as PhD-studies.

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