PhD position - International Migration and Ethnic Relations

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There is a vacancy for a 4-year PhD position at the Faculty of Social Sciences. The position is connected to the interdisciplinary research unit International Migration and Ethnic Relations and is open for applicants with background from different disciplines within social sciences.

About the project/work tasks:

Migration is a prioritized area of research at the University of Bergen and is organised as one of the pillars of the strategic initiative on research into global challenges. At the Faculty of Social Sciences, migration research takes place at all departments and centres, and the research unit on International Migration and Ethnic Relations (IMER) has served as the core cross-disciplinary platform for studies and research on this topic for over two decades. The aim of IMER Bergen is to contribute to research-based knowledge about international migration, including on the interplay between politics and mobilities, and migration and inequalities.

The applicant is invited to write a research proposal on a topic relevant to the research at IMER. The successful applicant is given 3 full years to focus on the completion of a Ph.D. dissertation based on this proposal. In addition, the position includes 1 year of funded duty work to organize activities at IMER. These activities include:

- Arranging IMER seminars.
- Assist the organization of conferences.
- Give lectures on research courses.
- Take part in developing project applications on migration.
- Contribute to the publication of a monthly newsletter.
- Running IMER homepage and facebooksite

Qualifications and personal qualities:

- The applicant must hold a Master’s degree in social sciences, relevant to the research at IMER and must meet the educational requirements for admission to the Phd programme at the Faculty of Social Sciences. The degree must be completed by the application deadline.
- The requirements are generally a grade B or better on the master thesis and for the Master’s degree in total.
- Experience with publishing, teaching or organizing events is appreciated.
- Applicants with a background from migration research are prioritized, but a well-written research proposal can demonstrate sufficient knowledge with the topic.
- As an applicant you should be able to work independently and have the ability to cooperate with others.
- Proficiency in both written and oral English is a requirement.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to an interview.

About the PhD position:

The duration of the PhD position is 4 years, of which 25 per cent of the time comprises obligatory duties. The employment period for the successful candidate may be reduced if he or she previously has been employed in a PhD position.

About the PhD training:

As a PhD research fellow, you will take part in the PhD programme at the Faculty of Social Sciences, UiB. The programme corresponds to a period of three years and leads to the PhD degree. To be eligible for admission you must normally have an educational background corresponding to a master’s degree with a scope of 120 ECTS credits, which builds on a bachelor’s degree with a scope of 180 ECTS credits (normally 2 + 3 years), or an integrated master’s degree with a scope of 300 ECTS credits (5 years). Master’s degrees must normally include an independent work of a minimum of 30 ECTS credits. It is expected that the topic of the master’s degree is connected to the academic field to which you are seeking admission.

We can offer:

- Salary at pay grade 54 upon appointment (Code 1017) on the government salary scale (equivalent to NOK 479 600). Further promotions are made according to length of service in the position.
- A good and professionally challenging working environment.
- Enrolment in the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund.
- Good welfare benefits, including paid parental leave.
The application:

Project proposal:

A research proposal of 5-8 pages must accompany the application. The proposal should present the topic, the research problem(s) and choice of theory and methods. The proposal should also include a progress plan for the different parts of the project. A budget of running costs should be included. Admittance to the PhD-programme will be based on the research proposal.

Your application must include:

- A cover letter including a brief account of your research interests and motivation for applying for the position
- The names and contact information for two reference persons. One of them must be the main advisor for the master's thesis or equivalent thesis
- Project proposal
- CV
- Transcripts and diplomas showing completion of the bachelor's and master's degrees.
- Relevant certificates/references
- A list of academic publications
- Academic publications (including your master’s thesis or equivalent)

If you have a master's degree from an institution outside of the Nordic countries, or a 2-year discipline-based master's degree (or the equivalent) in a subject area other than the one associated with the application, you may later in the application process be asked to submit an overview of the syllabus for the degree you have completed

The application and appendices with certified translations into English or a Scandinavian language must be uploaded at Jobbnorge following the link on this page marked “Apply for this job”.

The application must be marked: 20/395. Closing date: August 9, 2020

Applications submitted without a project description or applications sent as e-mails will not be considered. Only submitted documents will be subject to assessment.

General information:

Additional information about the position is obtainable by contacting: Professor Ragnhild Muriaas.

Practical questions regarding the application procedures should be directed to: HR - adviser Even Michal Endresen

Appointed research fellows will be admitted to the doctoral education programme at the Faculty of Social Sciences. Questions about the program may be directed to senior officer Hanne Gravermoen

The state labour force shall reflect the diversity of Norwegian society to the greatest extent possible. People with immigrant backgrounds and people with disabilities are encouraged to apply for the position.

The University of Bergen applies the principle of public access to information when recruiting staff for academic positions.

Information about applicants may be made public even if the applicant has asked not to be named on the list of persons who have applied. The applicant must be notified if the request to be omitted is not met.

The successful applicant must comply with the guidelines that apply to the position at all times.

For further information about the recruitment process, click here.

About The University of Bergen

The University of Bergen is a renowned educational and research institution, organised into seven faculties and approximately 54 institutes and academic centres. Campus is located in the centre of Bergen with university areas at Nygårdshøyden, Haukeland, Marineholmen, Møllendalsveien and Årstad.

There are seven departments and three centres at Faculty of Social Sciences. Read more about the faculty and departments.

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