PhD Research Fellow in Human Geography

Job description

There is a vacant position at the Department of Sociology and Human Geography for a research fellow (SKO 1017) in Human Geography. The position is for a period of up to three years without compulsory work or four years with 25% compulsory work (primarily teaching).

Requirements

We are seeking candidates with the potential to contribute to the development of Human Geography as a discipline. Applicants must have a master's degree/second-level degree in Human Geography or equivalent. Candidates are expected to demonstrate through their application letter and project proposal how they will contribute to the development of Human Geography at the department. The Master’s degree must include a thesis of at least 30 ECTS. Applicants must have a minimum grade B (ECTS grading scale) or equivalent. The master's thesis must have been submitted before the application deadline. A prerequisite for taking up the position is the successful completion of a master’s degree.

Applicants should have research interests within one or more of the main areas of research within Human Geography at the Department: Urban studies and planning, Climate adaptation and transformation, Development and politics or Economic and labour geography. Questions regarding the scope of the thematic areas may be addressed to Professor Hege Knutsen (see below). The applicant must provide a tentative description (5-10 pages) of a PhD research project that she or he plans to carry out during the fellowship period. The project description should include an account of how the project relates to the mentioned research areas.

The position requires that the person who is hired participates in the Faculty of Social Sciences' organised research education programme (PhD programme) and that the work results in a doctorate in Human Geography. The person who is hired will automatically be admitted to the PhD programme. Residence in Norway is expected, but PhD fellows are also encouraged to spend time abroad during the fellowship period.

Applicants must have native or near-native competence in English or a Scandinavian language.

The hiring process will include an interview. In addition to an overall evaluation of the applicant’s grades, particular emphasis will be placed on the quality of the project proposal and the master's thesis as well as the applicant’s personal prerequisites to carry out the project.

The final hiring decision is the responsibility of the Department Board. The length of the employment period will be based on a consideration of the Department’s budget situation. In addition, teaching needs and the overall qualifications of the successful candidate will be taken into consideration.

We offer

- Salary NOK 479 600 - 523 200 per annum depending on qualifications
- An 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 letter of application
- A project proposal (5-10 pages) which must include the topic, relevant theory and methods and time-line. Applicants are expected to be able to complete the project during the appointment period. If the project requires field work/data collection, costs must be calculated and presented in a budget.
- CV with full summary of education, practice and academic work (including publications). The period of enrolment (admission-completion) in the master's study programme must be specified.
- Academic transcripts (university degrees only)
- Copy of Master's degree diploma
- Master's thesis.
- 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, 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

- Professor Hege M. Knutsen (unavailable 6-31 July)
- Administrative Head of Department, Inger-Lise Schwab

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 7 000 employees. With its broad range of academic disciplines and internationally recognised research communities, UiO is an important contributor to society.

The Department of Sociology and Human Geography is Norway’s leading department for both Sociology and Human Geography. The Department offers four Bachelor's and three Master's programmes. Research, teaching and dissemination activities within both fields are of the highest level. The Department is renowned both for the breadth of topics and methodologies employed and for its highly qualified researchers. Gender balance among the academic staff is an important distinguishing feature. The Department has 35 permanent academic staff, nearly 40 doctoral and post doctoral research fellows and 12 administrative staff members. There are approximately 80 PhD. candidates and 1500 students enrolled in the Department

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