Research Fellowship within Curriculum Renewal

Job description

A position as a research fellow is vacant at the Department of Education. Currently the Faculty is engaged in a research-based evaluation (EVA2020) of the renewal of the curriculum for primary and secondary education in Norway. The position is offered in connection to this evaluation, but represents an independent research project.

One aspect of the curriculum renewal (‘fagfornyelsen’) concerns the development of database instruments and applications. Educational authorities offer digital tools to be used by school practitioners for purposes such as professional development, curriculum analysis, and lesson planning. Instruments such as these are devices developed to produce certain effects, and are part of governing structures in that they organize relationships between the state, local authorities and professionals in schools. We welcome applications that focus on, for example, policy instrumentations, emerging knowledge infrastructures, what characterizes the networks of actors involved in the development and maintenance of digital tools, or how curriculum knowledge is constructed, enacted and legitimized in educational practices.

More about the position

The fellowship period is up to 4 years, with 3 years devoted to research education. The position entails a compulsory workload of 25 % that consists of teaching and supervision duties and research assistance.

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 applicant will be expected to participate in research group Curriculum Studies, Leadership and Educational Governance (CLEG)

Qualification requirements

- Successful completion of a Master’s degree programme or similar higher education programme in the subject area in question or in another relevant subject area
- The grade for the Master’s degree (120 ECTS) must at least be B (ECTS grading scale) or equivalent, and the degree must include a thesis of at least 30 ECTS
- Familiarity with the Norwegian school system
- Fluent oral and written communication skills in a Scandinavian language and English

Personal skills

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

- The quality of the project description; the description of the research topic, the specific problems to be studied, the choice of scientific theory and method, and the proposed schedule for the study. A project description of 8-10 pages must be submitted with the application.
- The applicants’ academic and personal qualifications for completing the research training program
- The applicant’s personal suitability and motivation for the position
- Good ability to collaborate nationally and internationally

We offer

- Salary NOK 479,600 - 523,200 per annum depending on qualifications in a position as PhD research fellow.
- 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:

- Cover letter, including statement of motivation and research interests
- Project description (8-10 pages, cf guidance)
- CV (summarizing education, positions and academic work)
- Completed application form for admission to the doctoral degree program (see this page)
- Copies of educational certificates (academic transcripts only, including information of the University’s grading system)
- In the event of diplomas from other countries: printouts of prospectuses or similar that describe the content and framework of the courses of study on which the application is based.
- Master’s thesis and any other academic works that may be of relevance to the application.
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.

The application may be written in English or Norwegian. Incomplete applications will in normal circumstances not be assessed.

When evaluating the application, emphasis will be given to the project proposal and the applicant’s academic and personal suitability for carrying out the project. Applicants may be called in for an interview.

**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.

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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 Education was established in 1938 and is one of three departments and is one of three departments at The Faculty of Educational Sciences. The research is based on traditions from both the social and the human sciences, and the department thus accommodates great breadth in topics and perspectives. The department employs approximately 100 people; 49 scientific staff, 35 doctoral and post-doctoral students, and 16 administrative/technical staff. The number of students is approximately 900.

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