Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Social Sciences and Global Health

Job description

Applicants are invited for a 2 year position as Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Social Sciences and Global Health to be based at the Department of Community Medicine and Global Health, University of Oslo.

The position is funded by the Norwegian Research Council’s SAMKUL program and is dedicated to a new research project entitled From Asia to Africa: Antibiotic Trajectories across the India Ocean. The project follows the production, regulation and export of antibiotics from China and India, across the ocean, to its circulation and consumption in Tanzania. The Postdoctoral fellow will be investigating the production and export of antibiotics and active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) in China and their subsequent export to India and Africa, analyzing policy, regulation and trade documents in Chinese language, and, if possible, conducting two shorter fieldworks in South China (See the project description for more details). The study will be conducted in close collaboration with a PhD student working on antibiotic production in India (whose research will include fieldwork in Mumbai) and with a PhD student and Postdoctoral fellow working in Tanzania.

The postdoctoral fellow will be part of a research team consisting of two PhD research fellows, two postdoctoral research fellows, two medical students, as well as six senior staff (Heidi Fjeld (PI), Anne Kveim Lie, Ruth Prince, Muhammad Zaman, Christoph Gradmann, Heidi Østbø Haugen).

More about the position

The appointment is a fulltime position and is made for a period of two years (10% of which is devoted to required duties).

Residence in Oslo is a requirement.

The main purpose of the fellowship is to qualify researchers for work in higher academic positions within their disciplines.

Qualification requirements

- Applicants must hold a degree equivalent to a Norwegian doctoral degree in social, cultural or medical anthropology, Chinese (or Asian) studies, history, human geography, sociology, political science or other related disciplines. Doctoral dissertation must be submitted for evaluation by the closing date. Appointment is dependent on the public defence of the doctoral thesis being approved.
- Fluent oral and written communication skills in English
- Workable skills in oral and written Chinese, corresponding to HSK 5 or higher
- Previous experience with working with Chinese sources
- Experience with managing both academic and administrative tasks
- Willingness to contribute part of your time to the overall project, including project meetings, workshops as well as co-writing projects

Personal skills

- be able to work independently and collaboratively
- be able to engage with a diverse multidisciplinary group of colleagues and students, and contribute to a positive working environment
- be able to engage creatively with relevant theoretical and conceptual frameworks
- be highly motivated
- be flexible

We offer

- Salary NOK 523 200 - 594 400 per annum depending on qualifications in position as Postdoctoral Research Fellow (position code 1352)
- A dynamic, innovative and collaborative working environment
- Generous funds for research, travel, conference participation, and dissemination, books and equipment
- The attractions of living in a small capital city with its rich opportunities for culture and outdoor activities and its family-friendly environment

How to apply

The application must include

- cover letter (statement of motivation, summarizing scientific work and research interest)
- CV (summarizing education, positions, pedagogical experience, administrative experience and other qualifying activity)
- copies of educational certificates (academic transcripts only) and PhD diploma
- a digital copy of your PhD Thesis
• a complete list of publications
• Shortlisted candidates will be asked to submit a project description, outlining the proposed research, methodology and theoretical framework (3,000 words maximum)
• Shortlisted candidates might be asked to document Chinese skills
• list of reference persons: 2-3 references (name, relation to candidate, e-mail and phone number). Only reference persons for interviewed candidates will be contacted.

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).

In assessing the applications, special emphasis will be placed on the documented, academic qualifications, the project description (whenever this is required in the call for applicants), and the quality of the project as well as the candidates motivation and personal suitability. Interviews with the best qualified candidates will be arranged.

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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The Institute of Health and Society is one of three institutes at the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Oslo. The Institute covers various disciplines and consists of six departments: General Practice, Health Sciences, Health Management and Health Economics, Medical Ethics, Community Medicine and Global Health and Nursing Science.

The Institute of Health and Society bases its work on a complex understanding of disease, health and health systems. Culture, environment, economics, society and biology play direct and indirect roles. Our teaching responsibilities include seven Master’s programs, one Bachelor program and part of the Faculty’s medical school and PhD-program. We employ about 220 FTE and have almost 700 Bachelor and Master students. Annual income is about 200 mill NOK, half of which is external funding. Our researchers play an active part of public policy and disseminate new knowledge through many channels.

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