Postdoctoral Fellow in Sociology

Job description

There is a vacant position at the Department of Sociology and Human Geography for a Postdoctoral Fellow (SKO 1352) in sociology. The position is for a period of three years without compulsory work or four years with compulsory work (primarily teaching duties).

More about the position

The position is funded by the Norwegian Research Council and is dedicated to the newly established research project Criminal exposure in vulnerable areas. The project focuses on the dynamics of individuals' criminal careers, their co-offending networks, how they are geographically connected, and the ways these networks affect and are affected by social neighbourhoods. In these efforts, we will use a broad range of register data, and statistical methods for longitudinal data, social network analysis, and spatial analysis.

The project also collaborates with the Police University College in Oslo. At the Department of Sociology and Human Geography, the project is part of the research group in Social Inequalities and Population Dynamics. The Fellow will work closely with the principal investigator Professor Torbjørn Skardhamar, other members of the project staff, the project's international collaborators, as well as other members of the SIPD group.

Qualification requirements and personal skills

- Applicants must hold a degree equivalent to a Norwegian doctoral degree in sociology, criminology, human geography, or related field. The doctoral dissertation must be submitted for evaluation by the closing application date. Appointment is dependent on the approval of the defense of the doctoral thesis.
- Applicants must have the capacity for independent academic research at a high level, preferably documented through publications in international journals.
- Competitive applicants will have expertise in two or more of these fields/ issues:
  - criminal careers and life-course criminology
  - geographical analysis of crime
  - social networks
  - experienced in statistical techniques relevant to the project, such as panel models, spatial statistics, and social network models
  - advanced programming skills. Preferably in R, but experience and motivation to learn R may suffice
  - knowledgeable on administrative register data
  - open science practices and standards
- Applicants must have potential for future academic performance in the mentioned fields and technical skills.
- Applicants must have excellent written and oral proficiency in English.

Residence in Norway is expected during the appointment, but Postdoctoral fellows are also encouraged to spend time abroad during the fellowship period.

We offer

- Salary NOK 523 200 - 605 500 per annum depending on qualifications
- A professionally 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

- Application letter. Please describe your motivation for applying for this position and explain how your background, research and experience is relevant to the research project.
- CV summarizing education, positions, research experience, and other activities.
- A complete list of publications
- Copies of educational certificates (academic transcripts only)
- Up to five academic works that the applicant wishes to have considered in the assessment process (a doctoral dissertation or a monograph will count as three publications). The applicant must indicate which of these works best shows their academic skills and potential.
- A 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).

In assessing applications, particular emphasis will be placed upon the academic and personal capacity of the candidate to contribute to the project within the given timeframe, to interact within national and international networks, and to be part of a dynamic research group. Interviews with the best qualified candidates will take place in the autumn of 2020.
candidates will be arranged.

The final hiring decision is the responsibility of the Department Board. The length of the employment period will be based on the Department’s budget situation and teaching needs as well as an evaluation of the overall qualifications of the successful candidate.

**Formal regulations**

Please see the [guidelines and regulations](https://www.uio.no) 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**

- **Professor Torbjørn Skardhamar** (principal investigator)
  (Please note that replies will be delayed during 15 July-10 August)
- **Head of Administration Inger-Lise Schwab**

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*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 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.