PhD position at the Department of biological and medical psychology

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PhD position
There is a vacancy for a PhD position at the Department of biological and medical psychology, Faculty of Psychology, University of Bergen. The position is for a fixed-term period of 4 years, funded by the University of Bergen and is subject to one of the University's strategic areas: Global Challenges.

About the project/work tasks:
The position is part of the project “Effects of singing on brain plasticity, mood, and quality of life in individuals with, or at risk for, Alzheimer’s disease (ALMUTH)”, a longitudinal study with a one-year intervention (music or physical activity) including pre- and post-measurements. The main supervisor will be Professor Stefan Kölsch at the Department of Biological and Medical Psychology, Jonas Lies vei 91. The PhD student will be included in the Brain and Music Group led by Professor Kölsch.

The work will include recruitment of participants, scheduling them for testing, talking with the participants about organizational issues (e.g. scheduling testing sessions, establishing the contacts with therapists etc.), neuropsychological assessments and assisting in magnetic resonance (MR) measurements, organizing and analysing the data, and publication of the study results.

A project description is not necessary at this stage, but the selected candidate will have to submit a short project description of max. 3 pages one month after the employment, prepared and submitted by agreement with the professional community.

Qualifications and personal qualities:
The applicant must at the time of application hold a master's degree or the equivalent in Psychology, preferably with a specialization in Neuroscience.

For admission to the doctoral programme, grade B or above is normally required for the master's thesis

The applicant must be a native Norwegian speaker or have a very good command of the Norwegian language (to perform standardized neuropsychological testing of patients in Norwegian, including Norwegian dialects).

The applicant should have experience with working with patients, preferably dementia patients.

The applicant should have experience in the collection and analysis of neuropsychological tests, preferably tests for dementia, cognitive impairment, and cognitive decline.

The applicant should have experience in the collection and analysis of magnetic resonance data.

Ideally, the applicant would have a music-psychological background, e.g. due to own previous experimental work in this field.

Ideally, the applicant can show an ability to produce publishable work, e.g. by a prior (co-)authorship of a scientific article.

The applicant must be able to work independently, in a structured manner, and to cooperate with others.

Proficiency in both written and oral English is required.

About the PhD position
The duration of the PhD position is 4 years, of which 25 per cent of the time each year comprises obligatory duties associated with research, teaching and dissemination of results. 2/3 of the obligatory duties shall be carried out at the department, and 1/3 of the compulsory work shall be linked to activities within the strategic area. The employment period may be reduced if you have previously been employed in a recruitment position.

About the research training:
As a PhD Candidate, you must participate in an approved educational programme for a PhD degree within a period of 3 years. When your qualification for the position is evaluated, you will also be evaluated for admission to the PhD programme at the Faculty of Psychology. You will find further information about the PhD programme at the Faculty of Psychology here.

We can offer:
• Exciting development opportunities as part of your role in a strong professional environment
• Salary at pay grade 54 (code 1017/pay range 20, alternative 10) in the state salary scale. This currently amounts to an annual salary of NOK 482,200 before taxes. Further promotions are made according to qualifications and length of service in the position. A higher salary may be considered for applicants with specialist education.
• Enrolment in the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund.
• Good welfare benefits

Your application must include:
• A detailed account of the applicant’s specific qualifications for this project (see "Qualifications and personal qualities" above), and a (very) brief account of the applicant’s research interests and motivation for applying for the position
• The names and contact information for two reference persons. One of these must be the main supervisor for the master's thesis or equivalent thesis.
• CV
• Transcripts and diplomas (higher education)
• Applicants with foreign education must enclose certified translations to English or Scandinavian if the original Diploma and grade transcripts are not already in one of these languages. The applicants must also enclose a confirmation from NOKUT that the education is recognized to be in accordance with the Norwegian master’s degree. The review from NOKUT may take some time and the application should be sent to NOKUT as soon as you have decided to apply for the position. If no answer within the application deadline, please enclose documentation from NOKUT that they have received your application. Some qualifications from the Nordic countries are automatically recognized, please check NOKUT.
• Foreign applicants: Detailed documentation for Norwegian language skills (exams) must be provided.
• Relevant certificates
• A list of any works of a scientific nature (publication list).
• Any publications in your name you want to be included in the evaluation of your application

Please note that applications, along with the information and attachments linked to the application in JobbNorge, will be evaluated after the closing date for applications. Attachments must be in English or a Scandinavian language, and any translations must be certified. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all the necessary information has been submitted by the closing date for applications.

It is particularly important that each of the attachments that are to be taken into account in the assessment is uploaded in full as an attachment to your application.

General information:
Detailed information about the position can be obtained by contacting:

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Project leader/main supervisor Professor Stefan Kölsch, Department of biological and medical psychology, + 47 55 58 62 31, email stefan.koelsch@uib.no

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.

Life as a PhD candidate at UiB
Marion Claireaux tells about life and work as a PhD candidate at UiB.

Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nrtp6VxMeJ4&index=2&list=PLf8ZIYfAO0qhROTi6StDbSScq0ISO6G

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There are five departments and two centres at Faculty of Psychology. Read more about the faculty and departments.

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