PhD position

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PhD position on Covid-19 contact tracing as public health infrastructure

There is a vacancy for a PhD research fellow on technological and public health dimensions of Covid-19 contact tracing. The position is located inside the CoPol project, which will focus on contact tracing as digital politics across public health, regulatory and technological dimensions. The position is for a period of 3 years.

The research project will be located at the Centre for the Study of the Sciences and the Humanities (SVT), which is an interdisciplinary, interfaculty center at the University of Bergen. The research community at SVT is multidisciplinary, including philosophy of science, history, sociology, science and technology studies (STS), ethics and other disciplines that do research on science.

About the project/work tasks:


The PhD fellow is expected to carry out independent empirical work on Covid-19 contact tracing as technological infrastructure and public health practice. This work includes interactions with technology developers, public health contact tracers and users. It will be closely coordinated with parts of the project that study digital politics and regulatory approaches to protect fundamental rights (such as privacy and data protection by design).

The PhD fellow is expected to be able to work both independently and collaboratively within an interdisciplinary research environment, under the supervision of project leader Kjetil Rommetveit, and together with project team members.

Qualifications and personal qualities:

- The applicant must hold a master’s or an equivalent degree, or have submitted his/her master’s thesis for assessment prior to the application deadline, within a relevant discipline, e.g. science and technology studies, critical data studies, human-computer interaction, critical design, or similar. It is a condition of employment that the master has been awarded before appointment to the position.
- Prior experience with digital methods and digital ethnography, or similar approaches, is an advantage.
- Applicants should have demonstrated affinity with interdisciplinary work and demonstrated originality in research.
- Work independently and in a structured manner, and have the ability to be self-motivated and to cooperate with others in teams.
- Strong communication, organizational, and problem-solving skills.
- Proficiency in both written and oral English, and at least basic knowledge of Norwegian.

About the PhD position:

The fellowship will be for a period of 3 years. As a PhD Candidate, applicants must participate in an approved educational programme for a PhD degree within a period of 3 years. A final plan for the implementation of the research training must be approved by the faculty within three months after the candidate has commenced in the position. It is a condition that the candidate satisfy the enrolment requirements for the PhD programme at the University of Bergen.

We can offer:

- A good and professionally challenging work environment
- Salary at pay grade 54 (code 1017) according to the state salary scale upon appointment. This currently amounts to an annual salary of NOK 490 800 before taxes. Further salary advancement will depend on seniority in the position. A higher salary may be considered for particularly well qualified applicants.
- Enrolment in the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund
- Good welfare benefits
Your application must include:
The application must be sent electronically via the link «APPLY FOR THE JOB» on this page. The applicant must use the electronic CV form, and the application must contain:

- A comprehensive 3 - 5 pages cover letter outlining: (i) your motivations for applying; (ii) your research qualifications and interests; and (iii) what contributions you can bring to the CoPol project.
- Name and contact information for 2 reference persons
- CV
- Transcripts and diplomas and official confirmation that the doctoral thesis has been submitted.
- Relevant certificates/references.
- List of scientific work, (publication list), including submission of the one or two most relevant to the position / project, if applicable.
- Other relevant publications.
- The enclosures can be submitted as Word- or pdf-files.

Copies of academic publications (if any), higher education certificates and diplomas must be accompanied by a translation into English or Scandinavian if not written in either of these languages. The translations must be sent together with copies of academic publications within the deadline of application.

General information:
Detailed information about the position and the CoPol project can be obtained by contacting: Kjetil Rommetveit, SVT, +47 917 79 791, email: Kjetil.rommetveit@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 best qualified applicants will be invited to an interview before the final recommendation.

Any queries or problems concerning the electronical application procedure should be directed to The Faculty of Humanities by email: fakadm@hf.uib.no.

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.

Application deadline: 29 August 2021
Reference no.: 21/8571

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

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There are four departments and two centres at Faculty of Humanities. Read more about the faculty and departments.

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