PhD Research Fellowship in Philosophy of Science

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PhD position
The Department of Philosophy at the University of Bergen is inviting applications for a PhD fellowship connected to the interdisciplinary FRIPRO project “Advancing Causal Modeling with Coincidence Analysis” (AdCNA) led by Prof. Michael Baumgartner. The preferred starting date for the fellowship is 1 December 2021. The position is for a fixed-term period of 3 (or 4) years.

About the project/work tasks:
The AdCNA project aims to bring Coincidence Analysis, an innovative method of data analysis, to a new level of development. Coincidence Analysis, which has theoretical roots in the work of David Hume, has been applied in studies on important topics, such as the safety culture in medical homes, colorectal cancer screening programs, or implementation strategies related to treatment of hepatitis C infection, and it is taught in methodology courses to practicing scientists. Contrary to many other projects in philosophy of science, the AdCNA project will not stay on the sidelines and passively reflect on scientific practice, rather, it will actively influence and advance that practice by paving new methodological ground. More on the project can be found here: Fripro project granted.

The Department of Philosophy has an academic staff of around 50, an administrative staff of 6, and around 10 PhD- and postdoctoral fellows. The department offers bachelor’s degrees in Philosophy and Rhetoric, and master’s and PhD-degrees in Philosophy. Research at the department spans a wide area. An overview of the research groups at the department can be found here: Research groups.

Qualifications and personal qualities:
The applicant must hold a Norwegian master’s degree or the equivalent in Philosophy, Logic, Mathematics, Statistics, or Informatics. It is a condition of employment that the master’s degree has been awarded at the time of application. Applicants who do not have a Norwegian master’s degree will be evaluated according to the regulations of the Norwegian Agency for Quality Assurance in Education (NOKUT). The Department can send documentation of foreign education to NOKUT in order to evaluate whether this degree is equivalent to a Norwegian master’s degree.

The applicant must be able to work independently in a well-structured way and have good cooperation skills

The applicant must be proficient in both written and oral English

Competence in Norwegian language is an advantage but not required.

The successful applicant is expected to write a PhD thesis under the supervision of Prof. Baumgartner in the field of causation, causal reasoning, or causal data analysis, broadly construed. The topic should be of relevance to the AdCNA research project. Candidates are asked to apply with a concrete project proposal, but details of the research topic will be worked out between the applicant and the supervisor.

The applications will be assessed, to an equal degree, based on the applicant’s qualifications and the quality of the project proposal. If ranked applicants score equally on these main assessment criteria, strategic considerations, motivation, and the applicant’s personal eligibility will be taken into account. For questions, please, contact Prof. Michael Baumgartner: michael.baumgartner@uib.no.

About the PhD position (applies to university PhD positions):
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The main purpose of the PhD position is to complete a doctoral degree, which qualifies for independent research and for other forms of employment that demand specific competency. The duration of the PhD position is 3 or 4 years (in case the candidate has the relevant competence for additional work not directly related to the PhD project). 75 % is allocated to research and 25 % to teaching, dissemination of results, administration or other relevant work. The plan for this part of the position is developed in collaboration with the Department at the very beginning of the employment period.

Applicants who have already held a PhD position at the University of Bergen, are not eligible for employment.

The employment period may be reduced if the selected candidate previously has been employed in a recruitment position.
The PhD position demands that the applicant has his or her regular workplace at the University of Bergen and comply with the guidelines that apply to the position at all times.

About the research training

The PhD candidate must participate in an approved educational programme for a PhD degree within a period of 3 years. It is a condition that the applicant satisfy the enrolment requirements for the PhD program at the University of Bergen.

We offer:
- The unique opportunity to work in an innovative high-impact project.
- A professionally stimulating working environment.
- Salary at pay grade 54 (Code 1017/Pay range 20, alternative 10) in the state salary scale, currently NOK gross 490,800 p.a. following ordinary meriting regulations.
- Enrolment in the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund.
- Employment in an inclusive workplace (IA) enterprise.
- Attractive welfare benefits (e.g. parental leave, subsidized child-care, health care, etc.)

How to apply:
Applications must be sent electronically via the link on this site “APPLY FOR THIS JOB”. The applicant must use the electronic CV-form. The application must include:
- A brief account of the applicant’s research interests and motivation for applying for the position.
- CV.
- The name and contact information for two referees. One of these must be the main advisor for the master’s thesis or equivalent thesis.
- Transcripts and diplomas showing completion of the bachelor’s and master’s degrees.
- A short summary of the master’s thesis or equivalent thesis (up to 3 pages).
- Relevant certificates/references.
- A summary of the proposed project (up to 5 pages /12,000 characters).
- A progress plan for the PhD project.
- Bibliography for the proposed project.
- A list of any works of a scientific nature (publication list).
- Any scientific work in your name (up to 3).

The application and appendices must be written in Norwegian, another Scandinavian language or English. Documentation in other languages must be followed by certified translations. Appendices must be uploaded within the application deadline as Word- or pdf-files.

General information:
Further information about the position can be obtained by contacting Michael Baumgartner, e-mail michael.baumgartner@uib.no or phone +47 55 58 89 60.

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 candidates for the position will be invited to an interview.

Questions or queries about the electronic application process can be directed to: fakadm@hf.uib.no.

Further information about the application here.

Further information about the appointment process here.

Application deadline: 15 August 2021

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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=PLf8ZIYfAO0qjHRotJ6SthDbSScg0I5O6G

About The University of Bergen
The University of Bergen is a renowned educational and research institution, organised into seven faculties and approximately 54 institutes and academic centres. Campus is located in the centre of Bergen with university areas at Nygårdshøyden, Haukeland, Marineholmen, Møllendalsveien and Arstad.

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