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The Centre for Climate and Energy Transformation (CET) is an interdisciplinary research centre that aims to produce actionable knowledge about how to achieve deep, rapid, and sustainable transformation of society to meet the climate challenge. CET is based at the UiB Faculty of Social Sciences, and works closely with scientists from a variety of disciplines.

CET is now seeking a postdoc (3 years full time) to help us develop our research on governance of climate and energy transformation - one of CET’s core competence areas.

About the project/work tasks:
The postdoctoral fellow is expected to conduct her/his own project related to the governance of climate and energy transformation. By the term governance we understand the institutional, political, and social elements involved in sustaining the system needed to ensure climate and energy transformation - including political action and decisions, values, norms and language, organizational structures, distribution of power, and more. We welcome perspectives from different interdisciplinary frameworks based in the social sciences.

The postdoctoral fellow will be expected to take a leading role in initiating research activities, such as proposals, seminars and publications that provide opportunities for other researchers in the group, particularly PhD candidates. The postdoc will have their workplace at CET and is expected to contribute to making CET a dynamic and productive academic environment.

Applicants are expected to submit a research statement that describes how their competence contributes to research on the governance of climate and energy transformation. The choice of empirical focus is open, and candidates with an interdisciplinary background within the qualitative social sciences are especially welcome to apply. Postdocs hired at CET tend to have an emerging record of publications and/or policy-relevant work experience.

Qualifications and personal qualities:
- Completed PhD in a social science discipline. The doctoral thesis must have been submitted for assessment prior to the application deadline. It is a condition for employment that the PhD has been awarded;
- A strong academic background in social science, including a demonstrated ability to publish research at a high international level;
- Documented expertise (theoretical and methodological) relevant to conducting the proposed research;
- An interest in interdisciplinary research is a requirement, and experience with interdisciplinary and/or transdisciplinary work is an advantage;
- Proficiency in both written and oral English;
- Personal aptitude and cooperative skills will be taken into consideration.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to an interview.

About the position of postdoctoral research fellow:
The position of postdoctoral research fellow is a fixed-term appointment with the primary objective of qualifying the appointee for work in top academic positions. The fixed-term period for this position is 3 years. Individuals may not be hired for more than one fixed-term period as a postdoctoral research fellow at the same institution.

Upon appointment, applicants must submit a project proposal for the qualifying work including a work schedule. For postdoctoral research fellow positions associated with externally financed projects, the completion of the project proposal for the qualifying work will take place in consultation with the project/centre manager. It is a requirement that the project is completed in the course of the period of employment.

We can offer:
- A good and professionally challenging working environment.

Salary at pay grade 61 in the state salary scale. This currently amounts to an annual salary of NOK 553,500,- before taxes. Further increase in salary will depend on seniority. A higher salary may be considered for a particularly well-qualified applicant.

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Your application must include:

- A cover letter including a brief account of the applicant's research interests and motivation for applying for the position;
- A research statement (4-6 pages, 2,000-3,000 words) describing the relevant competence of the candidate, and how this competence contributes to advancing the research agenda on climate and energy transformation in an urban context;
- An academic CV, including publications, conference presentations, and other relevant academic activities;
- The names and contact information for two references. One of these must be the main supervisor from the PhD programme;
- Certified copies of all relevant transcripts, diplomas, and certificates. Documentation that the doctoral thesis has been submitted/awarded.
- Up to five scientific publications.
- The application (cover letter and research statement) must be written in English, and all additional documentation must be submitted in English or a Scandinavian language (certified translations if originals are in another language).

The application and appendices with certified translations into English or a Scandinavian language must be uploaded at Jobbnorge. Applications sent by e-mail will not be evaluated.

General information:

Detailed information about the position can be obtained by contacting: Professor Simon Neby, e-mail simon.neby@uib.no.

Practical questions about the application process should be directed to: Advisor Bodil Hægland, e-mail bodil.hagland@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.

Further information about our employment process can be found here.

About The University of Bergen (UiB)

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 Nygårdsheysden, Haukeland, Marineholmen, Møllendalsveien and Årstad.

There are seven departments and three centres at Faculty of Social Sciences. Read more about the faculty and departments.

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