PhD-position (Health Economics / UiB and Africa CDC)

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PhD position (Health Economics)
At the Faculty of Medicine, Department of Global Public Health and Primary Care, a PhD position (100%) is available for a period of three (3) years, starting May, 2022.

The position is located at "Bergen Centre for Ethics and Priority Setting (BCEPS)" and funded through the NORAD project “Defining and integrating essential NCD interventions in national health systems” (RAF20/0032). This PhD will work in collaboration with the newly established Health Economics Unit (HEU) at Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC).

Africa CDC
Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) is a specialized technical agency of the African Union that leads disease control and prevention efforts at the continental level and guides regional and state governments and institutions. The Health Economics Unit (HEU) at Africa CDC was established in November 2020 to support the application of health economics across all Africa CDC’s pillars (surveillance and disease intelligence, laboratory systems and networks, preparedness and response, public health research and information systems).

About the project/work tasks:
Bergen Center for Ethics and Priority Setting (BCEPS), situated at the Department of Global Public Health and Primary Care at the University of Bergen, is an interdisciplinary research center dedicated to studying the ethics and economics of priority setting in health. It provides decision support to countries on the path to Universal Health Coverage (UHC) - in partial fulfilment of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). BCEPS seeks to build scientific and technical capacity in the field of health care priority setting in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) by using established methods of priority setting and applying these to concrete priority setting challenges (e.g. defining national essential health care packages) in collaboration with local partners.

The objectives for this project are to:
Support the development of essential NCD UHC packages in African countries by supporting the Health Economics Unit within Africa CDC, assist the implementation of the HEU Strategic Roadmap (2022 to 2026), train local experts in health economics and priority setting and develop recommendations for integrated delivery of priority interventions with relevance for health systems in many countries in Africa. At Africa CDC, the HEU will work with Division of Disease Control and Prevention (and recently established Non-Communicable Disease sub-team).

The University of Bergen invites highly qualified candidates to apply for a PhD training opportunity through BCEPS at the Department of Global Public Health and Primary Care. This PhD opportunity will focus on generating evidence relevant for defining and implementing essential NCD UHC packages, with particular emphasis on public health interventions and the double burden of infectious diseases and NCDs.

Qualifications and personal qualities:
The applicant must:

- hold a master’s degree or equivalent in economics, public health or public policy
- have experience with applied research in one of the Africa Union Member States
- be able to work independently in a structured manner and to cooperate with others
- be fluent in spoken and written English

Qualifications considered to be an added advantage:

- have experience with applied work on health economics and priority setting in low-income countries
- 2-3 years’ work experience in an academic, public health, or other government institutions
- aptitude and interest in quantitative social science research methods
- experience with basic principles in health economic evaluations
• experience from relevant research projects will be considered as positive
• experience with non-communicable disease policy

Applicant whose education is from another country than Norway, need to also attach a certified translation of the diploma and transcript of grades to English or a Scandinavian language, if the original is not in any of these languages. It is required that the applicant enclose a review from NOKUT whether the education (bachelor and master degree) in question is of a scope and level that corresponds to the level of a Norwegian master’s degree. Please see www.nokut.no/en for more information about NOKUT’s general recognition. 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, you must enclose documentation from NOKUT that they have received your application. Language qualifications: http://www.uib.no/en/med/115526/english-language-requirements-phd-admission

About the PhD position:
Organised research training (PhD programme):

The candidate must take part in the University of Bergen approved PhD programme leading to a completed doctorate within a time limit of 3 years. At least six months per year must be spent in Bergen. You must have admission to the organised research training (PhD programme) at the Faculty in order to qualify for the PhD position. Application for admission to the PhD programme, including a project plan outline, must be submitted no later than three months after the date of commencement.

The PhD position:

PhD positions are fixed-term positions. You cannot be employed in a PhD position for more than one fixed-term period at the same institution or have had similar employment at another institution in the region.

We can offer:

• Exciting development opportunities as part of your role in a strong professional environment
• Salary level 54 (code 1017/pay range 20.10) NOK 491 200 before taxes, in accordance with the state salary scale. Further increases in salary will be based on seniority in the position. For applicants with at least one year of employment in a position as a General Practitioner or Dentist, salary level 56 NKR 507 600. Medical specialist start on wage level 59 NKR 534 400
• Enrolment in the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund
• Good welfare benefits

Your application must include:

• A brief account of your research interests and motivation for applying for the position (maximum two pages).
• Certified copies of diplomas and transcripts of grades. Applicants whose education is from a country other than Norway, need to attach a certified translation of their diploma and transcript of grades to English or a Scandinavian language if the original is not in any of these languages. It is compulsory for the applicant to enclose a review from NOKUT to document whether the education in question (bachelor’s and master’s degree) is of a scope and level that corresponds to the level of a Norwegian master’s degree. Please see www.nokut.no/en for more information about NOKUT’s general recognition. This may take some time and we recommend that you apply as soon as you have decided to apply for this position. If you have not received an answer before the application deadline, you must enclose documentation from NOKUT that they have received your application.
• Documentation of language skills (English) http://www.uib.no/en/med/115526/english-language-requirements-phd-admission
• A complete list of publications and scientific work you want to be evaluated.
• Any publication(s) in your name.
• Two referees (name and contact information).

General information:

Detailed information about the position can be obtained by contacting: Project Leaders Professor Ole Frithjof Norheim, BCEPS, e-mail: ole.norheim@uib.no or Professor Kjell Arne Johansson, BCEPS, e-mail: kjell.johansson@uib.no, phone: +47 97191828

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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=nrt6VxmJ4J4&index=2&list=PL8ZYIAOOGhROT6ShDboSScq0ISO6G

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