PhD position in child sexual abuse prevention

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PhD position
There is a vacancy for a PhD position at the Department for Health Promotion and Development (HEMIL), Faculty of Psychology, The University of Bergen. The position is 100 % for a fixed term of 3 years. Applicants are required to be based in Bergen during the contract period. It is funded by Horizon Europe, the EU’s major funding program for research and innovation. The PhD candidate will work as part of the Prevent & Protect Through Support (2PS) project. 2PS is a highly innovative action offering a paradigm shift in the approach to tackling child sexual abuse and exploitation across Europe. Expected start date is 1st of October 2022.

About the project/work tasks:
The PhD project will include:
- (1) Conducting systematic literature reviews (incl. meta-analyses).
- (2) Studying the preventive and mental health needs of people who are sexually attracted to children.
- (3) Developing a peer-education website to decrease barriers to treatment among people who are sexually attracted to children.

In addition to the research, the PhD candidate is expected to be involved in a joint work with the larger 2PS network.

Qualifications and personal qualities:
- The applicant must at the time of application hold a master’s degree or the equivalent in either psychology or related fields.
- For admission to the doctoral program, grade B or above is required on the master’s thesis.
- Documented good knowledge of quantitative methods is a necessity
- Proficiency in both written and oral English is a necessity.
- Previous research experience regarding pedophilia, online interventions, and/or child sexual abuse is a strong advantage, but not a requirement
- Experience in clinical or forensic psychology is an advantage.
- Good knowledge of systematic literature reviews is an advantage.
- Prior publications and/or conference presentations are an advantage.
- Ability to work independently and in a structured and timely manner, as well as ability to cooperate with others is an advantage.

About the PhD position:
The duration of the PhD position is 3 years. The employment period may be reduced if you have previously been employed in a recruitment position.

About the PhD program:
As a PhD candidate, you must participate in an approved educational program for a PhD degree for a period of 3 years. Note that you have to submit a short project description of max. 3 pages during the first month of the employment in order to be accepted in the PhD program.

You will find further information about the PhD program at the Faculty of Psychology here.

We can offer:
- Exciting development opportunities as part of your role in a strong professional environment and wider European research network
- 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 491 200 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:

- Cover letter with a brief account of your research interests and motivation for applying for the position
- CV
- The names and contact information of two reference persons
- Transcripts and diplomas (higher education)
- A short summary of your MA thesis (1-2 pages)
- A letter of affirmation from the PhD supervisor (please contact Sara Jahnke, see below for contact details)
- Applicants with foreign education must enclose certified translations to English or Scandinavian of the original Diploma and grade transcripts, if these 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 application should be sent to NOKUT as soon as you have decided to apply for the position. If you received 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.
- Any of your publications you want to be included in the evaluation of your application

Please note that only 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:

Associate Professor Sara Jahnke, Department of Health Promotion and Development (HEMIL), The Faculty of Psychology, +47 55 58 86 13.

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=PLf8ZIYfAO0qihROTt6SthDbSScg0lSO6G

About UiB

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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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