Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Learning Analytics

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Postdoctoral Research Fellow position

There is a vacancy for a Postdoctoral Research Fellow position at the Centre for the Science of Learning & Technology (SLATE), Faculty of Psychology, within Learning Analytics. The fixed-term position is for a period of 3 years.

The Centre for the Science of Learning & Technology (SLATE), located at the Faculty of Psychology, is a learning sciences research centre that carries out interdisciplinary research on the use of data and data analytic approaches (learning analytics) to understand learning, teaching, and creative knowledge processes across the full learning lifespan. We are a dynamic and including milieu of around 20 persons, including faculty, researchers, adjuncts, postdocs, PhDs candidates, and support staff. All employees are expected to contribute to the success of the Centre.

About the project/work tasks:

The person appointed will - in close cooperation with their line manager - carry out learning analytics research within SLATE themes including 21st Century Skills, Learning, and Educational Technology. The research will be located at all levels of education including primary, secondary, and tertiary education as well as work life and informal learning contexts across the lifespan, have a heavy psychological anchoring, and be carried out in collaboration with the centre’s researchers and partners in Norway and abroad. The workplace is in Bergen, Norway.

The successful candidate will:

- work to help SLATE meet its broad national mandate through collaboration on projects and initiatives
- participate in cutting edge research in an international context and contribute to the Centre’s visibility and publish this research on an international level
- participate in developing SLATE’s teaching portfolio, including a new Master in Learning Sciences and PhD courses related to 21st Century Skills such as collaboration and problem solving
- carry out daily supervision of PhD candidates, Master, and potentially Bachelor students in cooperation with the line manager
- take part in the development and implementation of continuing and further education, censorship/exam work, and other professional administrative tasks at the Centre
- contributes to the Centre’s dissemination, information work, and community contact.
- lead and be a mentor for junior researchers
- contribute to strategy work within the Centre’s mission and apply as PI or co-PI for competitive external funding

Qualifications and personal qualities:

- Excellent PhD in Learning Analytics, Psychology, Cognitive Science, Education, or a related field
- Good knowledge of or at least interest in learning analytics and/or psychology and quantitative methods
- Demonstrated research track record with peer-reviewed publications in peer-reviewed international journals
- Ability to work independently, strong personal commitment, teamwork & cooperation skills, administrative skills, creativity, determination
- Proficiency in written and oral English is required
- Last but not least enthusiasm about, high commitment for, and enjoyment in research

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:
- Exciting development opportunities as part of your role in a strong professional environment
- An annual salary of NOK 573 900 before taxes (code 1352/pay grade 62) according to the state salary scale upon appointment. Further promotions are made according to length of service. For particularly highly qualified applicants, a higher salary may be considered.
- Enrolment in the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund
- Good welfare benefits

Your application must include:
- A brief account (in English) of your research interests and motivation for applying for the position including a paragraph on how each of the qualification criteria described above are met, and how your research interests pertain to the advertised position.
- CV
- Transcripts and diplomas showing completion of a PhD degree
- Relevant attests/certificates confirming previous jobs (in Scandinavian or English)
- A full list of academic publications
- Academic publications that you want to submit for assessment, maximum 10
- The names and contact information for two reference persons (one must be the main PhD supervisor)

We invite your attention to the fact that applications along with appended 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 information is submitted by the application deadline.

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 the application. This also includes the academic works that are to be considered in the assessment.

General information:
Detailed information about the position can be obtained by contacting:
- SLATE Director, Professor Barbara Wasson email: barbara.wasson@uib.no Tel: + 47 911 41 297

Practical questions regarding the application procedures should be directed to:
- Head of Administration Jorunn Viken, email: jorunn.viken@uib.no, Tel: +47 901 31 832

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.

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 Nygårdshøyden, Haukeland, Marineholmen, Møllendalsveien and Årstad.

There are five departments and two centres at Faculty of Psychology, Read more about the faculty and departments.

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