



**UiT The Arctic
University of
Norway
Faculty of
Humanities, Social
Sciences and
Education -
Department of
History and Religious
Studies**

Two PhD positions in Religious Studies at the University of Tromsø - the Arctic University of Norway

At the University of Tromsø - The Arctic University of Norway, Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences and Education, Department of History and Religious Studies, there are two PhD positions vacant for applicants who wish to obtain the degree of Philosophiae Doctor (PhD). The positions are affiliated to the research project *Indigenous religion(s). Local Grounds, Global Networks*.

Application deadline: 14. May 2015
Ref.no: 2015/610

The appointments are for a period of three years.

The PhD positions are for a fixed term, with the objective of completion of research training to the level of a doctoral degree. Admission to a PhD programme is a prerequisite for appointments, and the programme period starts on commencement in the positions. The PhD candidates shall participate in the faculty's organized research training, and the PhD projects must be completed during the period of employment. Information about the application process for admission to the PhD programme, application form and regulations for the degree of Philosophiae Doctor (PhD) are available at [UiT PhD regulations](#). See also [Guide to PhD](#).

For further information about the positions, contact Professor Siv Ellen Kraft, tel. +47 77 64 43 90, email: siv.ellen.kraft@uit.no

The positions' affiliation and the field of research

The Department of History and Religious Studies is one of seven departments in the Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences and Education. The department has 16 permanent academic positions, of which 6 are in Religious Studies. The academic staff of the department teaches and gives supervision to students at all levels from bachelor to PhD. The department hosts eight different research groups.

The announced positions are affiliated to the research project [Indigenous religion\(s\). Local Grounds, Global Networks](#) (INREL), which involves an international core group of seven senior scholars. The main objective of INREL is to study relations between local and global discourses on indigenous religion(s), through case studies from a variety of regions and spaces and explorations of networks in an interconnected world.

The successful candidates will be an integral part of the research group INREL, and will develop their individual projects in relation to its main objectives, theoretical and methodological perspectives, and one or more of its thematic work packages (see project description [here](#)). One of the PhD projects will focus on a Central or South American case. For the second PhD project the choice of case study and geographical area is left for the applicants to decide. Knowledge of relevant languages is required. The successful candidates will be encouraged to spend one term at one of our partner institutions (see [list here](#)), and may include such plans in their proposals.

Qualification requirements

The successful applicants must fulfil the requirements for admission to the faculty's PhD programme, cf. Regulation of the degree of Philosophiae Doctor (PhD) at UiT The Arctic University of Norway. In addition, she/he must be able to document proficiency in English equivalent to Norwegian Higher Education Entrance Qualification, referred to at the website [PhD regulations at UiT](#).

On this page you will find more information about the PhD degree:

http://uit.no/ansatte/organisasjon/artikkel?p_menu=28713&p_document_id=203305&p_dimension_id=88147

This position requires a Master's degree in religious studies or other relevant field. Personal suitability will also be taken into account.

The applicant must present a description outlining the academic basis of the PhD project.

Working conditions

The nominal length of the PhD programme is three years. A shorter period of appointment may be decided when the research fellow has already completed parts of his/her research training programme or when the appointment is based on a previous qualifying position (PhD candidate, research assistant, or the like) in such a way that the total time used for research training amounts to three years.

Remuneration for the position of PhD candidate is in accordance with the State salary scale code 1017. A compulsory contribution of 2 % to the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund will be deducted.

Funding for fieldwork will be granted in addition to the salary.

Application

The **application** must be submitted electronically via the application form available on www.jobbnorge.no.

The application must include:

- letter of application
- project description (5-10 pages)

On this page you will find more information about the template for project description:

http://uit.no/ansatte/organisasjon/artikkel?p_document_id=348735&p_dim_ensjon_id=88147&p_menu=42374

- CV (containing a complete overview of education, supervised professional training and professional work)
- diploma and transcript from your Bachelor's degree or equivalent
- diploma and transcript from your Master's degree or equivalent
- diploma supplement for completed degrees
- documentation of English language proficiency
- list of works and description of these (see below)

The list of works shall contain the following information:

- author(s), the work's title
- for articles: the journal's name and volume, the first and last page of the article, year of publication
- for publications: publisher, printer, year of publication, number of pages

- The works (published or unpublished) which the applicant wishes to be taken into consideration during the assessment process
- List of references with contact information.

CV, diplomas and transcripts must be certified and translated into English or a Scandinavian language.

Information and material to be considered during the assessment must be submitted by the stipulated deadline.

Assessment

The applicants will be assessed by an expert committee. During this assessment process, emphasis will be attached to the applicant's potential for research as shown by:

- Project description

- Master's thesis or equivalent
- other academic works

In addition, consideration may be given to work experience or other activities of significance for the implementation of the PhD studies, and to any teaching qualifications. This includes teaching education, teaching experience, experience from popularization and experience/education from other types of dissemination. Information and material to be considered during the assessment must be submitted by the stipulated deadline.

The applicants who are assessed as the best qualified may be called to an interview. The interview shall among other things aim to clarify the applicant's personal suitability for the position.

More information about appointments is available: [Supplementary regulations for appointment to postdoktor \(Postdoctoral Fellow\), stipendiat \(PhD\) and vitenskapelig assistent \(Research Assistant\) positions at UiT The Arctic University of Norway and the Regulations concerning terms and conditions of employment for posts of postdoktor \(Postdoctoral Research Fellow\), stipendiat \(PhD\), vitenskapelig assistent \(Research Assistant\) and spesialistkandidat \(Resident\) \(In Norwegian only\)](#).

Questions concerning the organisation of the working environment, such as the physical state of the place of employment, health service, possibility for flexible working hours, part time, etc. as well as questions about the PhD programme may be directed to the email reference in this announcement.

UiT - The Arctic University of Norway has HR policy objectives that emphasize diversity, and encourages all qualified applicants to apply regardless of their gender, functional ability and national or ethnic background.

UiT is an IW (Inclusive Workplace) enterprise, and will emphasize making the necessary adaptations to the working conditions for employees with reduced functional ability.

Personal data given in an application or CV will be processed in accordance with the Act relating to the processing of personal data (the Personal Data Act). In accordance with Section 25 subsection 2 of the Freedom of Information Act, the applicant may request not to be registered on the public list of applicants. However, the University may nevertheless decide that the name of the applicant will be made public. The applicant will receive advance notification in the event of such publication.

