

Norwegian University of Life Sciences

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Doctoral Fellowship in International Environment and Development Studies - The politics of numbers - Ref.no. 16/00925

The Department of International Environment and Development Studies (Noragric) at the Faculty of Social Sciences at the Norwegian University of Life Sciences (NMBU) invites applications for a doctoral fellowship in International Environment and Development Studies. The selected candidate is expected to start the doctoral studies in August/September 2016.

As a department at the Faculty of Social Sciences at the NMBU, Noragric is engaged in education, research, institutional collaboration and assignments within international environment and development studies. The Department has a PhD programme in International Environment and Development Studies, three Master's programmes and a Bachelor's programme. The Department has approximately 35 Doctoral candidates and 450 students. Research at Noragric is organised within four research clusters: Climate Change, Agriculture and Development; Conflict, Human Security and Development; Environmental Governance; and Rights and Power in Development.

For further information regarding Noragric's thematic areas and ongoing research programmes, please visit: http://www.nmbu.no/noragric/.

Research project

The Department hereby invites proposals for PhD projects that are aimed at developing new research on International Political Economy in the interface between International Environment and Development Studies. Priority will be given to creative and innovative proposals addressing "the politics of numbers" within or across the following thematic and theoretical foci:

- 1) Global Political Economy & International Regulation
- 2) Politics of Development
- 3) International Relations

The use of numbers, performance indicators and benchmarks have grown exponentially over the last two decades, particularly in the field of international politics and development. Indicators are now firmly established as a distinct mode of global governance. The process of numbering involves translating complex phenomena into numerical values. The procedure converts what might otherwise be highly contentious normative agendas into numbers that appear technocratic and objective. The politics of numbers has implications for global governance, and particularly so for making norms, rules and regulations in the fields of International Environment and Development Studies. We are seeking a PhD proposal with a foundation in an International Relations and/or International Political Economy perspective that studies topics of importance in International Environment and Development Studies.

Main tasks

The Department's PhD programme consists of mandatory and elective courses with oral and written examinations and a major research component. The applicant is advised to visit the website for detailed information regarding PhD regulations at NMBU and information about the PhD programme at Noragric.

Academic qualifications

Required Academic qualifications

- a research-based master's degree (see PhD regulations § 5.1) with a GPA of B or above in a relevant field
- Proficiency in English as a working language is a prerequisite.

Desired Academic qualifications

• Research and/or working experience in developing countries will be considered an additional desirable qualification.

NMBU offers:

- · An optimistic academic institution with focus on professional development, dissemination and competence.
- · An interdisciplinary and inclusive environment that provides exciting research- and development opportunities.
- Daily contact with inspiring students and skilled colleagues.
- Various welfare schemes.
- Beautiful surroundings just outside Oslo.

Remuneration

The selected candidate will be appointed as a doctoral research candidate for a period of three or four years, depending on duty work for the department. The salary starts at level 50 (NOK 430 200 per annum) and follows ordinary meriting regulations. The total additional funding available for running expenses for the PhD studies is NOK 96 000 NOK.

Further information

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Application

Applications should include a letter of intent, a draft research proposal **not exceeding 4000 words**, the applicant's complete CV with certified copies of relevant transcripts and the names and contact details for two references. The topic of the proposal should fall within International Environment and Development Studies, concentrating on the thematic foci mentioned above. Please use the "jobbnorge format" for your CV Applicants will be evaluated on the basis of their academic qualifications, the quality of the draft research proposal and previous research as well as other relevant experience. The shortlisted applicants will be called for an interview as a part of the evaluation. Applicants invited for an interview are expected to present original diplomas and certificates.

The application, including the required documentation, should be submitted via the link: "Apply for this job' at the top of this page. This will route you to the University's Web Recruitment System, where you will need to register an account (if you have not already) and log in before completing the online application form.

Application deadline: 29.03.2016

A compulsory contribution of 2 % is made to the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund. A good working environment is characterized by diversity. We encourage qualified candidates to apply, irrespective of gender, physical ability or cultural background. The workplace will if necessary be facilitated for persons with disabilities.

According to the Freedom of Information Act § 25 the list of applicants for this position may be made public irrespective of whether the applicant has requested that his/her name be withheld.

Tilleggsinformasjon

Arbeidssted: