



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

Professor of History of Religions (with focus on indigenous religions) at the Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences and Education

Application deadline: 03.03.2017

Applications must be marked: Ref. 2016/8611

The Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences and Education has an opening for a permanent 100% position as Professor. The position is affiliated to the Department of History and Religious Studies.

For further information about the position, contact Head of Department, Fredrik Fagertun, tel. +47 77 64 61 76, email: fredrik.fagertun@uit.no, or Professor Bjørn Ola Tafjord, tel. +47 77 64 52 89, email bjorn.tafjord@uit.no.

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

The position's affiliation

The Department of History and Religious Studies is part of the Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences and Education. The department has 16 permanent academic positions, of which 10 are in History, 3 are in History of Religions and 3 are in Theology. The academic staff of the department teaches and gives supervision to students at all levels from bachelor to Ph.D.

The position's field of research/field of work

A prerequisite for the vacant position is documented competence in History of Religions (through training and/or comprehensive experience in research and teaching). The candidate should have expertise in indigenous religion(s) in one or more cultural contexts and geographical regions that are not covered already at the department (already covered regions are Sápmi and Central America), including fieldwork experience, relevant linguistic skills, as well as historical and other contextual knowledge of the area(s) of concern. The candidate should also have a strong commitment to further develop methodological approaches and theoretical understandings of indigenous religion(s) in ethically responsible ways. The candidate must be able and willing to teach and supervise students at all levels in a wide variety of topics of History of Religions.

In addition, expertise in one or more of the following fields/topics will be emphasized: legal and rights issues; environmentalism and climate concerns; politics and activism; identity formation and nation building; performance and materiality; media and translation; interaction between local and global actors and levels; and the history of the study of indigenous religion(s).

Broad teaching experience on all levels is an advantage. Experience with national and international collaboration on projects is also an asset, along with the ability to initiate and successfully lead research projects.

Qualification requirements

For appointment as a professor, it is required that the applicant has:

- a doctoral degree (in quality and scope, equivalent to a Norwegian doctoral degree) in History of Religions or in a closely related discipline
- an extensive record of publications of excellent academic quality (in scope, at least the equivalent of a second doctoral dissertation)
- broad experience in teaching and supervision.

Further, applicants must be able to document teaching qualifications in the form of university-level teaching seminars, other teaching education or through having developed a teaching portfolio. Alternatively, after carrying out an assessment of the applicant's practical teaching skills, the committee may determine that this can be regarded as of equal value to formal teaching qualifications. For further information about requirements for teaching qualifications, read the website [teacher training courses](#).

Personal suitability will also be taken into account.

Non-Scandinavian speakers must have a good command of English and be willing to learn Norwegian within 2 years.

Working conditions

At the University of Tromsø - the Arctic University of Norway the allocation of working hours shall be flexible and allocated on a case by case basis.

As a general principle, every professor shall spend an equal amount of time on teaching and research/development work, after time spent on other duties has been deducted. As a norm the time spent on administrative duties is typically 5 % for academic staff in this position.

More information can be found in [Guidelines for allocation of working hours in teaching and research positions](#) (in Norwegian only).

Employees in permanent positions as professor have the right to apply for a paid sabbatical (research and development), cf. [Guidelines for the allocation of R&D sabbatical](#) (in Norwegian only).

The successful applicant must be willing to engage himself/herself in the ongoing development of his/her discipline and of the university as a whole.

The remuneration for a professor is in accordance with the State salary scale code 1013. A compulsory contribution of 2 % to the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund will be deducted.

We offer

- One of the best conditions for paid sabbaticals (for research and development) in Norway
- A good work environment
- Good welfare schemes
- Good conditions for pensions, insurances and bank loans in the Norwegian State Pension Fund

Assessment

Applicants will be assessed by an expert committee. The committee's mandate is to assess the applicants' qualifications based on the written material presented by the applicants, and in terms of the detailed description drawn up for the position.

Applicants who are assessed as the best qualified will be called for an interview. The interview will, among other things, aim to clarify the applicant's personal suitability for the position. A trial lecture may also be held.

Interim appointment

In the event that there are no suitably qualified applicants for the position, an interim appointment for a period of no more than three years may be made, cf. Section 5 no. 1 of the regulations appurtenant to the Civil Service Act and Section 6-5; subsection 1 of the Act relating to universities and university colleges. A permanent appointment shall be made upon application before the three-year period elapses based on a new assessment. The appointment will become permanent in the event that the applicant is found to be suitably qualified.

In the event of an interim appointment because of lacking teaching qualifications, the applicant must document teaching qualifications through developing a teaching portfolio before the three-year period elapses. The appointment will become permanent in the event that the applicant is found to be suitably qualified.

The University of Tromsø - the Arctic University of Norway wishes to increase the proportion of females in senior research positions. In the event that two or more applicants are found to be approximately equally qualified, female applicants will be given priority.

Application

The application and academic works must be submitted electronically via the application form available on www.jobbnorge.no and must contain:

- letter of application
- CV (containing a complete overview of education, supervised professional training and professional work)
- certified copies of diplomas and letters of reference
- [form](#) for documentation of teaching qualifications
- list of works and description of these (see below). The list of works shall contain the following information:
 - author(s), each work's title
 - for articles: each 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
- name and contact information for 2-3 references (name, affiliation with applicant, email address and telephone number)
- Academic works: the applicant may submit up to 10 works that are central to his/her research. The applicant's doctoral thesis is regarded in this context as one work.
- In addition, the applicant shall provide a description of his/her scientific production stating which works he/she considers the most important and shall therefore be the primary focus of the assessment. A brief description of the other listed works shall also be included to demonstrate depth of production. These descriptions shall be uploaded as an attachment to the application.

General information

More information can be found in Supplementary regulations for appointment and promotion to teaching and research positions at UiT and regulations concerning appointment and promotion to teaching and research posts [here](#).

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. may be directed to the telephone reference in this announcement.

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

The University of Tromsø - the Arctic University of Norway is an IW (Inclusive Workplace) enterprise, and will therefore make 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.

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