



UiT The Arctic University of Norway Faculty of Health Sciences - Department of Psychology

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Research Fellow affiliated with the research group Cognitive Neuroscience at UiT

At the Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of Psychology a position has become available for the role of Research Fellow, for applicants wishing to take a Philosophiae Doctor (PhD) degree. The position is affiliated with the research group Cognitive Neuroscience.

The position is available for commencement from 1.12.18 and for a period of four years.

The Research Fellow is a training position which comprises complete research training working towards a doctorate degree, the objective. Acceptance onto the doctorate degree programme is a prerequisite for appointment to this position, and the study period will begin upon commencement of the employment. The Research Fellow will participate in the faculty's research training, and the doctorate degree project will be carried out over the course of the period of employment. Information on the application process for admissions to the PhD programme and on PhD regulations can be found on [the website "The Research Fellow file"](#).

The Faculty of Health Sciences has approximately 800 staff members, 280 phd-students and 2500 students. The Faculty of Health Sciences is divided into ten departments.

The Department of Psychology (IPS) has a staff counting more than 90 employees, with 33 professors/associate professors/assistant professors/lecturers, 3 technical, 10 administrative and a varying number of phd-candidates, postdoctoral fellows and visiting professors/lecturers. The 9 research groups deliver research of high quality within clinical-, health-, social-, cognitive-, developmental- and translational psychology, cognitive neuroscience and human risk taking. The department offers education in psychology to 750 students enrolled in four programmes: general psychology (1 year), BA (3 years), MA (2 years) and a professional programme in clinical psychology (6 years). The department also contributes to the phd-programme at the Faculty of Health Science.

The research group for cognitive neuroscience is a recently established research group focusing on the use of neuroimaging and psychophysiological methods in the study of cognitive processes. The group currently consists of 6 staff members, 5 PhD students and a number of associated members. The research group is involved in projects across a large range of topics, among others, the neural basis of pain and placebo, transcranial direct-current stimulation and the neural basis of mind-wandering. The project in which the Research Fellow position is announced is led by principal investigator Ole Åsli. Research-groups website: <http://uit.no/research/cognitive-neuroscience>.

The contact person for this position is Associate Professor Ole Åsli, ole.asli@uit.no, tel. 77 64 67 78 for scientific questions; Head of Department, Ingunn Skre, ingunn.skre@uit.no, tel. 77 64 54 46 for general questions, and Head of Office Trine Krane trine.d.krane@uit.no, tel +47 77 64 59 49 for practical information. Contact Ole Åsli via e-mail for project description.

Responsibilities

The successful applicant will participate in the project "Why fear extinction is not always working and what to do about it". The projects aims to further our understanding of the mechanics leading to fear and anxiety disorders, show why extinction-based treatments are not working as well as they might, in addition to proposing a new treatment rationale for disorders related to fear conditioning. The position will be located at the Department of psychology, UiT.

The project will use startle reflex modification as a measuring tool and experience in this techniques will count in favor of the applicant. Other useful skills are, among others, proficiency in/with: fMRI, EEG, eye-tracking, programming in any language, advanced statistical analysis.

In a four year position as research fellow, 3 years are allocated to research and one year is allocated to teaching responsibilities (lecturing, student guidance and grading of exams) within the competence area of the successful applicant.

Required qualifications

In order to be appointed to the role of Research Fellow, the eligibility requirements for the faculty's PhD programme must be met, cf. section 6, Regulations for the Degree of Philosophiae Doctor (PhD) at the University of Tromsø, with additional provisions concerning the Faculty of Health Sciences which can be found [on the website with the Regulations for the PhD programme at the Faculty of health Sciences](#).

A requirement of the position is the completion of a Master's degree or equivalent in psychology or other relevant degree at the master level, which has been approved as equivalent.

Applicants must have a documented knowledge of English which meets the requirements as stated in the Norwegian general university and college admission requirements.

Importance shall be attached to personal suitability for the position and motivations.

We can offer

- Interesting work tasks
- A good academic environment with dedicated colleagues
- Good career opportunities
- A large degree of independence in work
- Flexible working hours and a state collective agreement
- Pension scheme through the state pension fund

Working and payment conditions

The normal period of employment is four years. The PhD studies normally equate to three years. The fourth year, apportioned as 25% of each year, shall be put towards teaching or other work tasks undertaken for the university.

Shorter periods of employment may be offered if the Research Fellow has already completed parts of the research training programme, or in the event that the employment builds upon a previous appointment in an educational position (Research Fellow, Research Assistant or similar), so that the total time of research training comes to three years.

The successful candidate is obliged to make a contribution to the teaching of all students at the Faculty of Health Sciences as and where necessary.

The remuneration for Research Fellows 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.

Applications shall be sent electronically via www.jobbnorge.no and shall include:

- cover letter including a short description of interests and reasons for applying for the position
- project description, where relevant
- CV containing a complete overview of education, experience, professional work, pedagogical qualifications and references
- diplomas and certificates:
 - diploma and transcript of Bachelor's degree or equivalent (in original language and translated)
 - diploma and transcript of Master's degree or equivalent (in original language and translated)
- documentation of proficiency in English
- any academic works, including the Master's thesis
- form for documentation of teaching qualifications, which can be found on [the website with information for applicants for positions at UiT](#)

Proficiency in the English language can be documented in the following ways:

- Diploma from a Norwegian upper secondary school with both spoken and written English (140 hours)
- TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language)
- IELTS (International English Testing Service)
- Completed university degree in the field of English language or literature
- One year's completed university studies in Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, the UK or USA, for which English was the language of instruction.

Applications will only be considered if all requested application documents are received before the application deadline.

All documentation to be assessed must be translated into English or a Scandinavian language.

Applications sent to us via e-mail or by any other means will not be considered.

Assessment

The applicants will be assessed by an expert committee. The committee's mandate is to undertake an assessment of the applicants' qualifications based on the application documents and the text of the announcement.

The Assessment Committee will give emphasis to the potential for research, as presented in the Master's thesis or equivalent, or in any other academic works.

In the assessment, consideration may also be given to professional experience and any other activity which may be significant for the completion of the doctoral degree, as well as to any pedagogical qualifications. This includes pedagogical training, teaching experience, experience of public education and experience/training of other kinds.

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

General

In addition, applicants shall also refer to the supplementary provisions for the appointment to academic positions such as Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Research Fellow and Academic Assistant at UiT, The Arctic University of Norway, and to regulations concerning terms and conditions of employment for the posts Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Research Fellow, Research Assistant and Resident, which are available on [the website "The Research Fellow file"](#).

Questions concerning the organisation of the working environment, including that of the physical state of the workplace, health services, possibilities for flexible working hours, part-time work, etc. may be addressed to the telephone reference in this announcement.

At UiT, The Arctic University of Norway, diversity is valued, and we therefore encourage all qualified applicants to apply regardless of their age, gender, functional ability or national or ethnic background. The university is an IW employer and places importance on making the necessary adaptations to working conditions for employees with disabilities.

Personal information given in an application and CV will be treated 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 to make the candidate's name public. The applicant will receive advance notification of any such publication.

You can find more information on the website for [arriving staff](#).

We look forward to receiving your application.

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