



VID Specialized University is a private, accredited specialized university. Our slogan is "Committed to humanity - locally and globally".

VID has approximately 4500 students, 450 employees and campuses in Bergen, Oslo, Sandnes, Stavanger and Tromsø.

VID Specialized University undertakes education and research in the fields of health and social sciences, educational science, management, diaconia and theology. The University offers approximately 50 study programmes at bachelor's, master's and PhD levels, and our objective is to develop as a national institution through regional cooperation.

PhD research fellowship on "The Bible in Contexts of Migration"

VID Specialized University announces one position as research fellow for a PhD project within the PhD programme in Theology and Religion. The position as research fellow is a 3-year position.

The profile of the announcement

Within VID's research focus on global Christianity and migration, there is an interest in the negotiation and formation of Christian theology and practice in its encounter and interaction with global and local contexts including a focus on how theology and practice is developed in-between global and local contexts through migration and migratory processes.

VID seeks innovative projects that use insights from migration studies to throw light on the content, history or use of the Bible.

Project proposals may look at the following topics:

- Studies of the various biblical stories, characters and/or concepts relating to migration.
- Studies of the use of the Bible in various contexts of migration through history.
- Projects that study how the Bible is used and/or interpreted in contexts of migration today.

The topics can be approached from various disciplines and traditions, such as biblical studies, systematic theology or missiology. Also concerning method, various approaches are welcomed, such as for example exegetical, empirical or reception historical methods.

PhD programmes at VID

The position as research fellow is educational; it aims at the candidate achieving a PhD Degree after completed research training at one of the University's two PhD programmes. An achieved PhD degree is a relevant qualification for positions within and outside academia.

The position will be within the PhD programme in Theology and Religion, which is one of two PhD programmes at VID. The programme in theology and religion is intended to prepare students for professional careers in teaching, writing, and scholarship, as well as for leadership opportunities with religious organizations, social service agencies, NGOs, publishing, and in educational institutions. More information about this PhD programme at VID can be found on our website: <https://www.vid.no/en/studies/theology-and-religion-phd/>

Admission to a doctoral degree programme is a condition for appointment as a research fellow.

General criteria for appointment as a research fellow are stipulated in the [Regulations concerning terms and conditions of employment for the posts of post-doctoral research fellow, research assistant and resident](#).

Applicants are therefore requested to specify the connection between their own project proposal and the PhD programme.

VID organizes its research in research groups, and the PhD candidate will join either "Migration, religion and intercultural relations" (MIGREL) or "Classical Religious Texts in Global Contexts" (CLASSICAL). MIGREL is a multidisciplinary research group, focusing in particular on how (religious) meanings, values, identities and roles are established, changed and / or negotiated in different migratory processes. CLASSICAL proceeds from the observation that classical texts within the history of religion - founding texts as well as derived texts - are today, due to globalization, read outside their traditional reception environments, and as such call for investigation of new meanings and functions. Cf. <http://www.vid.no/en/research/research-groups/>

The position will be located at the Centre of Mission and Global Studies. The work place will be located in Stavanger or Oslo.

Qualifications and personal abilities

Requirements for the position:

- Master's Degree (120 ECTS) or equivalent in Theology, Religious studies or other related academic disciplines. The Master's Thesis or weighted average grade on the master study must for both or each be at least B or better for the application to be considered.
- Excellent ability in oral and writing communication in English or a Scandinavian language
- Ability to work independently and focused.

The following are also desirable:

- Ability to work well with others.
- Experience with relevant research and development work.

- Ability to carry out and complete major tasks.

In an overall assessment of the applicants, emphasis is on personal qualifications, relevant competence and research experience.

Diversity is one of the characteristics of a good working environment. We encourage all qualified candidates to apply, regardless of gender, functional abilities and cultural background. The person appointed must be loyal to the aims and values of VID Specialized University.

Project description

The applicant must submit a project description of maximum 3,000 words (reference list not included) where he/she accounts for:

- the chosen topic
- research question, choice of theories and methods, and
- a progress plan for the various parts of the research project must be part of the description.

The project description must be written in English or a Scandinavian language. VID focuses on strengthening the cooperation between international educational- and research institutions, and expects applicants to indicate plans for studies abroad during the appointed period.

You can find guidelines for applicants to the PhD positions here: <https://www.vid.no/site/assets/files/7484/guideline-for-applicants-for-phd-position-vid.pdf?10q3w7>

Applicants will be assessed by an expert committee. Emphasis will be given to the relevance and quality of the project description, quality of the Master's Thesis or thesis at second degree level and any publications or R&D-experience in the last 3-5 years. VID will also do a reference check on relevant applicants, and we ask that the application includes 2-3 names of people we can contact.

Emphasis will also be placed on the interview with the applicant (in person or per skype). The person who is appointed must be loyal to and work in accordance with the aims and values of VID and submit to current laws, regulations, guidelines and agreements applying to the position.

Applicants from non-Scandinavian countries who do not have a university degree from an English-speaking country must submit results from a TOEFL test, with a minimum of 550 points (80 points on the Internet).

We offer

- Opportunities of academic development with highly qualified and committed colleagues.
- A value-based and church based specialized university with high academic teaching- and research ambitions relevant to society and the church.
- Membership in the State Pension Plan with beneficial loan- and pension terms.
- VID conforms to the main agreement between the Enterprise Federation of Norway (VIRKE) and Employees Union. The position is placed in code 1017 of the collective agreement, pay scale 54 (NOK 472,300) or 55 (480,600) depending on qualifications.
- Membership in the State Pension Plan, accident- and group-life insurance scheme is required.

Application

Send application, CV and project description (maximum 3,000 words, reference list not included) by the «Apply here» link on top of this page.

Application deadline: 1 April 2019.

If you have documents that cannot be sent electronically, please contact HR-department, Anne-Marte Vaagan, phone + 47 22963843 or anne-marte.vaagan@vid.no

Starting date: 1 September 2019 or by agreement.

An administrative sorting committee will select the applications to be assessed by the expert committee. Please note that applicants not selected for expert assessment will not receive a written evaluation of the project description. The decision of the sorting committee will not be distributed.

Applicants who are invited for interviews must submit certified copies of diplomas, grade transcripts and certificates. For further information about the position or guidance related to the project draft, please contact the Director of Centre of Mission and Global Studies, Professor Dr. Anna Rebecca Solevåg (anna.rebecca.solevag@vid.no), +47 51516244, the leader of the MIGREL-group, Professor Dr. Kari Storstein Haug (kari.storstein.haug@vid.no) + +4751516230, or the leader of the CLASSICAL-group, Professor Dr. Knut Holter (knut.holter@vid.no), +4751516227.

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