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Research Fellow in Social Anthropology

Research Fellow in Social Anthropology at the Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences and Education, Department of Archaeology and Social Anthropology

Application deadline: April 1st, 2011

The following reference number must be quoted in your application: 2010/6693

The University of Tromsø has a research fellow position in Social Anthropology vacant from August 2011 for applicants who would like to complete a PhD degree.

The period of appointment is 4 years.

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This position is within the Department for Archeology and Social Anthropology (IAS) and will be part of the newly established research group for Comparative Indigeneity (komparativ urfolksforskning, KURF). The research group provides a forum for the sharing of research results and exchanging ideas. The theme 'comparative indigeneity' is defined broadly, and encourages critical engagement with the term and with comparison across post-colonial domains and across national borders. The members of the research group lecture on indigenous issues at the masters level, develop research project proposals, organise a regular research seminar as well as occasional symposia and PhD courses. The group is described in more detail at uit.no/hsl/kurf.

The theme for this fellowship is 'indigeneity across boundaries'. We would ask the candidate to reflect on the paradox that while indigeneity is most often defined as a radical 'rootedness' in a particular place and with a particular group of people, the category of indigenous peoples has become one of the most influential cross-cultural identifiers in the world today. The indigenous condition has led to the creation of a transnational civil society, extensive global networking, and a new international definition of 'rights' in the Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. This PhD fellowship is for a candidate who will study the phenomena ethnographically. Possible projects approaches are - but not limited to - studying the symbolic and phenomenological aspect of 'boundaries' in general; focusing on how arbitrary boundaries positively or negatively affect the fates of indigenous people within or without those boundaries; understanding how the relational quality of boundaries define both the person as well as social imaginaries; comparing the career of the term indigeneity across a North-South axis in one or more sites; or specifying how boundaries hold a double-edged quality that often fragments solidarity while creating new hierarchies.

The position is not restricted to any ethnographic region. The successful candidate will demonstrate a strong academic background in anthropology, an innovative research proposal, and the necessary background skills (i.e. languages; previous fieldwork) to complete the project. The research proposal will have to be of sufficient quality to allow the candidate to enter the PhD programme. Most current scholarship holders at the department focus on the northern region. Projects addressing the global 'south' or north-south comparisons will be welcome, and other qualifications being equal, priority will be given to a candidate who can build on or expand the scholarly research and networks already represented in the group.

The successful applicant must document knowledge in Social Anthropology at Master's level or equal. Further, the successful applicant must fulfil the requirements for admission to the faculty's PhD programme, cf. §6 of Regulations for the degree of Philosophiae Doctor (PhD) at The University of Tromsø, [English translation](#) and the faculty's supplementary regulations.

The candidate must be fluent in either English or Norwegian.

The normal period of appointment is four years. The PhD study is standardized to three years. The fourth year consists of teaching or other duties for the university, organized according to a distribution formula of 25 % per year, cf. [Directive for duties for research fellows](#) (in Norwegian only)

A shorter period of appointment may be given if the research fellow has already completed parts of his/her researcher's education, or when

previous appointments to educational positions (research fellow, research assistant or equivalent) are counted as part of the duration of the research fellowship, so as the combined duration of the researcher's education is three years.

The remuneration is in accordance with the State wage scale code 1017.
A compulsory contribution of 2 % is made to the Norwegian State Pension Fund.

For applications for appointment, an application for admission to the PhD study must be enclosed; application form in [English](#) and [Norwegian](#)

Within three months after commencement at the latest a final plan for the researcher education must be approved and regulated by contract. The plan shall also state who is responsible for providing academic supervision. Admission to the doctoral degree programme is a prerequisite for commencement as a research fellow. If an admission contract has not been signed within the deadline, as stated in the work contract, the employer may cancel the work contract, cf. § 1-3 (8) in Regulations concerning terms and conditions of employment for the posts of postdoktor (post-doctoral research fellow), stipendiat (research fellow), vitenskapelig assistent (research assistant) and spesialistkandidat (resident) - (in Norwegian): <http://www.lovdata.no/for/sf/kd/kd-20060131-0102.html>

The Faculty offers PhD programmes within the humanities and social science, and doctoral degree supervision will be provided in Social Anthropology.

The department conducts research, teaching and outreach activities in the subjects of social anthropology, visual anthropology and archaeology. The department has a total of 33 full-time staff and supports the research of 9 PhD students. The social anthropologists undertake research on ethnicity and the comparative study of indigenous peoples, as well as social and cultural dimensions of change.

A description outlining the academic basis of the doctoral degree project shall be put forward. The description of the project should be of app. 10 pages (3 500 words) and must include a budget for fieldwork expenses. It is recommended that applicants contact the Department for information about regulations for research proposal.

Applicants will be assessed by an expert committee. The main emphasis of the assessment will be on the applicant's potential for research as is evident from; in order of priority:

- Project description
- Master's thesis or equivalent
- Other scientific works

In addition, work experience and other activities of significance for the implementation of the doctoral degree programme and possible teaching qualifications may be taken into consideration. Administration and organisational experience will be viewed favourably. Information and material to be considered must be submitted within the closing date for applications.

Applicants must submit a list of all their scientific works including details of possible publication.

The application is to be submitted electronically on the application form available at "Apply for this job" at this page.

In addition, the application, including CV, certified copies of diplomas and references, application for admission to the PhD study and the list of scientific works, are to be sent in 4 copies within the closing date for applications, directly to:

Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences and Education
Department of Archaeology and Social Anthropology
N-9037 Tromsø
Norway

All documentation that is to be evaluated must be certified and translated into English or a Scandinavian language.

THE SCIENTIFIC WORKS - max 5 scientific works - published or unpublished - the applicant wishes to be taken into consideration during the evaluation process must be submitted in 3 copies arranged as 3 complete sets.
The scientific works are to be sent, within the closing date for applications, directly to

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Applicants shall also refer to "Supplementary regulations for appointment to elementary positions (research fellows) at the University of Tromsø" (in Norwegian only) and "Regulations concerning terms and conditions of employment for the posts of postdoktor (post-doctoral research fellow), stipendiat (research fellow), vitenskapelig assistent (research assistant) and spesialistkandidat (resident):
uit.no/poa/vitenskapelige-stillinger

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 concerning the PhD study may be directed to the telephone reference.

According to personnel policy objectives that the staff shall reflect the composition of the population in general, both with respect to gender and cultural multiplicity, women and persons with a minority ethnic background in particular are encouraged to apply.
The University of Tromsø is an IW (Inclusive Workplace) enterprise, and will try to adapt the working conditions for employees with impaired capacity.

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 the Freedom of Information Act, section 25, 2nd paragraph, the applicant may request not to be registered on the public list of applicants.
The University may nevertheless decide that the name of the applicant will be made public. The applicant will be notified beforehand in the event of such publication.

Tilleggsinformasjon

Arbeidssted: