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**The Museum of Natural History and Archaeology**  
**Department of Natural History**

## PhD-position in biosystematics

The NTNU Museum of Natural History and Archaeology currently has an open PhD-position in biosystematics (systematics and taxonomy). The position is for 4 years and available from February 1, 2013. The PhD-candidate will be part of the research group on systematics and evolution at the Department of Natural History. The successful candidate will conduct his/her research project within biosystematics of the dipteran group Chironomidae and is expected to utilize both morphology and molecular characters to analyse diversity and phylogenetic relationships between species and species groups. The project will involve work in the field as well as in the laboratory.

The successful applicant will have a master degree in systematics and taxonomy or closely related fields of evolutionary biology research. It will be an advantage to have experience from work with Diptera and the use of molecular techniques in systematics. Applicants must document good results from their education or through later research activity, be goal-oriented and able to deliver results in time. The successful applicant must fulfill the requirements of PhD-students at NTNU, and apply for admission to the PhD-study as soon as possible and no more than 3 months after the appointment. The candidate will spend 25% of the working hours on duties connected to teaching, curating and public outreach for the museum.

The evaluation of candidates will mainly focus on:

- Course grades on relevant university-level courses
- The master thesis (or equivalent)
- Scientific publications
- References

The NTNU Museum of Natural History and Archaeology, Department of Natural History has at the moment 16 faculty positions, 6 temporary research positions and 12 technical and administrative positions. The research is facilitated through two research groups: the Conservation Biology Group and the Systematics and Evolution Group. The Department has a formal co-operation with the Department of Biology, NTNU and is also responsible for teaching biosystematics at the university.

### Salaries

The PhD-position follows code 1017, starting grade 50, gross NOK 416 600 per annum (before tax). There will be a 2 % deduction to the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund from gross salary.

### Other information

The terms of employment will be in accordance with existing national regulations of 31 January 2006, with NTNU's supplementary regulations of 1 August 2012. The applicant must commit to undertake organized PhD studies within the employment period. Employment as a PhD candidate requires admission to the PhD program in Biology at the Faculty of Natural Sciences and Technology.

The appointment is to be made in accordance with the regulations in force concerning State Employees and Civil Servants. The employee is expected to accept possible changes in work tasks.

It is a major political objective to achieve a balance of age and gender in the national labour force and to recruit people with an immigrant background. Accordingly, immigrants are encouraged to apply for all advertised positions.

The best qualified applicants will be invited to an interview.

Information about the applicants may be open to public inspection under the Freedom of Information Act.

All applications must include academic transcripts and a CV with a list of publications. Copies of any scientific papers should be attached as well as a short explanation of the applicant's contribution in cases where there is more than one author.

More information about the department and the open position can be obtained from Associate Professor Torbjørn Ekrem, phone: +47 73 59 78 12, e-mail [torbjorn.ekrem@ntnu.no](mailto:torbjorn.ekrem@ntnu.no); Head of Department Torkild Bakken phone: +47 73 59 23 82, e-mail [torkild.bakken@ntnu.no](mailto:torkild.bakken@ntnu.no).

For more information about the museum see <http://www.ntnu.no/vitenskapsmuseet/english>

The application must be submitted electronically through this page. Please mark the application VM 2012/14409. Please append all attachments as one file.

Application deadline: November 10, 2012.

