

# Department of Philosophy, Classics, History of Art and Ideas and Department of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies

## Associate Professor

The [Department of Philosophy, Classics, History of Art and Ideas](#) and the [Department of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies](#) seek to appoint an Associate Professor in a shared position (50/50), focusing on the interface between philosophy and linguistics.

The Faculty of Humanities at the University of Oslo is currently in the process of establishing an interdisciplinary arena, Philosophy in Science (official starting date in mid 2019). The aim of Philosophy in Science is to promote stronger ties between the humanities and the sciences by integrating perspectives from each approach into the research and teaching of the other. In this way, we seek to facilitate a two-way flow of ideas between the humanities and the sciences, especially linguistics, psychology, biology and the life sciences, physics, computer science, and mathematics.

The advertised position will be directly associated with the Philosophy in Science project. The successful candidate is expected to initiate and lead research, coordinate teaching and research situated between philosophy and linguistics in an interdisciplinary setting (as this will include coordinating a new Methodology Forum that focuses on experimental methods used in humanities research, significant knowledge in an experimental science like psychology is an advantage), supervise PhD candidates, participate in teaching and in exam setting and assessment at all levels, and to carry out administrative duties in accordance with the needs of both Departments. (A separate position will be focused on philosophy of science.)

### Requirements

- PhD or equivalent academic qualifications with a specialization in Philosophy or Linguistics
- An ability to contribute to teaching at all levels at both departments, including the introductory [Examen Philosophicum](#) or [Examen Facultatum](#).
- Documented pedagogical skills and qualifications in leadership and administration, see [How to document your pedagogical skills](#)
- Documented [potential for project acquisition](#)
- Personal suitability and motivation for the position

The following qualifications will count in the assessment of the applicants:

- Academic qualifications and academic production relevant to the advertised position, with emphasis on works published within the last 5 years. Originality and innovative thinking will be weighted more heavily than quantity
- Peer-reviewed publications
- Experience with research projects
- Potential to contribute to the long-term development of the academic and research environment at [both the departments \(Department of Philosophy, Classics, History of Art and Ideas and Department of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies\)](#)
- Pedagogical qualifications and ability to inspire students
- Interest and ability in leadership and administration
- Ability to create and contribute to a positive environment for collaboration
- Experience with and ability to build international networks
- Skills within popular dissemination, public outreach and innovation
- An ability to contribute to debates about societal challenges

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In the evaluation of the qualified candidates the full range of these criteria will be explicitly addressed and assessed.

Academic quality, development potential and breadth will be prioritized in this order. The selected candidates are expected to contribute to the objective in the University of Oslo's strategic plan to 'strengthen its international position as a leading research-intensive university through a close interaction across research, education, communication and innovation'.

The successful candidate who at the time of appointment cannot document basic teaching qualifications will be required to obtain such qualifications within a two year period.

The successful candidate must demonstrate mastery of English. If an appointee is not fluent in a Scandinavian language, the appointee will be expected within a two-year period to learn sufficient Norwegian to be able to participate actively in all functions the position may involve.

### **We offer**

- Salary level 60 - 68 (517 700 - 600 200 NOK per year, depending on qualifications)
- A professionally stimulating working environment
- Pension agreement with Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund
- Attractive welfare benefits
- Free language courses in Norwegian
- The opportunity to apply for promotion to full professorship at a later stage

Applicants must submit the following attachments with the electronic application form, preferably in pdf format:

- Application letter describing qualifications
- Curriculum Vitae
- List of published and unpublished works

Applicants are required to describe and document the entire range of qualifications and criteria described in the announcement of the post with concrete examples.

Please note that all documents must be submitted in English or one of the Scandinavian languages, either in the original or in translation.

### **Selection procedure**

As the first step in the evaluation process, a Selection Committee will assess all applications and invite the most qualified applicants to submit a portfolio of educational certificates and academic works (up to 10 publications, which should not exceed 500 pages in total) for expert assessment. Applicants who are invited to submit academic works are asked to select three works, published within the last five years, to be considered as most relevant for the position. In longer publications (monographs), applicants should specify the relevant pages. Applicants are also asked to submit a portfolio that documents other qualifications (public outreach, teaching and supervision, and any experience with leadership and administration).

Finally, the most highly ranked candidates will be invited to an interview and a trial lecture.

Within his/her normal duties and in accordance with his/her academic competence, the person appointed may also be asked to work outside his/her Department. The appointment is made under the condition that the employer may change the subject area and assigned tasks according to the needs of the Department.

See also [Rules for appointments to Associate Professorships](#).

According to the Freedom of Information Act (Offentleglova) § 25, Chapter 2, demographic information about the applicant may be used in the public list of applicants even if the applicant opts out of entry in the public application list.

The University of Oslo has an agreement with all employees that aims to secure rights to research results.

The University of Oslo aims to achieve a balanced gender composition in the workforce and to recruit people with ethnic minority backgrounds.