

Job description

A Doctoral Research Fellowship (SKO 1017) is available at the Department of Archaeology, Conservation and History (IAKH), University of Oslo.

The position is associated with the 5-year Starting Grant 101042034 “[Before Copyright: Printing privileges and the politics of knowledge in early modern Europe](#)” funded by the European Research Council and led by Principal Investigator [Marius Buning](#), Associate Professor of Early Modern History at the University of Oslo.

More about the position

“[Before Copyright](#)” examines the long-term history of printing privileges from a cross-disciplinary perspective. The intimate relationship between legal frameworks and the politics of knowledge is the primary focus of the project.

For this doctoral position, we are looking for someone who wants to work the history of printing privileges in France, between c. 1500-1800. Potential candidates may focus on a specific period, person, archive, or location.

The project proposal should include a clear set of questions related to how printing privileges provided a normative framework for the production of knowledge. One might consider political alliances and conflicts, for example, but also scientific and trade networks, media strategies and censorship, or the cultural dynamics of specific locations in a globalizing world. Applicants are expected to state explicitly in their project proposal why they have chosen a particular approach and what sources they intend to use (e.g., printed literature, engravings, court records, maps, newspapers, chancellery archives, etc.). Preference may be given to project proposals that include a comparative approach.

As a PhD student, you will have one or more co-supervisors, either at another Norwegian university or from abroad. The person appointed will be affiliated with the Faculty's organized research training. The academic work is to result in a doctoral thesis that will be defended at the Faculty with a view to obtaining the degree of PhD. The successful candidate is expected to join the existing research milieu or network and contribute to its development. Read more about the [doctoral degree](#).

The appointment is for a duration of 3 years. All PhD Candidates who submit their doctoral dissertation for assessment with a written recommendation from their supervisor within 3 years or 3 ½ years after the start of their PhD position, will be offered, respectively, a 12 or 6 month [Completion Grant](#). The expected start date for the position is between January and March 2023.

Qualification requirements

- A Master's degree or equivalent in history, legal history, art history, archival studies, or other disciplines relevant for the project. The Master's degree must have been obtained and the final evaluation must be available by the application deadline.
- **Proficiency** in English, see [Language requirements](#), as well as reading knowledge of the sources languages relevant for the project.
- Personal suitability and motivation for the position.

To be eligible for admission to the doctoral programmes at the University of Oslo, applicants must, as a minimum, have completed a five-year graduation course (Master's degree or equivalent), including a Master's thesis of at least 30 ECTS. In special cases, the Faculty may grant admission on

the basis of a one-year Master course following an assessment of the study programme's scope and quality.

In assessing the applications, special emphasis will be placed on:

- The project's scientific merit, research-related relevance and innovation
- The applicant's estimated academic and personal ability to complete the project within the time frame
- The applicant's ability to complete research training
- Good collaboration skills and an ability to join interdisciplinary academic communities

Applicants who have recently graduated with excellent results may be given preference.

We offer

- Salary NOK XXX – XXX per annum depending on qualifications ([lønnsstrinn 54-59 LO/YS/UNIO](#))
- A professionally stimulating working environment
- Membership in the [Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund](#)
- [Attractive welfare benefits](#)

How to apply

The application must include:

- Application letter describing the applicant's qualifications and motivation for the position
- Curriculum Vitae (with a list of education, positions, teaching experience, administrative experience and other qualifying activities, including a complete list of publications)
- Transcript of records of your Bachelor's and Master's degrees. Applicants with education from a foreign university must attach an explanation of their university's grading system
- Documentation of [Language requirements](#) (if applicable)
- Project description, including a detailed progress plan for the project (3 - 5 pages, maximum 14,000 characters. See [Template for project descriptions](#))
- **Contact information for two potential referees.**

Please note that all documents must be in English or a Scandinavian language.

Educational certificates, master theses and the like are not to be submitted with the application, but applicants may be asked to submit such information or works later.

The application with attachments must be delivered in our electronic recruiting system, [jobbno.no](#).

Short-listed candidates will be invited for an interview.

Formal regulations

See also [regulations](#) as well as guidelines for [the application assessment process](#) and [appointments](#) to research fellowships.

Following 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 from the entry in the public application list.

The University of Oslo has an [Acquisition of Rights Agreement](#) for the purpose of securing rights to intellectual property created by its employees, including research results.

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

Deadline: November 3

Contact persons:

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- Head of Department [Jon Vidar Sigurdsson](#)
- HR Adviser [Hilde Kristine Sletner](#) (for questions regarding how to apply)