

IAKH | CRITICAL HISTORIOGRAPHY RESEARCH GROUP

DOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

Job description

A Doctoral Research Fellowship (SKO 1017) in the modern or contemporary history of the Middle East is available at the Department of Archaeology, Conservation and History (IAKH), University of Oslo (UiO).

We are looking for candidates with degrees in history, sociology, law, or other pertinent disciplines with a strong historical focus. We look for projects with a post-1800 timeline and a focus on North Africa, Mediterranean, and the Levant. Approaches embracing more than one national context or region and transnational approaches are welcome. We are particularly interested in movements and flows. Whether it is following the paths of specific individuals and groups, tracing the cross-cultural fertilization of intellectual or religious movements, or tracking the global circulation of objects, we are concerned with the ways in which the modern or contemporary history of the Middle East can be explored anew. Other topics within the stated chronological and geographic boundaries are welcome, depending on the applicant's capabilities and interests.

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 start date for the position will be in the autumn semester 2024. 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](#).

Research milieu

The position is associated with the Department's Research Group "Critical Historiography", whose members work on cross-chronological, problem-driven subjects with a strong emphasis on conceptual reflection. The successful candidate will contribute to one of the research group's focus areas and will work with professors Toufoul Abou-Hodeib, Patrick Bernhard, and Lucia Carminati. Doctoral fellows may have one or more co-supervisors.

In addition, there is the possibility to collaborate with Middle East Studies at the University's Department of Culture Studies and Oriental Languages (IKOS). The cluster of expertise on the modern and contemporary Middle East available at IAKH and beyond at UiO offers exceptional opportunities to study the modern and contemporary history of the Middle East.

The successful candidate is expected to contribute actively to the Department's existing research groups through participation in seminars and through contributions to its outreach activities, as well as to become part of the research environment of the department and contribute to its development.

Qualification requirements

- A Master's degree or equivalent in history, anthropology, sociology, or any other relevant discipline. The Master's degree must have been obtained and the final evaluation must be available by the application deadline.
- Fluent oral and written communication skills in English, see [Language requirements](#)
- excellent reading knowledge of the source languages relevant for the project; and
- 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

- A competitive salary of 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](#)). Applicants are asked to explain their choices of conceptual approach and case study as well as elaborate the sources they intend to use. Proposals should also include reflections on how to communicate the research findings to a wider, non-academic community.

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, jobbnorge.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: February 29

Contact persons:

- Kristin Ranestad (Head of the doctoral programme at IAKH)
- Lucia Carminati (Critical Historiography research group)
- HR representative