

DOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

Job description

A Doctoral Research Fellowship (SKO 1017) in contemporary history is available at the Department of Archaeology, Conservation and History, University of Oslo:

New perspectives on European security policies after 1989

Russia's invasion of Ukraine constitutes the biggest threat to overall peace and security in Europe since the end of the Cold War. The war has been characterized as an East-West conflict 2.0, plunging the world into whole new economic and geopolitical uncertainties, threatening the rules-based international order, and laying bare the complete dysfunction of the UN Security Council. The war has brought a paradigm shift in international politics where conflicts between democracies and autocracies are hardening. European states are rediscovering the need for economic and military power in a situation where the long-simmering dispute over the expansion of NATO has been brought to the fore, and the shape of the post-Cold War security architecture in Europe is under pressure. In this situation, there is an increasing demand for historical insights, knowledge and analysis of European security politics and architecture since 1989.

Applications are encouraged to center around one (or a combination) of the following topics for new perspectives on European security policies after 1989:

- Integration and disintegration in European security architecture, such as the EU, NATO, OSCE, UN and other security organizations.
- The northern region in/dimensions of European security politics.
- The European dimensions of Norwegian security politics.
- European security policy in the shadow of rising global powers; Rivalry and strategic partnerships.
- European energy security.
- Security policy and ideology.
- Weapons of mass destruction.

Applicants should design a short project description that elaborates on a sub-topic and a problem based on these broader themes. An account should be given of the project's theoretical and methodological basis, so should a scheme of the study's research phases (a plan for implementation). The employee is expected to participate actively in the work of the Research group on Modern Norwegian and International History.

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](#).

Qualification requirements

- A Master's degree or equivalent in contemporary history or other relevant disciplines within social sciences or the humanities. 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](#).
- 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](#))

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

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