

# Department of Archaeology, Conservation and History

## Postdoctoral Research Fellowship

Two positions for Postdoctoral Research Fellows (SKO 1352) are available at the Department of Archaeology, Conservation and History (IAKH), University of Oslo.

Both positions are for a fixed term of four years within the scope of the project POLYCHROME – “The Survival of Damaged Medieval Polychromed Heritage in the Nordics”. POLYCHROME is funded by the European Research Council between 2024 and 2029 (Grant Agreement number 101125383). [Webpage link to come.](#)

Successful candidates will join a multi-disciplinary research team, with primary responsibilities related to imaging and examination of medieval polychromed objects in museums and churches across Norway, Sweden and Denmark. Duties include extensive travel in a mobile laboratory, especially in the first two years of the project, as well as data treatment, data interpretation and publication. Data gathering must adhere to the strict timeframe for POLYCHROME that has been agreed between the European Research Council and the University of Oslo.

Duties also include teaching and administration (25% of both positions) and can include training for basic teaching qualifications.

Successful candidates should be in place no later than 1 April 2025.

### Requirements

- PhD in Materials Science, Imaging Science or Heritage Science
- Documented relevant experience with digital X-radiography and non-invasive imaging techniques applied to heritage objects
- High degree of IT literacy, e.g., with specialised scientific and/or digital imaging software
- Fluent oral and written English-language skills
- Personal suitability and motivation for the position
- Potential to contribute to the aims of POLYCHROME within the allotted timeframe
- Defence and approval of the doctoral dissertation before the closing date for applications

### Qualifications that count in the assessment of applicants

- Documented relevant experience of hyperspectral imaging and/or portable FTIR and XRF instruments
- Hands-on experience in a museum or heritage organisation
- Documented success with inter- and cross-disciplinary collaborations
- Documented success of working within deadlines
- Communication skills and enthusiasm for popular dissemination, public outreach and innovation
- Driving licence (Class B) valid for Scandinavia
- Preferably competence in a Scandinavian language

The aforementioned criteria and qualifications will be evaluated in relation to the career stage of individual applicants. Candidates with relevant experience with medieval polychromed objects and paintings will be prioritised.

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### **We offer**

- Salary NOK [salary level] per annum
- A professionally stimulating work 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, including education history with grades, work experience and relevant activities, including teaching
- List of publications
- Copies of diplomas and degree certificates

All documents must be in English or a Scandinavian language. Applicants with education from a foreign university must attach an explanation of their university's grading system. The candidate's doctoral dissertation and academic works may be requested during evaluation.

The application with attachments must be delivered in the electronic recruiting system, [jobbno.no](https://jobbno.no). Short-listed candidates will be invited to interview.

### **Formal regulations**

See also [Regulations concerning Post-Doctoral Research Fellowships](#).

Following the Freedom of Information Act (Offentleglova) § 25, Chapter 2, 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.

No person can be appointed for more than one Postdoctoral Fellow period at the University of Oslo. 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:**

16 August 2024

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