



Department of Philosophy, Classics, History of Art and Ideas

Doctoral Research Fellow in Philosophy - SalientSolutions

Job description

A Doctoral Research Fellowship (SKO 1017) in philosophy is available at the Department of Philosophy, Classics, History of Arts and Ideas at the University of Oslo.

The Doctoral Research Fellowship is associated with the project «[SalientSolutions: responding ethically to the attention crisis](#)» funded by the Norwegian Research Council.

The candidate is expected to develop a project description, which must be submitted as a part of the application. We are looking for candidates whose planned project falls broadly within at least one of the following areas: Ethics, Social Epistemology, Philosophy of Mind and Psychology, Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Social Science, Social and Political Philosophy.

More about the position

The candidate's PhD project will contribute to the SalientSolutions project, which develops and applies ethical and philosophical tools to the threats and societal problems that arise in the context of the novel attention economy and new politics of attention.

Click [here](#) to read about the project and click [here](#) to read about the research associated with the project.

We advise candidates to look at the project's websites. We invite candidates from any of the areas of philosophy listed above. The candidate's proposed PhD research need not be directly about the topics of the SalientSolutions project. Candidates should, though, in their research description and application letter address how it may relate to them.

The candidate will be situated in a strong, lively and supportive research environment, both at SalientSolutions and the related ERC-funded [GoodAttention](#) project; they will also have the opportunity to be integrated in relevant research networks, such as the [Practical Philosophy Group](#), the [Oslo Mind, Language and Epistemology Network](#), and the [Centre for Philosophy and the Sciences](#).

The candidate will have the opportunity also to make use of the international advisory board associated with [SalientSolutions](#), for research interactions, research visits, or other forms of collaboration.

The person appointed will participate in the Faculty of Humanities' 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 community 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](#).

Qualification requirements

- A Master's degree or equivalent in Philosophy or other relevant subject. The Master's degree must normally have been obtained and the final evaluation must be available by the application deadline. In exceptional cases, we can consider applications from candidates who do not yet have an MA degree, but who are close to completing one. If so, the degree must have been awarded by the time the position is taken up
- 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 ability to contribute to the [SalientSolutions](#) project
- The applicant's ability to produce philosophical work of high quality
- 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 501 200 - 544 400 per annum depending on qualifications
- 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](#))
- An academic writing sample of up to 8000 words

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.

Contact information

For questions about the position:

Associate Professor and Project Manager [Sebastian Watzl](#) or Principal Researcher [Katharine Browne](#)

For questions about how to apply:

HR Officer [Anders Rykke](#)

About the University of Oslo

The University of Oslo is Norway's oldest and highest ranked educational and research institution, with 28 000 students and 7000 employees. With its broad range of academic disciplines and internationally recognised research communities, UiO is an important contributor to society.

The Department embraces four disciplines: Philosophy, Classical Languages (Greek and Latin), History of Ideas and Art History. The Department is also responsible for the introductory philosophy courses, obligatory for all students attending study programmes at the University of Oslo. The Department has about 110 employees.

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