

## Department of Culture Studies and Oriental Languages

### 2 doctoral research fellowships within the project

#### *Airborne: Pollution, Climate Change, and Visions for Sustainability in China*

#### Description

2 PhD Research Fellowships (SKO 1017) connected to the project *Airborne: Pollution, Climate Change, and Visions for Sustainability in China* are available at the Department of Cultural Studies and Oriental Languages (IKOS), the University of Oslo. IKOS seeks to recruit 2 PhD candidates each of whom will work on a doctoral project within the range of *Airborne* (see [Airborne project description](#)). The project is funded by the Norwegian Research Council and IKOS.

Taking “air” (*kongqi*) as its focal point of departure, the *Airborne* research team explores how Chinese people's experiences and imaginaries of the impact of air pollution transform into new visions of sustainability and creative forms of action. *Airborne* is organized in three case studies that involve scholars working together from the disciplines of anthropology, chemistry, political science, media science, and history. From different perspectives, each of the three cases focuses on how Chinese authorities, scientists, rural/urban inhabitants and the media *interact* in responding to the inseparable risks of air pollution and climate change.

*Airborne* is now looking for PhD candidates who are capable of designing and carrying out a research project with direct relevance for *Airborne's* general questions. The applicants must formulate an individual project, including a description of the topic, choice of research methodologies, theoretical framework, and relevance for *Airborne*. While all relevant topics will be considered, we are particularly interested in projects related to environmental education (in the broadest sense), life style and consumption, health and environment, media debates and expressions, or gender and social class. Projects with a historical dimension, or projects that include longer periods of fieldwork in China (for instance in one of the Northern cities or rural areas) are especially encouraged.

The successful candidates will join the *Airborne* team and take part in a number of project activities. They will participate in the research training program organized by the Faculty of Humanities (cf. regulations and supplementary provisions for the faculty's researcher education), and must engage in the designated research activities on a full-time basis. The research fellowships are granted with the aim of leading to the successful completion of a doctoral dissertation (monograph or article-based) to be defended in public. Applicants already holding a PhD degree will not be considered for the fellowships.

**Deadline for applying is August 15, 2015, and the PhD candidates are expected to start their work from November 2015. The position is available for a period of three years. The project is expected to be completed within this time frame.**

## Qualifications and Personal Skills

- A Master's degree with very good results in a relevant discipline such as China Studies (with a specialization in topics related to society, politics, modern history, or media), anthropology, sociology, media studies, political science, etc. The Master's degree has to have been achieved by the time of application.
- Excellent command of Mandarin Chinese (speaking and reading)

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

- the project's theoretical and methodological merits
- the project's relevance for *Airborne*
- the applicant's academic and personal qualifications
- the applicant's ability to complete the dissertation and research training within 3 years
- the applicant's collaboration and communication skills

Short-listed candidates will be called for an interview.

## We offer

- salary level 50-56 (NOK 421 100 - 465 300, depending on level of expertise)
- a challenging and stimulating working environment
- attractive welfare arrangements
- financial support for fieldwork in China

## Submissions

Applicants must submit the following attachments with the electronic application, preferably in pdf format:

- Letter of application
- Curriculum Vitae
- List of publications
- Transcript of records of the candidate's master's degree. Foreign applicants are advised to attach an explanation of their university's grading system
- Project description in English, including a detailed progress plan for the project, following the faculty's **Template for project descriptions** [link](#))

UiO's electronic recruitment system will ask you to upload the attachments in the above mentioned order. Transcript of records should be uploaded

as 'Attachment' under 'Other'. Please note that all documents must be in English or a Scandinavian language.

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