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The Department of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies (ILN) is one of seven departments at The Faculty of Humanities (HF). The department conducts research, teaching and dissemination in general linguistics (including multilingualism), medieval studies (including Norse philology and Celtic), Nordic literature (including dissemination of literature and Ibsen-studies), Nordic language (including Norwegian as a second language), and rhetoric and verbal communication.

Department of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies

Doctoral research fellowship within the project Between runes and manuscripts

A Doctoral Research Fellowship (SKO 1017) within the project *Between runes and manuscripts (Bokstavar mellom runer og manuskript)* is available at the Department of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies (ILN), University of Oslo.

Between runes and manuscripts is a project funded by The Research Council of Norway, and will start in August 2017. The project will provide a comprehensive study on Roman-alphabet inscriptions from the Norwegian Viking and Middle Ages. Research on early Norwegian text and script history has so far focused on manuscripts and runic inscriptions, and little attention has been given to the Roman-alphabet inscriptions.

The main focus of *Between runes and manuscripts* is on Norway and inscriptions found there, but with a comparative view on the rest of Scandinavia and The British Isles. The PhD candidate will contribute to a database for the inscriptions by collecting and register inscriptions, in addition s/he will do research on a set of inscriptions relevant for the PhD-project. This research will lead to a PhD dissertation, which should focus on one or more of the objectives specified in the main project (see [website]). The start of the PhD period is planned to 1st of October 2017.

The project group is part of a vibrant research group for runology and Old Norse and Celtic philology at the ILN.

During the project period the project leader will arrange three seminars at the University of Nottingham, and the PhD-student is expected to take part in this. It is also expected that the PhD candidate will stay one semester at another university (or equivalent) with relevance to the dissertation. Applicants who have well and documented knowledge in Old Norse and/or Latin, epigraphics (inscriptions with runes and/or Roman-alphabet letters), or have specific knowledge about a relevant type of material, will be given priority.

Applicants are advised to contact the project leader (Elise Kleivane) when developing their PhD projects.

The person appointed will be affiliated with the Faculty's organized research training. The academic work is to result in a doctoral dissertation 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 appointment is for the duration of three 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](#).

Qualifications

- A Master's Degree within the relevant fields (see above) or equivalent education.

The Master's Degree must have been obtained by the time of application.

- Personal suitability and motivation for the position.

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 432 700-489 300 NOK, depending on qualifications.
- a professionally stimulating working environment.
- [attractive welfare benefits](#).

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

- Application letter describing the applicant's qualifications and motivation for the position.
- Curriculum Vitae (complete list of education, positions, teaching experience, administrative experience and other qualifying activities, including a complete list of publications).
- Transcript of records of your Master's degree. Applicants with education from a foreign university are advised to attach an explanation of their university's grading system.
- Project description, including a detailed progress plan for the project (3–5 pages, 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.

Short-listed candidates may be invited for an interview at the University of Oslo.

See also 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.

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