

POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP IN LINGUISTIC EXPLORATIONS BEYOND LANGUAGE

Job description

A Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship (SKO 1352) in [Linguistic Explorations beyond Language](#) is available at the Department of [Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies \(ILN\)](#), University of Oslo.

The position is associated with the [Super Linguistics Research Group](#) (<https://www.hf.uio.no/iln/english/research/groups/super-linguistics/index.html>) and is funded by the faculty of Humanities.

The candidate is expected to present a research project with clear relevance for the emerging field of 'Super Linguistics', defined as the application of formal linguistic methodology (and methodology inspired by formal linguistics, especially from the perspective of syntax, semantics and the syntax-semantics interface) to diverse non-standard objects (such as gestures, music, dance, non-verbal pictorial representations, animal calls, etc.). Of specific interest are interdisciplinary proposals that combine formal linguistic approaches with approaches from areas such as (but not limited to) musicology, psychology, ethology, cognitive science, human movement science, robotics, or informatics. We seek strongly motivated, competent and internationally oriented candidate, with high-ranking qualifications in their relevant area of research.

The position is available for a period of 2 years.

The successful candidate is expected to become part of the research environment/network of the department and contribute to its development. The main purpose of postdoctoral research fellowships is to qualify researchers for work in higher academic positions within their disciplines.

Requirements

- PhD or equivalent academic qualifications with a specialization in [linguistics, philosophy, musicology, psychology, biology \(ethology\), cognitive science, human movement science, robotics, informatics, or other relevant field](#). The applicant is required to document that the degree corresponds to the profile for the post.
- The candidate's research project must be closely connected to [the Super Linguistics Research Group, incl. experience with research in formal linguistics \(syntax, semantics, the syntax-semantics interface, and/or related fields\)](#)
- Fluent oral and written communication skills in English
- Personal suitability and motivation for the position

The doctoral dissertation must be submitted for evaluation by the closing date. Appointment is dependent on the public defence of the doctoral thesis being approved.

In the evaluation of the applications, emphasis will be placed on:

- The project's scientific merit, research-related relevance and innovation
- The applicant's estimated academic and personal ability to carry out the project within the allotted time frame and contribute to [the Super Linguistics Research Group](#)
- [The quality of the project description](#)
- [The applicant's research suitability for the Super Linguistics Research Group, as documented by relevant manuscripts and/or publications](#)

- Documented experience with methodology (e.g., experimental and/or statistical) that is relevant for the proposed research project
- Documented skills with software/analysis tools that are relevant for the proposed research project, including programming skills in Matlab, Python and/or similar environments
- Interest in areas such as animal communication (especially primate linguistics), body movement (especially gestures or dance), multimodality, music and/or audio-visual media is considered an advantage
- Good co-operative skills, and the ability to successfully join in academic collaboration within and across disciplines

We offer

- Salary NOK XXX – XXX 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 grades listed (with a list of education, positions, teaching experience, administrative experience and other qualifying activities)
- List of publications [and unpublished works](#)
- Project description (3 - 5 pages). The project description must present a feasible progress plan [and clarify how the applicant will approach the postdoctoral project topic empirically, theoretically and methodologically](#). It is expected that the applicant will be able to complete the project during the period of appointment

[Diplomas, certificates, doctoral thesis and other academic works may be requested later.](#)

Please note that all documents must be in English or a Scandinavian language.

The application with attachments must be delivered in our electronic recruiting system, please follow the link "apply for this job".

The short-listed candidates will be invited for an 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.

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

Deadline: [September 20th 2019](#)

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