POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

Job description

A Postdoctoral Research Fellowship (SKO 1352) in Computational Literary Studies/Informatics is available at the Centre for Ibsen Studies, University of Oslo.

The position is funded by the European Research Council and is associated with "Norwegian Romantic Nationalisms" (NORN), led by Ellen Rees. (lenkes opp til prosjektnettside). NORN seeks to uncover both the affective and ideological dynamics of romantic nationalism, examining how collective emotions related to the idea of the nation were harnessed, activated, and constructed through literature and theater, using Norway as a case study. NORN forges a highly innovative approach combining cultural studies, affect theory, critical race studies, and reception studies with qualitative methods taken from literary studies and history as well as quantitative methods from the digital humanities.

This postdoctoral fellowship will be connected to a specific work package within NORN and will be carried out in collaboration with the project leader and the project partner from the National Library of Norway. The postdoctoral fellow will contribute to the larger aims of NORN through the computational modeling of nineteenth-century Norwegian textual culture. This modeling will serve as a point of departure for other case studies later in the project. The National Library has digitized well over 22,000 books published between 1800 and 1899, including non-literary works and works in translation; these will serve as the primary material for the modeling project. The project description should outline how the applicant hopes to approach this material and how the data can be visualized and manipulated, as well as potential research (single or co-authored) publications that build on this material.

The position is available for a period of 3 years (January 2023–December 2025). There is a 10 % component of the position which is devoted to teaching and administrative duties.

The successful candidate is expected to become part of the research environment/network of the Centre for Ibsen Studies 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 informatics, computational literary studies, or other humanities disciplines with a strong digital component relevant for the project
- The candidate's research project must be closely connected to Work Package 1 of NORN
- Fluent oral and written communication skills in English and Norwegian, Danish, or Swedish
- 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 research 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 overarching NORN goals
- Familiarity with and expertise in computational and machine learning approaches to humanities research
- 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 (lønnstrinn 59-67 LO/YS/UNIO)
- 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
- Project description (approx. 3–5 pages, maximum 14,000 characters. See Template for project descriptions). The project description must present a feasible progress plan. It is expected that the applicant will be able to complete the project during the period of appointment
- Up to five academic works that the applicant wishes to have considered in the evaluation process (maximum 250 pages total)

Diplomas and certificates may be requested later but should not be submitted with the initial application.

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, jobbnorge.no.

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.

No one 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:

Contact persons: