

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW IN SECOND LANGUAGE RESEARCH

About the position

A postdoctoral fellowship (SKO 1352) is available at the Department of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies (ILN), University of Oslo. The position is funded by the Faculty of Humanities and is linked to the research environment in Norwegian as a second language (NOAS). At ILN, second language research is understood broadly, and embraces, among other things, second- and third-language acquisition and use, and multilingualism in a lifespan perspective.

The applicant must submit an individual research project proposal within the field of second language research. Projects that contribute to further developing second language research at the intersection of research and practice, with clear relevance for education, work or other social domains, are encouraged.

The appointment is for a duration of four years. The position includes a 25% teaching and administration component distributed evenly over the four years. The teaching is related to various courses within the NOAS program at ILN, especially in courses that deal with second language teaching, learning and assessment. The language of instruction is Norwegian. It is expected that the applicant acquires basic pedagogical competence (UNIPED certificate) during the job period.

The successful candidate is expected to become part of the NOAS academic environment 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 within Norwegian as a second language, second language studies, multilingualism, language studies, linguistics, language didactics or equivalent
- Fluent oral and written communication skills in Norwegian or another Scandinavian language
- 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 defense of the doctoral thesis being approved.

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

- The research project's scientific merit, relevance and innovation
- The project's potential for developing knowledge at the intersection of research and practice, with clear societal and working life relevance, primarily in a Nordic context
- The project's potential for contributing to the scholarly development of research and teaching in Norwegian as a second language at ILN
- The applicant's estimated academic and personal ability to carry out the project within the allotted time frame
- 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

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, [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: Head of Department + FK Guro Busterud

