



Department of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies

## Associate Professor in Nordic Literature, with specialisation in Literary Historiography

### Job description

A permanent position as Associate Professor of Nordic Literature, with an emphasis on literary historiography is available at the Department of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies (ILN), University of Oslo.

Literary historiography is a central discipline in Nordic Studies. Both practically and theoretically it explores what literary history is, how we produce it, and why. Literary history writing reflects diachronically, among other things, how new population groups have been included in various genres and public domains. Thus, literary historiography has also been an important entry point for understanding the development of democracy, not least in the Nordic countries. The position will have a special responsibility for further developing a traditional field that the University of Oslo has managed for more than 160 years. It is desirable that the successful candidate has competence in older literature (written during 1500-1850) and can contribute to the theoretical and methodological renewal of literary historiography.

The position will be linked to the research field Nordic Literature, which has expertise in, among other things, book history, the history of literary criticism, postcolonial studies, ecocriticism, literary didactics, contemporary poetry, and literary sociology.

The successful candidate is expected to teach at both BA and MA level in Nordic Studies, to initiate and lead research, supervise PhD candidates, participate in teaching and in exam setting and assessment at all levels, and to carry out administrative duties in accordance with the needs of the department. The person hired is expected to contribute to strengthening the students' literary-historical competence.

The Department of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies is one of seven departments at The Faculty of Humanities. The department conducts research, teaching and dissemination in general linguistics, Nordic languages (Scandinavian linguistics and Norwegian as a second language), multilingualism, medieval studies (Norse and Celtic philology), Nordic literature (including dissemination of literature and Ibsen-studies), and rhetoric and verbal communication. Further information about the Department can be found on [its homepage](#):

### Qualification requirements

Necessary qualifications:

- PhD or equivalent academic qualifications of Nordic literature
- Competence in literary historiography
- Documented pedagogical skills (either a teaching course certificate or based on teaching experience), see [how to document your pedagogical skills](#)
- Documented [potential for project acquisition](#)
- Fluent oral and written communication skills in a Scandinavian language and English
- Personal suitability and motivation for the position

The following qualifications will count in the assessment of the applicants:

- Academic qualifications and academic production in Nordic Literature, with emphasis on works published within the last 5 years. Originality and innovative thinking will be weighted more heavily than quantity
- Competence in older literature (written during 1500-1850)
- International peer-reviewed publications
- Experience with research projects
- Potential to contribute to the long-term development of the academic and research environment at the Department
- Pedagogical qualifications, documented results from teaching and supervision, and disposition to inspire students
- Interest and ability in leadership and administration
- Ability to create and contribute to a positive environment for collaboration
- Experience with and ability to build international networks
- Skills within popular dissemination, public outreach and innovation

In the evaluation of the qualified candidates the full range of these criteria will be explicitly addressed and assessed.

Academic quality, development potential and breadth will be prioritised in this order. The selected candidates are expected to contribute to the objective in the University of Oslo's strategic plan to "strengthen its international position as a leading research-intensive university through a close interaction across research, education, communication and innovation".

### We offer

- Salary NOK 604 700 - 702 100 per annum depending on qualifications
- A professionally stimulating working environment
- Membership in the [Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund](#)
- [Attractive welfare benefits](#)

- [The opportunity to apply for promotion to full professorship at a later stage](#)

## How to apply

The application must include:

- Application letter (statement of motivation, summarising scientific work and research interest)
- Curriculum Vitae (list of education, positions, pedagogical experience, administrative experience, project acquisition and coordination experience, and other relevant qualifications)
- Complete list of published works and works submitted for publication

Please note that all documents should be in English (or a Scandinavian language), either in the original or in translation.

Applicants are required to describe and document the entire range of qualifications and criteria described in the announcement of the post with concrete examples.

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

## Selection procedure

As the first step in the evaluation process, a Selection Committee will assess all applications and invite the most qualified applicants to submit a portfolio of educational certificates and academic works (up to 10 publications, which should not exceed 500 pages in total) for expert assessment. Academic texts should therefore not be enclosed with the application. Applicants who are invited to submit academic works are asked to select three works, published within the last 5 years, to be considered as most relevant for the position. In longer publications (monographs), applicants should specify the relevant pages. Applicants are further asked to submit a reflection note (approx. 2 pages) that describes how literary history writing can be renewed and made relevant to our society, and a description of one or more research projects considered relevant for the Department (1 page). Applicants are also asked to submit an Educational portfolio of 3-6 pages documenting educational competence and experience, including a reflection note in which your own practice and learning vision is anchored in the SoTL criteria (focus on student learning, development over time, a research approach and a collegial attitude and practice)

Finally, the most highly ranked candidates will be invited for an interview and a trial lecture.

## Formal regulations

Please see the [rules for appointments to Associate Professorships](#).

The successful candidate who at the time of appointment cannot document basic teaching qualifications will be required to obtain such qualifications within a two-year period. Please see the [rules for practicing the requirement for basic university pedagogical competence at UiO](#).

Within his/her normal duties and in accordance with his/her academic competence, the person appointed may also be asked to work outside his/her Department. The appointment is made under the condition that the employer may change the subject area and assigned tasks according to the needs of the Department.

According to the Freedom of Information Act (Offentleglova) § 25, Chapter 2, demographic information about the applicant may be used in the public list of applicants, also in cases where the applicant has requested non-disclosure.

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.

## Contact persons

For questions about the position:

- Head of Department [Aasta Marie Bjorvand Bjørkøy](#)
- Head of Administration leder [Jan Halvor Undlien](#)

For questions on how to apply:

- HR-Officer [Janne Gjestad](#)

## About the University of Oslo

**The University of Oslo** is Norway's oldest and highest ranked educational and research institution, with 28 000 students and 7000 employees. With its broad range of academic disciplines and internationally recognised research communities, UiO is an important contributor to society.

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