



Department of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies

Doctoral Research Fellowship in Rhetoric and Communication

Job description

A Doctoral Research Fellowship (SKO 1017) in Rhetoric and Communication is available at the Department of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies, University of Oslo.

The successful candidate is expected to contribute to the department's research on Rhetoric and Linguistic Communication (RETKOM). Several approaches to language and communication are represented within RETKOM, most centrally rhetorics, conversation analysis and interactional linguistics, literacy, textual studies, and studies in non-fiction (sakprosaforskning). Proposals on the following research topics are particularly welcome:

- 1) Conversation analysis and/or interactional linguistics. The department has an established research group on conversation analysis and interactional linguistics that co-operates with the other Norwegian universities as well as internationally. The research in CA/IL has broad focus, varying from informal everyday interaction to multilingual interaction, and to various institutional situations.
- 2) Modern rhetoric. The department has a growing research environment for empirically oriented research on rhetoric. The research is especially centered on public discourse, the way this discourse takes place in numerous arenas and its ways of expression, and on rhetoric in school.
- 3) Literacy and writing culture. The department has ongoing research within literacy and writing culture that focus on both historical and contemporary material. The research field spans from reading and writing competences in school (both with and without Norwegian as a second language perspectives) to runic inscriptions.

The proposal can focus on one of these topics, or it can seek to combine them. The project should be of relevance to Nordic languages, culture, and society.

The person appointed will be affiliated with the Faculty's organized research training. The academic work is to result in a doctoral thesis 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 a duration of 3 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](#).

Qualification requirements

- A Master's degree or equivalent in rhetoric, linguistics, philology, discourse- and communication studies or another relevant field. The Master's degree must have been obtained and the final evaluation must be available by the application deadline.
- Fluent oral and written communication skills in English, see [Language requirements](#) and in a Scandinavian language.
- Personal suitability and motivation for the position.

To be eligible for admission to the doctoral programmes at the University of Oslo, applicants must, as a minimum, have completed a five-year graduation course (Master's degree or equivalent), including a Master's thesis of at least 30 ECTS. In special cases, the Faculty may grant admission on the basis of a one-year Master course following an assessment of the study programme's scope and quality.

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 NOK 491 200 - 534 400 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 a list of education, positions, teaching experience, administrative experience and other qualifying activities, including a complete list of publications)
- Transcript of records of your Bachelor's and Master's degrees. Applicants with education from a foreign university must attach an explanation of their university's grading system
- Documentation of [Language requirements](#) (if applicable)
- Project description, including a detailed progress plan for the project (3 - 5 pages, maximum 14,000 characters. 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.

The application with attachments must be delivered in our electronic recruiting system, [jobbno.no](#).

Short-listed candidates will be invited for an interview.

Formal regulations

See also [regulations](#) as well as 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.

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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.

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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.

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, Nordic languages (Scandinavian linguistics and Norwegian as a second language), multilingualism, medieval studies (Norse philology and Celtic), Nordic literature (including dissemination of literature and Ibsen-studies), and rhetoric and verbal communication. The Department hosts a socio-cognitive laboratory offering powerful equipment for various types of experiments and studies

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