



Department of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies

Postdoctoral Research Fellowship «Voicing Democracy»

Job description

A Postdoctoral Research Fellowship (SKO 1352) is available at the Department Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies, University of Oslo.

The position is linked to the research group Voicing Democracy. The research group is funded by the University of Oslo's interdisciplinary initiative UiO: Democracy.

The Voicing Democracy Research Group brings together scholars from different disciplines to explore democracy and citizenship from a cultural and textual perspective. Through multifaceted and interdisciplinary research on texts - both historical and contemporary, artistic and non-artistic, and across different media - the group initiates a new interdisciplinary research field: The study of 'textual citizenship' as it is practiced in and across different areas of society. This includes investigations into the historical origins, present conditions, and future prospects of relevant cultures of expression. The overarching aim is to gain knowledge of the cultural and textual workings of modern democracy, as well as to develop new theoretical and methodological concepts and models for such studies within a national and international context. In this way, the group's research will broaden and deepen our understanding of textual practices that challenge contemporary democracy within politics, art, media, bureaucracy, education, and practises that help support, develop, and invigorate democratic culture.

A complete project description for the research group's work during the employment period is available on the group's website: [Demokratiets tekstkulturer - Department of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies \(uio.no\)](#)

The candidate must present a research project that clearly falls under the research group's overarching profile and research questions. The project must be based primarily on Norwegian data. We seek projects that are suited to realize the research group's interdisciplinary and theoretical ambitions.

More about the position

The position is available for a period of 3 years. There is a 10 % component of the position which is devoted to teaching and administrative duties. There is a possibility for extension to 4 years with a 25 % component devoted to teaching and administrative duties.

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.

Qualification requirements

- PhD or equivalent academic qualifications with a specialization in textual studies, media studies, political science, rhetoric, Scandinavian or comparative literature, sociology, law, history, pedagogy, or other relevant disciplines in social science or humanities.
- The candidate's research project must be closely connected to the main interests of The Voicing Democracy Research Group
- Fluent oral and written communication skills in English and a 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, research-related relevance and innovation
- the projects quality and relevance to the research group's areas of interest
- the projects interdisciplinary and theoretical and/or methodological ambitions
- the applicant's estimated academic and personal ability to carry out the project within the allotted time frame and contribute to the research group
- the applicant's mediation skills
- Good co-operative skills, and the ability to successfully join in academic collaboration within and across disciplines

We offer

- Salary NOK 544 400 - 626 300 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
- 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

Qualified candidates will be invited to submit the following:

- 5 selected academic works (must not exceed a total of 300 pages)
- documented mediating skills
- certificates and diplomas

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.

Contact information

For questions about the position:

- Associate Professor [Eirik Vatnøy](#)

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.

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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