



Department of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies

## Two Doctoral Research Fellowships in Petroculture Studies - TOIL

### Job description

Two Doctoral Research Fellowships (SKO 1017) in Petroculture Studies are available at the Department of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies, University of Oslo.

The positions are part of a Research Council of Norway-funded project, [Translatability of Oil: Critical Petro-Aesthetics at Work \(TOIL\)](#), led by Professor Sissel Furuseth.

TOIL investigates how petroleum oil has been described and interpreted through fiction, didactic texts, media, and religious practice in the last century. With particular emphasis on developments in Norway after 1970, the project will discuss the extent to which oil's aesthetics may have contributed to preventing the transition to alternative forms of energy. The project's theoretical starting point is that a shift from fossil to green energy requires a combination of different translation skills, which makes it possible to communicate across ideological, professional, linguistic, and generational dividing lines. By comparing different energy cultures, where Norwegian oil culture forms the center of the investigation, TOIL will contribute to nuance the hitherto North America dominated research literature within Petroculture Studies.

The two fellowships are linked to two different work packages: 1) Petrofiction in Translation, led by Professor Furuseth, and 2) Didactics of Oil, led by Professor Reinhard Hennig at the University of Agder. Both fellowship holders will be based at the University of Oslo.

Applicants are asked to indicate which of the work packages they primarily wish to be associated with. Through individual project descriptions, applicants are free to specify material and research questions based on their own expertise. Possible research questions for work package 1 could be: To what extent has petrofiction in English, Arabic and other major languages been translated into Norwegian, and what kind of reception has this type of literature received in Norway? To what extent does Norwegian literature reflect a planetary awareness of oil and energy infrastructures? Possible research questions for work package 2 might be: How has oil been portrayed in different types of didactic texts over time, and what kind of ideas about energy culture and environmental citizenship come to light? What kind of oil aesthetics is conveyed through children's and young adult literature? Other questions might be equally relevant as long as they fall under TOIL's overall goals. Comparative perspectives are particularly welcome.

### More about the position

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 Scandinavian Studies, Comparative Literature, Media Studies, Translation Studies, Education, or other fields relevant for the project. 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 a Scandinavian language. Other languages that might be included in the study should also be mastered.
- 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 501 200 - 544 400 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, [jobbnorge.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.

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 regarding the fellowships:

- Professor [Sissel Furuseth](#)

For questions regarding the application process:

- 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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