

Department of Archaeology, Conservation and History

Doctoral research fellowship in contemporary history of the Middle East

A Doctoral Research Fellowship (SKO 1017) in contemporary history of the Middle East is available at the Department of Archaeology, Conservation, and History (IAKH), University of Oslo. The doctoral position will be attached to the ongoing research project "Dangerous Liaisons. The Triangular Drama Between the United States, Iran and Israel, 1953–1984".

The applicant is asked to elaborate on a doctoral project which will shed new light on peace negotiations and the building of alliances in the period from 1953-1984, when Israel initiated its *policy of the periphery* and until the first presidential period of Ronald Reagan ended. No archival sources in the United States or Israel are declassified after this point in time.

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 three 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](#).

Qualifications

- A Master's Degree or equivalent in history. The Master's Degree has to have been achieved by the time of application.
- Personal suitability and motivation for the position.

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 level 50 - 56 (NOK x-x, depending on qualifications).
- a professionally stimulating working environment.
- [attractive welfare benefits](#).

Applicants must submit the following attachments with the electronic application, preferably in pdf format:

- Application letter describing the applicant's qualifications and motivation for the position

- Curriculum Vitae (complete list of education, positions, teaching experience, administrative experience and other qualifying activities, including a complete list of publications)
- Transcript of records of your Master's degree. Applicants with education from a foreign university are advised to attach an explanation of their university's grading system
- Project description, including a detailed progress plan for the project (3 - 5 pages, 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.

Short-listed candidates may be invited for an interview at the University of Oslo.

See also [Guidelines for appointments to research fellowships at the Faculty of Humanities](#).

The University of Oslo has an agreement for all employees, aiming to secure rights to research results a.o.

The University of Oslo aims to achieve a balanced gender composition in the workforce and to recruit people with ethnic minority backgrounds.

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.