

Department of Archaeology, Conservation and History

Doctoral research fellowship in archaeology

A Doctoral Research Fellowship (SKO 1017) in the project *Using the Past in the Past. Viking Age Scandinavia as a Renaissance?* is available at the Department of Archaeology, Conservation and History (IAKH), University of Oslo.

The project explores how and why the past was used in Viking Age Scandinavia, the 9th to mid-11th century AD: how past monuments and artefacts were recycled materially and referentially in this period; the different strategies of constructing places for commemoration; and the choice of objects to be preserved through the centuries to enhance new interpretational frames of utilizing the past in the past. This was a central, active element in the mentality and world-view, and took shape in political and social processes in diverging scales and forms.

Applicants are to submit a research proposal concerning recycling of material culture of the past in the Viking Age, using for example the reiteration of grave monuments at settlements; the reuse of burial grounds; landscape analyses of central places; the raising of rune stones as a means of creating places for commemoration; or the utilisation of antique artefacts and objects that stylistically referred to previous centuries in the Viking Age as a means of examining social and cultural changes in the Viking Age.

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 archaeology. The Master's Degree has to have been obtained by the time of application.
- Personal suitability and motivation for the position.

In assessing the applications, special emphasis will be placed on:

- The quality of the research proposal (multidisciplinary approach, feasibility, originality, methodological and theoretical reflection).
- 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.

Proficiency in English is required for non-native English speakers. Command of a Nordic language is an advantage.

We offer

- Salary levelXXXXXXXX, depending on qualifications).
- A professionally stimulating working environment.
- [attractive welfare benefits](#)

Submission

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 [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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- Oslo
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