

Department of Archaeology, Conservation and History

Postdoctoral research fellowship

A postdoctoral Research Fellowship (SKO 1352) 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 research proposal must outline plans for dissemination in international, academically recognised journals.

The successful applicant is expected to participate in the Department's ongoing research networks, and contribute to the development of the Department's research milieu. Postdoctoral fellowships are primarily aimed at qualifying the holders for senior academic positions.

The position is available for a period of two years.

Requirements

- A doctoral degree (PhD) in archaeology.
- The candidate's research project must be closely connected to the main project
- Personal suitability and motivation for the position.

The doctoral dissertation must have been submitted for evaluation before the application deadline.

In the evaluation of the applications, emphasis will be placed on:

- Scientific merit, relevance and innovation of the proposed project.
- The application must demonstrate a sophisticated level of theoretical and methodological reflection.
- Previous research experience and publications, especially in Viking Age studies.
- The applicant's estimated academic and personal ability to carry out the project within the allotted time frame. Co-operative skills and the ability to participate in academic collaboration within and across disciplines.

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

We offer

- Salary level XXXX per year, depending on qualifications)
- A professionally stimulating working environment
- [Attractive welfare benefits](#)

Submissions

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

- Application letter
- Curriculum Vitae with grades listed
- List of published and unpublished works

- Project description (approximately 3-5 pages). 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

Please note that all documents must be in English or a Scandinavian language.

The short-listed candidates will be invited to an interview at the University of Oslo or we will arrange for an interview on Skype.

See also [Regulations concerning Post-Doctoral Research Fellowships](#).

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.

- **Region:**
- Oslo

- **Application deadline:**

- **Reference number:**

- **Home page:**
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