

## DOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

### Job description

A Doctoral Research Fellowship (SKO 1017) in history is available at the Department of Archaeology, Conservation and History, University of Oslo.

The position is connected to the interdisciplinary UiO:Nordic funded project [Nordic Civil Societies: Global, Transnational and Regional Encounters since 1800](#). The project explores the role of voluntary associations between the state, the market, and the private sphere in the development of *Norden* and what is understood as the 'Nordic model' of society, in a transnational and international context.

The project comprises three pillars:

- Pillar I: Civil Societies and the State: Critical Perspectives on the Performance of a 'Nordic Model' of Society
- Pillar II: Nordic Civil Societies since 1800: Transnational Cooperation, International Models and National Adaptions
- Pillar III: Beyond the Nordic: Civil Societies, Transnational Political Activism and Global Encounters

The candidate is expected to propose an independent research project of relevance to Pillar I of the Nordic Civil Societies framework. Possible topics include, but are not limited to

- inclusion and exclusion in voluntary associations, including the self-organisation of 'outsiders' (migrants, ethnic minorities, political radicals, followers of alternative lifestyles);
- transnational networks of civil society actors and their role in policy-making in *Norden*;
- oppositional movements and their position in the Nordic polity;
- charity and philanthropy in strong welfare states;
- governance and governmentality of the third sector;
- voluntarism as a 'Nordic virtue'.

Proposed projects should be transnational with a Nordic focus and with a historical perspective. The choice of methodological and theoretical frameworks and perspectives should be elaborated by the applicants. For a detailed description of the Nordic Civil Societies project, see its website. The position is financed by the Faculty of Humanities and based at the Department of Archaeology, Conservation and History.

The person appointed will be affiliated with the Faculty's organised 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 history. 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 and a Scandinavian language.
- 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 XXX – XXX per annum depending on qualifications (lønnstrinn 51-58 LO/YS/UNIO)
- 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
- 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.

The application with attachments must be delivered in our electronic recruiting system, please follow the link “apply for this job”.

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.

### **Deadline:**

### **Contact persons:**

- Nordic Civil Societies leadership group: [Sunniva Engh](#), [Klaus Nathaus](#) and [Ruth Hemstad](#)
- Head of Research xx/Head of PhD programme xx)
- Head of Administration Katrine Randin
- HR Adviser Karoline Farbrot (for questions regarding how to apply)