

## **POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP**

A Postdoctoral Research Fellowship (SKO 1352) is available at the Department of Archaeology, Conservation and History, University of Oslo.

The position is associated with the research group MATERIALITIES [link to web page]. The research group encompasses great breadth in terms of temporal depth and stretches from early pre-history to present times. The empirical perspective is, however, what brings members together in exploring the materialities of pasts and presents and different aspects of engaging with and thinking through material culture.

Applicants should propose a research project relevant for the research group, within the scopes of Nordic Prehistory, Africanist archaeology, or Contemporary Archaeology and Heritage Studies. Within this temporal and geographical breath, studies of past and present materiality and material culture is the group's chief focus, where central research topics include social organization and change, migration, human eco-dynamics in past and present, technology and systems of knowledge, religion and ritual practices, identity, and the uses and politics of the past.

The project description must be theoretically and methodologically sophisticated, clarifying the conceptual frameworks and methods employed. It is an advantage (though not a requirement) that the proposed project is interdisciplinary in scope and approach (e.g., towards the natural sciences, ecology, geography, technology, museology or anthropology).

The position is available for a period of 3,5 years. There is a 25 % component of the position which is devoted to teaching and administrative duties. These duties include obtaining basic teaching qualifications.

The successful candidate is expected to become part of the research environment/network of the department and contribute to its development. The main purpose of postdoctoral research fellowships is to qualify researchers for work in higher academic positions within their disciplines.

The postdoctoral fellow will be based in Oslo.

### **Requirements**

- PhD or equivalent academic qualifications with a specialization in archaeology
- The candidate's research project must be closely connected to the research group
- Fluent oral and written communication skills in English
- Personal suitability and motivation for the position

The doctoral dissertation must be submitted for evaluation by the closing date. Appointment is dependent on the public defence of the doctoral thesis being approved.

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

- The research project's scientific merit, research-related relevance and innovation
- The applicant's estimated academic and personal ability to carry out the project within the allotted time frame and contribute to the research group.
- Good co-operative skills, and the ability to successfully join in academic collaboration within and across disciplines

## **We offer**

- Salary NOK XXX – XXX per annum depending on qualifications (lønnstrinn 59-67 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 grades listed (with a list of education, positions, teaching experience, administrative experience and other qualifying activities)
- List of publications
- Project description (approx. 3 - 5 pages, maximum 14,000 characters. See [Template for project descriptions](#)). 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

Diplomas, certificates, doctoral thesis and other academic works may be requested later.

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

The application with attachments must be delivered in our electronic recruiting system, [jobbnorge.no](#). Applicants with education from a foreign university must attach an explanation of their university's grading system.

The short-listed candidates will be invited for an interview.

## **Formal regulations**

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

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.

No one can be appointed for more than one Postdoctoral Fellow period at the University of Oslo.

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:**