



The University of Oslo is Norway's largest institution of research and education with 28 000 students and 7000 employees. Its broad range of academic disciplines and internationally esteemed research communities make UiO an important contributor to society.

The Department of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies (ILN) is one of seven departments at The Faculty of Humanities. The Department has approximately 160 employees working with research, teaching and dissemination. The areas of research and teaching include Scandinavian languages and literature, lexicography and onomastics, linguistics, rhetorics and communication, language technology and computing in the humanities, and Irish language and culture.

Department of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies

Two PhD-positions in Second Language Writing

Two doctoral research fellowships (SKO 1017) are available at the Department of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies (ILN) at the University of Oslo in the research field of Norwegian as a second language. ILN seeks to recruit PhD candidates with research qualifications relevant to the field of *Second Language Writing*.

On the educational path from primary education and throughout higher education, writing and writing development are emphasized for all pupils and students. Since 2006, writing has been one of the "basic skills" for pupils in primary and secondary schools in Norway. In the curriculum all subjects include writing and writing is emphasized as a tool in instruction and learning. New national writing tests are presently being developed in Norway. For students in higher education, writing is central as a tool for exploration and learning and is important in assessment.

In Norwegian schools and in higher education, the student group has become increasingly heterogeneous in their linguistic and cultural backgrounds. Pupils and students with a variety of first languages need to learn to write in Norwegian. In order to learn how to write in a second language, and to further develop ones' writing competence in a second language, a specific second language approach to the task is required. The PhD candidates are expected to contribute to new research based knowledge concerning challenges and possibilities for writing development when Norwegian is a second language.

In the case of equally qualified applicants, priority will be given to two projects that together cover primary/secondary school and higher education.

In the doctoral work, the use of text corpora is not a requirement but may be appropriate for certain types of research, or the doctoral projects may include collecting new data.

The persons appointed will be affiliated with the faculty's organized research training (cf. regulations and supplementary provisions for the faculty's researcher education) and must engage in the designated research activities on a full-time basis. The purpose of the PhD research fellowship is research training leading to a successful completion of a doctoral dissertation (monograph or article-based) to be defended at a public defense for the doctoral degree. The successful candidates are expected to join the existing research milieu and contribute to its development.

The appointment for a doctoral research fellowship is for 3 years, preferably starting before the end of 2015.

Qualifications

- a Master's degree in Nordic Language, Norwegian as a Second Language, Linguistics, or similar/corresponding fields
- good Norwegian language skills, both spoken and written
- high motivation for working in the field and for the position

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

- the project's scientific merit, research-related relevance, and innovation
- the project's relevance to primary school, secondary school or higher education
- the applicant's academic and personal qualifications in order to carry out the project within the allotted time frame
- the applicant's ability to complete the organized research training
- the applicant's cooperative skills and ability to join in academic collaboration within and across disciplines

We offer

- salary level 50 -56 (NOK 430 500 - 475 400, depending on level of expertise)
- a challenging and stimulating working environment
- attractive welfare arrangements

Submissions

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.
- project description (5 pages) for the research to be undertaken, including the topic of the project, issues to be examined, the chosen theoretical and methodological approach and a progress plan (see the Template for project descriptions)
- CV (complete list of education, positions, teaching experience, administrative experience and other qualifying activities, including a complete list of publications)
- list of publications

Publications, MA theses and the like are not to be submitted with the application, but applicants may be asked to submit such information or works at a later date.

The short-listed candidates will be called in 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.

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