



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 Doctoral Research Fellowships within the research group in Clinical Linguistics and Language Acquisition

The [Research Group in Clinical Linguistics and Language Acquisition](#) conducts research on:

- Typical and atypical speech and language acquisition in children and adults
- Speech and language as a result of brain damage in adults (for example aphasia and Alzheimer's disease), compared to neurologically healthy adults

Several of the members of the Research group are also associated with the [Center for Multilingualism in Society across the Lifespan](#) (MultiLing).

Our research covers the whole lifespan, including a wide range of linguistic levels spanning from phonetics and phonology via lexicon and grammar to discourse and interaction. A central focus of clinical linguistics is the application of the principles and methods of linguistics and phonetics to speech and language impairment in children and adults. Our empirical data are an important source for testing linguistic theories, and our research aims at throwing light on how language is stored and processed in the brain. In addition, our research addresses important challenges in society, like speech therapy for multilingual patients with aphasia or identification of language impairment in multilingual children, and has potential for cross disciplinary application.

We seek to recruit two PhD candidates with excellent research qualifications within the areas covered by the research group, more specifically:

- One PhD fellowship within child language acquisition with or without a clinical perspective, and
- One PhD fellowship within clinical linguistics with a focus on adults (e.g. aphasia, dementia, and/or healthy aging)

The candidate should indicate how his or her research project relates to previous or ongoing projects within the research group.

The successful candidate must participate in the research training program organized by the Faculty of Humanities (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 the successful completion of a doctoral dissertation (monograph or article-based) to be defended at a public defense for the doctoral degree. The successful candidate is expected to join the existing research group and contribute to its development. Read more about the [doctoral degree](#).

The appointments are available for three years starting from January 1st, 2016. The doctoral thesis is expected to be completed within the given time frame.

Qualifications

- a Master's degree in Linguistics or in a discipline related to the work of the research group
- a project proposal for a doctoral dissertation in one of the two areas mentioned above (maximum 5 pages)
- personal qualifications and motivation 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 for the research group
- the applicant's academic and personal qualifications for carrying out the project within the allotted time frame
- the applicant's ability to complete the organized research training
- good cooperative skills, and the ability to successfully 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 a specification of how the proposed project relates to the research areas of the research group (maximum 2 pages)
- 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)
- Grade transcripts from educational institutions attended

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 or we will arrange for an interview on Skype.

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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