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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

Doctoral research fellowships in literary studies with an emphasis on digital methodologies - two positions

Two Ph.D. research fellowships in the project "Data-Mining the Digital Bookshelf," which is funded by the Research Council of Norway, are now available at the Department of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies (ILN), University of Oslo.

"Data-mining the digital bookshelf" is the first systematic attempt to utilize data-mining methods on a large scale within humanities research in Norway, applying them methods to discourses of race, class, religion and gender. In cooperation with the Norwegian National Library, which has digitized virtually all published texts from the nineteenth century in an interface called *Bokhylla* ("the bookshelf"), we aim to explore how literary culture informs and to a certain extent determines public discourse more broadly, and conversely how public discourse can shape literary culture. The project is divided into two main work packages, "Minority Discourses" and "Popular Discourses" each work package will include one of the two doctoral research fellowships, described below:

One Ph.D. fellowship position in "Popular Discourses," focusing on gender:

The project should apply text-mining methodologies to the *Bokhylla* corpus to examine nineteenth-century gender discourses relating to non-dominant gender constructs. Applicants may choose for example to focus on popular non-literary genres, popular but marginal literary genres such as melodrama, or on the popular reception of women or queer writers. One approach might be to trace the discursive shifts regarding the "place" of women in Norwegian society, leading up to suffrage in 1913; looking beyond Nora's slamming door in Ibsen's *A Doll's House*, where and how was the "woman question" actually debated and defined?

One Ph.D. fellowship position in "Minority Discourses," focusing on racism:

The project should apply text-mining methodologies to the *Bokhylla* corpus to examine nineteenth-century racial discourses relating to one or more of Norway's five national ethnic minority groups, or the Sámi. Applicants may choose for example to focus on canonical literary works or non-literary texts, or on writers who themselves were ethnic minorities. The primary objective will be to trace the discursive shifts regarding the construction of "race" as a conceptual category in Norwegian society.

The selected doctoral fellows will be required to participate in the researcher training program of the Faculty of Humanities and complete a Ph.D. dissertation that is commensurate with the University of Oslo's requirements for the degree (see the regulations for the Faculty of Humanities' researcher training program). The doctoral fellows are expected to engage in designated research activities on a 100 percent basis, including active participation in the main project's broader research activities. The primary aim of the fellowships is to complete a doctoral dissertation to be defended at a public defense for the Ph.D. degree.

The appointments are for three years.

Requirements

- A master's degree in a relevant humanities or social sciences field that offers a solid foundation for further research into nineteenth-century textual culture. The applicant is required to document that the degree matches the profile for the post. The final degree must be confirmed by the time of appointment.
- Personal suitability and motivation for the position
- Proficiency in a Scandinavian language and English, both at an advanced academic level

In assessing the applications, the following criteria will be evaluated:

- The scientific merit, relevance and innovation of the proposed project
- The applicant's potential to complete the project within the three-year time frame
- The applicant's potential to complete the requirements of the researcher training program
- Documented collaboration skills and an ability to contribute to interdisciplinary academic communities
- Applicants with documented experience in information technology and/or digital methodologies may be prioritized.
- Applicants with international experience may be prioritized.

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
- Curriculum Vitae (complete list of education, work experience, teaching experience, administrative experience and other professional activities, including a complete list of published and unpublished academic works)
- Transcripts for the master's degree. Applicants with a degree from a foreign university are advised to 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 submitted in English or one of the Scandinavian languages, either in the original or in translation. Educational certificates, master's theses and the like are not to be submitted with the application, but applicants may be asked to submit such information or works later. Short-listed candidates will be called for an interview, held either at the University of Oslo or by Skype.

Please refer to [Guidelines for appointments to research fellowships at the Faculty of Humanities](#) for further information.

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Following the Freedom of Information Act (Offentlighetsloven) § 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.

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