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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

# Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship in literary studies and information technology

One two-year postdoctoral research fellowship in the project "Data-Mining the Digital Bookshelf," which is funded by the Research Council of Norway, is 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."

The person appointed to this full-time postdoctoral fellowship will carry out independent research that builds on the *Bokhylla* corpus either in terms of contents or infrastructure, develop appropriate methodologies and provide some technical support for the core research team. It is expected that the postdoctoral fellow will publish a series of scholarly articles that present new methods and findings, using case studies relating to the "Minority Discourses" and/or "Popular Discourses" work packages.

The successful candidate is expected to strengthen the relevant research area and contribute to and participate in the various workshops, conferences and activities organized within the project. The main purpose of postdoctoral research fellowships is to qualify researchers for work in higher academic positions within their disciplines.

The appointment is for a duration of two years.

### Requirements

- A Ph.D. degree with a specialization in a relevant field, such as Informatics, Linguistics, or Literary Studies
- 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
- 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 57 - 65 (NOK 483 700 - 560 700, 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
- Curriculum Vitae
- List of published and unpublished works
- Project description (approximately 3–5 pages). 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

Please refer to [Regulations concerning Post-Doctoral Research Fellowships](#) 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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