



The University of Oslo is Norway's oldest and highest ranked educational and research institution, with 28 000 students and 7000 employees. With its broad range of academic disciplines and internationally recognised research communities, UiO is an important contributor to society.

The Department of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies (ILN) is one of seven departments at The Faculty of Humanities (HF). The department conducts research, teaching and dissemination in general linguistics, multilingualism, medieval studies (including Norse philology and Celtic), Nordic literature (including dissemination of literature and Ibsen-studies), Nordic language (including Norwegian as a second language), and rhetoric and verbal communication.



PhD Candidate or a Post-Doctoral Research Fellow connected to the project «Variation and Change in the Scandinavian Verb Phrase»

One position as a Doctoral Fellow (SKO 1017) or a Post-Doctoral Research Fellow (SKO 1352) is now available at the Department of Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies, University of Oslo. The position is part of the project «Variation and Change in the Scandinavian Verb Phrase» funded by the Research Council of Norway.

Job description

The Scandinavian languages have a long joint history, and they often show parallel historical developments. However, there are cases where they show divergence, and in interesting ways. Little is known about these diverging developments. The project [Variation and Change in the Scandinavian Verb Phrase](#) wants to remedy this by looking at all of the Scandinavian languages from the end of the 17th century to the present. The general aim of the project is to contribute to the theoretical understanding of linguistic categories and how they can vary and change.

The project is organized into four subprojects, which investigate the properties of particles, double objects, resultatives, and reflexives in older and present-day varieties of Scandinavian, how they relate to each other, and to other aspects of the grammatical system. Methodologically, the project uses corpora for modern and older Scandinavian, but also experimental methods are used. Pilot studies have already been carried out in Norway, Sweden and the Faroe Islands, collecting data on word order variation (e.g. with respect to the placement of particles and reflexives). The project group includes researchers from several Nordic countries, USA and Canada.

The position is announced as a Doctoral Research Fellowship or a Postdoctoral Research Fellowship. The quality of the applications submitted and their assumed contributions to the project will decide whether this position is defined as one or the other.

A Doctoral Research Fellowship is for a duration of three years. If appointed the candidate will be affiliated with the Faculty's organized research training. The academic work is to result in a doctoral thesis that will be defended at the Faculty with a view to obtaining the degree of PhD. The successful candidate is expected to join the existing research milieu or network and contribute to its development. Read more about the doctoral degree.

All PhD Candidates who submit their doctoral dissertation for assessment with a written recommendation from their supervisor within 3 years or 3 ½ years after the start of their PhD position, will be offered, respectively, a 12 or 6 month [Completion Grant](#).

A Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship is available for a period of two years. The main purpose of postdoctoral research fellowships is to qualify researchers for work in higher academic positions within their disciplines. We seek strongly motivated, competent and internationally oriented candidates, with high-ranking academic qualifications in the relevant areas of research.

The successful candidate is expected to strengthen the relevant research areas addressed in the project, participate in the various workshops, conferences and activities organized by the project. The candidate will furthermore become part of the research environment/network of the department and contribute to its development.

Qualification requirements

- Master's degree or equivalent in general or Scandinavian linguistics. The Master's degree must include a thesis of at least 30 ECTS. For the Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, the doctoral dissertation with a specialization in general or Scandinavian linguistics must

be submitted for evaluation before the application deadline.

- | A research project closely connected to «Variation and Change in the Scandinavian Verb Phrase»
- | Candidates should have expertise in one or several of the areas: Scandinavian syntax, Syntactic microvariation, Prosodic analysis, Historical linguistics, Modelling language change or Experimental linguistics
- | Fluent oral and written communication skills in English
- | Personal suitability and motivation for the position.

In assessing the applications, special emphasis will be placed on:

- | the project's scientific merit, research-related relevance and innovation
- | the applicant's background in relevant areas and ability to contribute to the project «Variation and Change in the Scandinavian Verb Phrase»
- | the applicant's estimated academic and personal ability to carry out the project within the allotted time frame
- | good co-operative skills, and the ability to successfully join in academic collaboration within and across disciplines.
- | for applicants to the Doctoral Research Fellowship: the applicant's ability to complete research training. Applicants who have recently graduated with excellent results may be given preference.

We offer

- | for the PhD position: salary NOK 436 900 - 482 500 per year, depending on qualifications
- | for the Post-Doctoral position: Salary 490 900 - 569 000 per year, depending on qualifications
- | a professionally stimulating working environment
- | [attractive welfare benefits](#)

How to apply

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, positions, teaching experience, administrative experience and other qualifying activities, including a complete list of publications)
- | Transcript of records of your Master's degree. Applicants with education 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](#))List of publications

The application with attachments must be delivered in our electronic recruiting system, please follow the link "apply for this job". Foreign applicants are advised to attach an explanation of their University's grading system. Please note that all documents should be in English (or a Scandinavian language).

Educational certificates, master 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 may be invited for an interview at the University of Oslo.

Formal regulations

Please see the [guidelines](#) and [regulations](#) for appointments to Research Fellowships at the University of Oslo.

According to the Norwegian Freedom and Information Act (Offentleglova) information about the applicant may be included in the public applicant list, also in cases where the applicant has requested non-disclosure.

The appointment may be shortened/given a more limited scope within the framework of the applicable guidelines on account of any previous employment in academic positions.

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.

Deadline: February 4th 2018

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