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Tittel jobbnorge/NAV: Postdoctoral Fellow in Arctic Governance and Indigenous Innovation at the Centre for Sami Studies

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Postdoctoral Fellow in Arctic Governance and Indigenous Innovation at the Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences and Education, Centre for Sami Studies

Application deadline: 14.05.2013

Applications shall be marked: Ref. 2013/932

The University of Tromsø, Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences and Education, has a vacant Postdoctoral Research Fellow position in Arctic Governance and Indigenous Innovation. The position is attached to the Centre for Sami Studies.

The position of Postdoctoral Research Fellow is a fixed term position for a period of three years. The main objective of the appointment as a post-doctoral research fellow is to qualify for work in senior academic positions. No one may be appointed to more than one fixed term period as a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the same institution.

Further information about the position is available by contacting Academic director, dr. polit. Else Grete Broderstad, tel. +47 77 64 69 08, e-mail else.g.broderstad@uit.no or head of administration Hildegunn Bruland, tel. + 47 77 64 55 35, email hildegunn.bruland@uit.no

Application documents (see below) must be sent to: Centre for Sami Studies, Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences and Education, N-9037 Tromsø. In addition, the application must be submitted electronically via the application form available on www.jobbnorge.no.

The position's affiliation

[The Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences and Education](#) has approximately 3000 students, 350 academic positions and 100 technical/administrative staff members. The Faculty conducts research, education and dissemination in a variety of disciplines in social sciences and the humanities. The faculty has some of the leading research communities in Norway in several fields, and the majority of the offered study programmes are unique in a North-Norwegian context. In addition, the Faculty is responsible for the University's teacher education.

The position is organized under the [Centre for Sami Studies](#), which currently has three professors/associate professors in permanent positions, three associate professors in temporary project positions, one PhD fellow and five technical/administrative staff members. The Centre for Sami Studies is responsible for the coordination of the multidisciplinary study programme Master's in Indigenous Studies, and is currently involved in research in the fields of Sami history and archeology, language, culture and religion, Arctic governance, resource management, indigenous rights and biology.

The Centre for Sami Studies shall, through its function as a university centre, strengthen the multidisciplinary research on Sami and indigenous issues at the university. The centre shall contribute to increased research and outreach on Sami and indigenous topics, as well as strengthening profiling and recruitment to studies in Sami language, culture and indigenous issues. The centre's activities shall contribute to the strengthening of Sami language in academic contexts and the development of cooperation with Sami educational and research institutions. The centre shall also assist the university and faculty leadership regarding Sami and indigenous issues. The successful candidate is expected to take part in activities related to these goals, and particularly to promote the role of the centre as a research institution on indigenous, particularly Sami, issues. Based on topics in the defined research project, the postdoctoral fellow is also expected to cooperate with researchers at other university units and partner institutions like the Fram Centre [High North Research Centre for Climate and the Environment](#)

The position's field of research/field of work

The position is open for persons with a doctoral degree in social sciences. The candidate is expected to do research on the developments in the Northern areas of the world, and how the challenges facing indigenous peoples and other Northern inhabitants demand different types of governance. Priority will be given to proposals that fit well with one or more of the research themes: Arctic governance, resource and ecosystem-based management, innovation and traditional ecological knowledge, and indigenous rights.

Qualification requirements

A Norwegian doctoral degree or a corresponding foreign doctoral degree recognised as equivalent to a Norwegian doctoral degree is a prerequisite for appointment in the

position as postdoctoral research fellow. The degree should be within social sciences. In addition to empirical knowledge in the field, the successful candidate should be able to use and develop relevant theoretical perspectives. Interdisciplinary approaches are welcome, and gendered perspectives are appreciated but not a demand. Applicants must possess strong methodological skills and be able to document an extensive experience with empirical research.

For appointment as Postdoctoral Fellow, the applicant must be able to document scientific knowledge in either Northern studies, resource policies and management, or related social science fields, as well as document skills in comparative methods.

Applicants must have a good command of English.

When applying for a Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, the applicant shall submit a project proposal (maximum 10 pages) for the qualifying work. This proposal shall include a progress plan. It is required that the applicant will be able to complete the project during the period of appointment.

Emphasis shall be attached to personal suitability.

Working conditions

The working hours shall be utilised for research, research-related activities and research administration.

The position may include teaching or equivalent duties for UiT of (up to) a 20 % position.

The successful applicant must be willing to engage himself/herself in the ongoing development of his/her discipline and the university as a whole.

The remuneration for this position is in accordance with the State salary scale code 1352. A compulsory contribution of 2 % to the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund will be deducted.

Assessment

The applicants will be assessed by an expert committee. The committee's mandate is to undertake an assessment of the applicants' qualifications based on the written material presented by the applicants, and the detailed description drawn up for the position.

The applicants who are assessed as the best qualified will be called to an interview. The interview shall among other things aim to clarify the applicant's personal suitability for the position. A trial lecture may also be held.

University of Tromsø wishes to increase the proportion of females in research positions. In the event that two or more applicants are found to be approximately equally qualified, female applicants will be given priority.

Application

The **application** must be submitted electronically via the application form available on www.jobbnorge.no.

In addition, by the application deadline, four (4) copies of the following shall be sent directly to the **Centre for Sami Studies, Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences and Education, NO-9037 Tromsø, Norway**:

- Letter of application
- CV (containing a complete overview of education, supervised professional training and professional work)
- Certified copies of diplomas and references
- form for documentation of [teaching qualifications](#)
- list of works and description of these (see below)

The list of works shall contain the following information:

- author(s), the work's title
- for articles: the journal's name and volume, the first and last page of the article, year of publication
- for publications: publisher, printer, year of publication, number of pages

The works, published or unpublished, which the applicant wishes to be taken into consideration during the assessment process must be submitted in three (3) copies arranged as three (3) complete sets.

In addition, the applicant shall provide a description of his/her scientific production stating which works he/she considers the most important and shall therefore be the main emphasis of the assessment. A brief description of the other listed works shall also be included to demonstrate depth of production. These descriptions shall be an attachment to the application.

The works shall be sent, by the closing date for applications, *directly* to: Centre for Sami Studies, Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences and Education, NO-9037 Tromsø, Norway

Applicants shall also refer to the [Supplementary regulations for appointment to postdoktor \(Postdoctoral Research Fellow\), stipendiat \(PhD\) and vitenskapelig assistent \(Research](#)

[Assistant\) positions at the University of Tromsø](#) and to the [Regulations concerning terms and conditions of employment for posts of postdoktor \(Postdoctoral Research Fellow\), stipendiat \(PhD\), vitenskapelig assistent \(Research Assistant\) and spesialistkandidat \(Resident\)](#).

Questions concerning the organisation of the working environment, such as the physical state of the place of employment, health service, possibility for flexible working hours, part time, etc. may be directed to the telephone reference in this announcement.

The University of Tromsø has HR policy objectives that emphasize diversity, and therefore encourages qualified applicants to apply regardless of their age, gender, functional ability and national or ethnic background.

The University of Tromsø is an IW (Inclusive Workplace) enterprise, and will therefore emphasize making the necessary adaptations to the working conditions for employees with reduced functional ability.

Personal data given in an application or CV will be processed in accordance with the Act relating to the processing of personal data (the Personal Data Act). In accordance with Section 25 subsection 2 of the Freedom of Information Act, the applicant may request not to be registered on the public list of applicants. However, the University may nevertheless decide that the name of the applicant will be made public. The applicant will receive advance notification in the event of such publication.

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