



## Doctoral Research Fellowship in Comparative Literature

### Job description

A Doctoral Research Fellowship (SKO 1017) in Comparative Literature is available at the [Department of Literature, Area Studies and European Languages](#), University of Oslo.

The doctoral fellow will work on border poetics and especially the way in which textual and epistemological boundaries are constituted in literary texts. The doctoral fellow will be approaching a specific type of literary material in order to find out how textual boundaries and borders within storyworlds interact and thus regulate readers' crossings into texts. The literary material could be taken from postcolonial literature, migration literature, science fiction, travel writing (including literary expedition accounts), realist, modernist or postmodernist fiction. The focus should be on a specific kind of textual boundary, such as paratexts, beginnings, endings, textual divisions and frames, shifts in style, language, narrative voice, perspective, temporality, understanding, plot, or theme, or combinations of these.

The person appointed can build on narratological, stylistic or cognitive approaches to literature, or combinations of these, along with border poetics analysis. The doctoral fellow will be part of a research initiative in border poetics under development at the department, with strong ties to international interdisciplinary centres of border research and plans for major project applications.

Depending on the theme and approach of their project, the person will also be encouraged to join one or several relevant research groups at the department (see [www.hf.uio.no/ilos/english/research/groups/](http://www.hf.uio.no/ilos/english/research/groups/)), as well as the research/education initiative "[Literature, Cognition and Emotion](#)". The doctoral fellow will be provided with a main supervisor, [Professor Johan Schimanski](#).

Expected start date: 1 September 2021

### More about the position

The person appointed 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](#).

The appointment is for a duration of 3 years. 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](#).

### Qualification requirements

- A Master's degree or equivalent in Comparative Literature or another relevant discipline. The Master's degree must have been obtained and the final evaluation must be available by the application deadline.
- Fluent oral and written communication skills in English.
- Personal suitability and motivation for the position.

To be eligible for admission to the doctoral programmes at the University of Oslo, applicants must, as a minimum, have completed a five-year graduation course (Master's degree or equivalent), including a Master's thesis of at least 30 ECTS. In special cases, the Faculty may grant admission on the basis of a one-year Master course following an assessment of the study programme's scope and quality.

### Further qualifications

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

- The project's scientific merit, research-related relevance and innovation
- The applicant's estimated academic and personal ability to complete the project within the time frame
- The applicant's ability to complete research training
- Good collaboration skills and an ability to join interdisciplinary academic communities

Applicants who have recently graduated with excellent results may be given preference.

### We offer

- Salary NOK 482 200 - 526 000 per annum depending on qualifications
- A professionally stimulating working environment
- Membership in the [Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund](#)
- [Attractive welfare benefits](#)

### How to apply

The application must include:

- Application letter describing the applicant's qualifications and motivation for the position
- Curriculum Vitae (with a list of education, positions, teaching experience, administrative experience and other qualifying activities, including a complete list of publications)
- Transcript of records of your Bachelor's and Master's degrees. Applicants with education from a foreign university must 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 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.

The application with attachments must be delivered in our electronic recruiting system, please follow the link "apply for this job".

Short-listed candidates will be invited for an interview.

## Formal regulations

See also [regulations](#) as well as [guidelines for the application assessment process](#) and [appointments](#) to research fellowships.

Following the Freedom of Information Act (Offentleglova) § 25, Chapter 2, demographic 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.

No one can be appointed for more than one PhD Research Fellowship period at the University of Oslo.

The University of Oslo has an [Acquisition of Rights Agreement](#) for the purpose of securing rights to intellectual property created by its employees, including research results.

The University of Oslo aims to achieve a balanced gender composition in the workforce and to recruit people with ethnic minority backgrounds.

## Contact information

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## About the University of Oslo

**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 Literature, Area Studies and European Languages** is involved in extensive research, teaching and outreach in the fields of literature, area studies and linguistics within European languages apart from the Nordic ones. The Department has an active research environment with a wide range of international collaboration. Many of our researchers play a part in giving the general public insight into the results of this research. The Department has about 130 members of staff: approximately 80 in academic posts, approximately 30 Ph.D. fellows and postdoctoral fellows, and 18 in administrative posts. The Department has approximately 300 master students and 1000 bachelor students.

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