



UiO : 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.

Since its establishment in 1964, the Department of Social Anthropology has been a leading international Department as well as an exponent for the Norwegian anthropological tradition. The Department is one of the largest university environments for social anthropology in Europe, and the largest in the Nordic countries. Approximately 400 students are currently enrolled in the Department, including the doctoral programme with approximately 30 students.

University of Edinburgh

The Graduate School of Social and Political Science (GSSPS) is located in the School of Social and Political Science (SSPS), one of the largest schools in the University of Edinburgh, a world-leading University that ranked 19 in the world in the last QS rankings in 2016. SSPS is one of the largest and most successful schools of social science in the UK and is organised into 6 subject areas and some 17 distinct research centres or institutes, one of which is the Centre of African Studies. Our broad interdisciplinary focus cuts across traditional social scientific boundaries, creating a vibrant and stimulating environment in which to work and study. SSPS has approximately 220 academic staff (full time equivalent). Within SSPS, GSSPS is a community of around 300 Postgraduate Research Students, as well as approximately a further 500 students studying for taught Masters qualifications.

Faculty of Social Sciences, Department of Social Anthropology

PhD Candidate in anthropology - Joint PhD degree between University of Oslo and University of Edinburgh

Department of Social anthropology, University of Oslo (UiO), in collaboration with the University of Edinburgh (UoE), invites applications for one joint fully-funded 3-year PhD fellowship in Anthropology of Human Security in Africa starting on September 1, 2018. The positions are funded by the EU Research and Innovation program Horizon 2020, under a grant by Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Innovative Training Networks (MSCA-ITN). The successful applicants must commence their PhD degree programme on 1 September, 2018.

ANTHUSIA

UoE and UiO have embarked on the collaborative project ANTHUSIA: Anthropology of Human Security in Africa. ANTHUSIA is a multi-disciplinary research project conducted by a consortium of four universities in Aarhus (Denmark), Edinburgh (Scotland), Leuven (Belgium) and Oslo (Norway). The consortium draws together academics, practitioners and activists with expertise in understanding and enhancing human security in Africa. This programme enables candidates to combine interdisciplinary insights from Anthropology, Human Security and African Studies in order to develop analytical tools to critically understand and contribute to strengthening human security in Africa, and beyond. In this process, students will be encouraged to critically explore how human security has been conceptualised; how and why particular issues are classified as human security issues; and how these understandings shape everyday interventions. This critical approach can be applied to a range of phenomena, such as the expansion of young populations, processes of urbanisation, unequally distributed growth, recurring conflicts, emerging health issues, and population displacement.

The research network offers an academically stimulating and interdisciplinary working environment, an innovative training programme that allows the PhD fellows to obtain specialist knowledge on a specific research topic as well as transferable skills that can be employed in non-academic institutions. The ANTHUSIA PhD education includes one year of fieldwork in Africa, with a 2-3 month period of secondment to a non-academic partner organisation, annual summer/winter schools and a 6 months stay with the secondary university. ANTHUSIA also offers an attractive salary, the opportunity of favourable pension benefits as well as funding for research, travel, conference participation and dissemination, books and equipment.

Available position

ANTHUSIA will recruit altogether 16 PhD fellows, called Early Stage Researchers (ESRs). As part of the project, UoE and UiO invite applications for 1 joint PhD fellowship in the field of anthropology where the two universities have mutual strengths and can offer excellent research environments. The available position is hosted by University of Oslo (Primary University) and University of Edinburgh (Secondary University):

ESR project 11: *Toxic Exposure. Production, Pollution and Human Security*

You can find the project description here: <http://anthusia.eu/available-phd-projects/esr-project-11/>

Please write a maximum of 5 A4 pages of 2400 characters per page (total 12.000 characters) and use the following structure in your proposal:

- Introduction/background
- Research questions and study objectives
- Theory
- Methodology (incl. ethics)
- Plan for non-academic secondment
- Work schedule

Please include a separate reference list with up-to-date literature on the chosen topic (max 2 A4 pages).

Requirements

Eligible candidates must have an internationally recognised Master's or an equivalent degree in anthropology or related social sciences and humanities disciplines. They must have received their Master's degree or equivalent (120 ECTS) no later than 31 August, 2018. They must have less than four years of research experience after their Master's degree and not hold a PhD degree. All applicants must have achieved a high grade point average in their BA and Master's studies and must have fluent oral and written communication skills in English and submit their dissertation in English. Applicants can be of any nationality. We encourage applicants who have African language skills and relevant experience outside the academy. **However, in order to be eligible, candidates have not resided, worked or studied in Norway for more than 12 of the last 36 months before the recruitment date.**

The ESRs are required to spend time at each university, have a supervisor at each institution and will receive a single joint degree signed by both universities.

The ESR is expected to take part in the Anthusia joint degree PhD programme and to complete the project within the set fellowship period. Since the doctoral student will receive a single joint degree, his/her research project will be subject to an evaluation meeting according to the standards of both the University of Oslo and University of Edinburgh. The format of the evaluation will be a public defence and a viva.

The details regarding time spent at each university, supervision, evaluation as well as other legal matters will be specified in a contract prior to the start of the PhD project.

What we offer

- salary NOK XXX – XXX per annum depending on qualifications
- favourable [pension benefits](#)
- attractive [employee benefits](#)

How to apply

The application must include:

- cover letter (statement of motivation and research interests)
- CV (including a complete list of education with grades, positions, pedagogical and administrative experience, publications and other qualifying activities)
- project description
- reference list
- copies of educational certificates (academic transcripts only)
- list of publications and academic work (if applicable)
- Names and contact details of 3 academic referees

The application with attachments must be delivered in our electronic recruiting system Jobbnorge, please follow the link "[send application](#)". International 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).

Applicants may be called in for an interview.

Formal regulations

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

The main purpose of the fellowship is research training leading to the successful completion of a PhD degree.

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 University of Oslo has an [agreement for all employees](#), aiming to secure rights to research results a.o.

The Universities of Oslo and Edinburgh are equal opportunity employers and strive for diversity among the ESRs. We encourage in particular candidates from the African continent to apply.