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TIK Centre for Technology, Innovation and Culture represents twenty years of groundbreaking research, education and research communication in science and technology studies and innovation studies. The centre is home to about 40 staff members and offers postgraduate education (Masters and PhD) including the Masters TIK and ESST.

Faculty of Social Sciences, TIK Centre for Technology, Innovation and Culture

Associate Professor in Innovation Studies / Science and Technology Studies (STS)

Job Description

The [TIK Centre for Technology, Innovation and Culture](#) invites applications to a permanent (tenured) position as Associate Professor in Innovation Studies and/or in Science and Technology Studies (STS) (SKO 1011). In accordance with the university's appointment regulations, an associate professor may subsequently apply for promotion to full professor.

The successful candidate will be expected to initiate, lead and carry out research within Innovation Studies and/or Science and Technology Studies (STS), to acquire external funding to new research projects, to supervise Ph.D. and MA candidates, to participate in teaching, exam work and evaluation at both levels, to develop further the Centre's educational activities, to carry out administrative work in accordance with the needs of the Centre, as well as contribute to the on-going work of building, sustaining and leading the Centre's research and teaching environment.

The position will be expected to develop the Centre's activities in Innovation Studies and/or Science and Technology Studies (STS). **Thematic areas** that are particularly relevant for TIK's current research and educational activities are (1) the green transition; (2) digitalization and society. The successful candidate should preferably have interest, experience and ongoing research in one or more of these thematic areas. Candidates with relevant experience and a strong track record in other thematic areas within innovation studies or science and technology studies will also be considered.

Commented [FC1]: Se forklaring om dette avsnittet i saksnotat 27/21 (styremøte 23.11.2021).

Requirements, Desired Qualifications and Personal Skills

The successful candidate must have the following requirements:

- Ph.D. within Innovation Studies, Science and Technology Studies (STS), or related fields.
- In-depth theoretical knowledge of and empirical work within Innovation Studies and/or Science and Technology Studies (STS); and strong documented research competence within the field, particularly within the past five years
- Documented pedagogical skills and an ability to take active part in teaching, academic leadership and administration
- Leadership skills, personal suitability and motivation for the position

The following qualifications will be given particular weight in the assessment:

- Strong academic qualifications and production in Innovation Studies and/or Science and Technology Studies (STS); strong record of international peer-reviewed publications (with emphasis on the past five years)
- Documented research competence and interests in areas that are relevant to the Centre's core scientific profile in Innovation Studies and/or Science and Technology Studies (STS)
- Strong pedagogical qualifications on Ph.D. and master levels; ability to supervise and inspire students
- Documented competence and experience in leadership and/or development of educational programs
- Collaborative skills and ability to initiate joint research projects; documented experience of collaboration across established academic disciplines, as well as an ability to build national and international networks
- Documented ability to acquire external research funding, particularly long-term academic funding from national and international sources
- Potential to contribute to the long-term development of the academic and research environment at the Centre
- Communication skills, interpersonal skills and public outreach skills

Teaching languages are both Norwegian and English. Good oral and written skills in English are required. Applicants who do not speak Norwegian are required within two years to master Norwegian sufficiently well to be able to participate actively in all the functions that the position entails, including teaching and administrative tasks.

We offer

- Salary of NOK XXX – YYY per annum depending on qualifications
- Academically stimulating working environment
- Focus on working conditions for academic staff and researchers
- Good pension benefits under the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund scheme
- [Good welfare benefits](#)

The application should include:

- Application letter. The letter should include a short description of the applicant's academic profile, how the applicant views his/her academic orientation in relation to the core areas of the Centre, and how the applicant wishes to contribute to the development of TIK's research and educational activities in the future. The application must contain a short plan outlining what the applicant aims to achieve in the position, and the new projects and initiatives that she/he intends to develop.
- CV (complete list of education, positions, pedagogical experience, educational leadership experience, other administrative experience, project acquisition and coordination experience, including a detailed project track record, and other qualifying activities)
- A complete list of publications, including a list of up to ten relevant publications to be possibly submitted later on for assessment.
- Contact details of reference persons.

A sorting committee will invite a limited number of candidates ("short list") to submit a portfolio of academic work (i.e. up to ten publications) that are particularly relevant for the position. Academic texts shall therefore not be enclosed with the application. In relation to larger volumes (monographs), the selected applicants should specify particular parts of the publication for review. The scientific and expert committee will then assess and rank the short-listed candidates. Interviews will be part of the appointment process, along with a trial lecture. The Faculty of Social Sciences will take a final decision on the appointment.

[Rules for Appointments to Professorships and Associate Professorships.](#)

The University of Oslo has an Acquisition of Rights Agreement for all employees for the purpose of securing [intellectual property rights to research results](#) etc.

According to the Norwegian Law "Offentlighetsloven §25.2 ledd", information about the applicant can be published although the applicant has requested not to be included in the public list of applicants.

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

Application deadline:

1 February 2022.

Expected Start Date:

Summer or fall semester 2022.

Reference number:

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