

# PhD Research Fellowships in Economics

## Job description

4 PhD Research Fellow positions (SKO 1017) for the PhD programme are available at the Department of Economics:

The appointments are for a period of 4 years with 25% teaching duties. PhD Research Fellows will automatically be admitted to the Faculty of Social Sciences' PhD programme and benefit from the Faculty's organized research training.

One position will be associated with the project "Principles under pressure? A study of governmental crisis management", funded by the Research Council of Norway and led by principal investigator Professor Karen Helene Ulltveit-Moe. The primary objective of this project is to provide new knowledge on the nature of economic crises, and on which lessons that can be transferred from one crisis to another. The project aims to provide new knowledge on the effects of crisis policies, and to investigate the scope for improved policy-design. A specific object of research will be to analyze the Covid19 crisis in Norway with a focus on allocation and efficiency and compare this crisis with other crises in the past. The project will rely on Norwegian micro data from administrative registers. For this position we are looking for a candidate with a strong analytical background and econometric skills, and a sincere interest in the topic of the project.

Two positions will be associated with the project "Model invariance and constancy in the face of large shocks to the Norwegian macroeconomic system", funded by the Research Council of Norway, led by principal investigator Professor Ragnar Nymoen. A primary objective of this project is to investigate the degree of invariance of model equations used in macro models, with respect to structural breaks during the recent pandemic, as well as in during earlier crisis. The project will use Norwegian and international data. A specific object of research will be methods that can be used to mitigate the effects of structural breaks, by the use of statistical methods as well as by the integration of real time data with econometric models. Joint modelling and forecasting of health and the economy is another research topic covered by the project. For these positions, we are looking for candidates with a strong background in dynamic econometric modelling, in statistical time series analysis, in panel data analysis or in the methods for real time data collection and analysis. In the application, the candidate should indicate which part(s) of the project he or she is most interested in, together with a brief motivation.

One position is not linked to specific topics or research projects. Applications from candidates in all fields of economics are encouraged and in particular in fields where the department has a strong research base and supervision capacity.

## Qualification requirements

Proven academic record: The PhD candidate must hold a 2-year Master's degree (including master's dissertation) or an equivalent qualification in economics. Candidates completing their Master's degrees (or equivalent) in the spring semester 2021 before August 1, 2021, may apply.

Candidates who have already completed economics courses at the postgraduate level in econometrics, microeconomics and/or macroeconomics will have a distinct advantage in the ranking of candidates, but strong candidates who lack this background can also be accepted and will be required to take such courses as part of the PhD programme. Candidates with a degree from another institution than the University of Oslo will need to document qualifications based on detailed course descriptions and syllabuses.

Candidates who have completed a PhD program in Economics, will not be accepted.

Candidates who have already been accepted to a PhD program in Economics must inform about this.

GRE test: For candidates with education from an institution outside the European Economic Area/the European Union or Switzerland a recent score from the general GRE test is required as part of the documentation of qualifications. Please add UiO as a recipient of your GRE test using our institutional code 0756. In addition, you must scan and upload a copy of your test result to the application portal. The Department of Economics does not accept the GMAT tests to substitute the GRE.

Proof of proficiency in English: A good command of English is required of all applicants. International students must document their proficiency in English by taking either TOEFL- or IELTS-test. For information about score requirements, see [Requirements for admission to the PhD programme in Economics](#)

For further information, please visit the Faculty of Social Sciences' homepage for the PhD programme: [Applying for a PhD fellowship at the Faculty of Social Sciences](#)

## We offer

- Salary NOK [XXXX] per annum depending on qualifications A comprehensive course curriculum
- Supervision by one or two academic supervisors Academically stimulating working environment Favourable pension benefits
- Attractive employee benefits (e.g., parental leave)
- Fellows will be provided with their own office space and will have access to all the facilities of the department

## Evaluation of the application

We seek highly motivated candidates with an excellent background in economics. When evaluating the application, emphasis will be given to the applicant's proven academic record, the project proposal and the applicant's academic and personal prerequisites to carry out the project. Emphasis will moreover be placed on how the project fits the research strategy of the Department of Economics and supervision capacity. For further information, please see detailed [guidelines for the project proposal](#). Applicants may be invited to an interview.

The application must include

- Application letter
- Project proposal of 5-10 pages
- CV (summarizing education, positions and academic work)
- Copies of (both) transcripts and diplomas, and letters of recommendation (if any) List of relevant publications and other academic work
- Research papers, including master's dissertation. Where research work is co-authored, the contribution of the candidate should be indicated
- Letters of recommendation may be included in the application but are not required

Important documents in other languages than English or Scandinavian must be translated into one of these languages. Applications without sufficient documentation will not be considered.

Application deadline: 15 January 2022

### **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 University of Oslo has an agreement for all employees, aiming to secure rights to research results etc.

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

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