



Associate Professor in theological ethics

Job description

The Faculty of Theology at the University of Oslo invites applications for a full-time tenured position as Associate Professor in theological ethics.

The Faculty has a long tradition of excellence in theological ethics. It has seen major developments in the field of ethics throughout the last decades. Today, theological ethics comprises both critical and self-critical Christian thinking and reasoning about all matters of Christian traditions of morality as well as a significant dialogue with emerging ethical concerns and agendas in the academy, in society, in religious movement and in ongoing interreligious encounters.

Expertise in the field of theological ethics is required for the position. It is also expected that the successful candidate has research and teaching experience in one or more areas of applied ethics, such as bioethics, social ethics, interreligious ethics, media ethics, political ethics or environmental ethics.

The position requires broad experience and methodological depth as well as an international research orientation and expertise. Moreover, it is expected that the holder of this position is motivated both to co-operate closely with all Faculty members and to make a significant contribution to the research and teaching profile of the institution.

The successful candidate is expected to initiate and lead research, supervise PhD and Master candidates, participate in planning and execution of teaching and examination on all levels, including the various outreach and continuing education ventures of the Faculty. The position will involve participation in the planning of study programmes, teaching, supervision and examination-related tasks at all levels, and maintenance and development of the educational quality of the teaching program the selected candidate participates in or is given responsibility for. The Faculty has several study programs of which the Religion and Society program and the Master of Divinity program are the largest. It is expected that the candidate is willing and able to relate her/his research and teaching to current developments in church and society in the Nordic countries.

The successful applicant will be part of the Academic Unit for Contemporary Theology and Religious Studies. The Faculty has several research groups, and the holder of the position is expected to play an active role in one or more of these. It is also expected that the successful candidate will contribute to the further development of the Faculty's research profile and establish new research projects.

Qualification requirements

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- Ph.d. or equivalent academic qualifications with a specialization in theology and/or religious studies
- Documented basic university pedagogical competence. Applicants who cannot document basic university pedagogical competence must acquire this within two years from appointment
- Documented experience of or potential for project acquisition and project management within research
- Active participation in international networks and good collaborative skills
- Fluency in English (oral and written), and preferably also in a Scandinavian language. International applicants are expected to teach in a Scandinavian language within two years (see Formal regulations below)

The following qualifications will be considered in the assessment of the applicants:

- International peer-reviewed publications
- Original and innovative research
- The candidate's potential to contribute to the Faculty's long-term development of its academic strategies
- The candidate's potential to contribute to pedagogical development at the Faculty
- Experience with research projects, preferably in international settings
- Proven ability to or clear potential for attracting external funding
- Interest in and ability to take on academic leadership and administration
- Documentation of qualifications in dissemination, management and administration
- Collaborative skills and contribution to positive working environment

Personal qualities

Emphasis will be placed on the applicant's scholarly excellence and experience. In the ranking of applicants, the whole range of qualifications will be considered, including the applicants ability to communicate and their personal suitability.

We offer

- Salary from kr....to kr.... depending on competencies, in the position of Associate Professor (position code 1011)
- Good pension schemes
- Good welfare benefits

- Alternatively: The Associate Professor will have the opportunity to apply for promotion to a position as Professor at a later date

How to apply

The application must include:

- Application letter (statement of motivation, summarizing scientific work and research interest)
- CV
- Complete list of publications
- Research statement (not more than 3 pages)
- Educational portfolio of 3-6 pages documenting educational competence and experience, including a reflection note in which your own practice and learning vision is anchored in the SoTL criteria (focus on student learning, development over time, a research approach and a collegial attitude and practice. For guidance, see this page)
- Description of qualifications in dissemination, management and administration
- Academic works: Applicants are requested to submit up to 10 academic works
- Diplomas
- References: a list of 2-3 persons with name, title, relation to candidate, email and phone number

Application with attachments must be submitted via our online recruitment system. Please note that all documentation must be in English or a Scandinavian language.

Interviews and trial lecture will form part of the appointment process. The entire breadth of qualifications will be assessed in ranking competent applicants.

Formal regulations

Please refer to the Rules for Appointments to Professorships and Associate Professorships at the University of Oslo, the Guide for Applicants and Members of the Assessment Committee and Rules for practicing the requirement for basic pedagogical competence at the University of Oslo.

Pursuant to section 25 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act, information concerning the applicant may be made public, even if the applicant has requested not to appear on the list of applicants.

The University of Oslo has a transfer agreement with all employees that is intended to secure the rights to all research results etc.

The University of Oslo has a personnel policy objective of achieving a balanced gender composition and to recruit people with an immigrant background.

In addition, the University of Oslo aims for its employees to reflect the diversity of the population to the greatest degree possible. We therefore encourage qualified applicants with disabilities or gaps in their CV to apply for the position. The University of Oslo will adapt the workplace to suit employees with disabilities. Applicants who indicate that they have disabilities or gaps in their CV are made aware that this information may be used for statistical purposes.

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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 Faculty of Theology at the University of Oslo has a total of 68 staff and ca. 350 students. The faculty conducts research in the fields of biblical studies, church history, systematic theology, practical theology, diaconal and interreligious studies and offers programmes for the theological education for clerical ministry as well as a number of other academic study programmes within the field of religion.

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