



Nord University offers education at bachelor, master and doctoral levels. Each year, new students are admitted to more than 180 study programmes within both professional and theoretical fields. Nord University has approximately 1,200 employees and 12,000 students at study locations in Vesterålen, Bodø, Mo i Rana, Sandnessjøen, Nesna, Namsos, Steinkjer, Levanger and Stjørdal. Through contact with local communities and broad networks within business and industry, Nord University aims to contribute to meeting regional, national and global challenges.

## Two exciting PhD Fellowships within Social- and Environmental Studies

*Are you interested in understanding how the climate affects local- and indigenous communities in the Arctic?  
Are you concerned with sustainable food production and food security?  
Are you interested in learning more about local adaptation to challenges linked to climate, health and societal changes?  
Do you want to work in an international research network that takes climate challenges seriously?  
Do you want to live in an exciting and stimulating region with beautiful wilderness?*

We are looking for someone like you who can contribute to our understanding of how local- and indigenous communities in the Arctic can meet these challenges.

At Nord University, Faculty of Social Sciences (FSV), there are two PhD fellowships available. One four-year PhD-position with 25 % work-duty, and one three-year PhD-position without work-duty. Both positions will be associated with a project linked to a Nordic Centre of Excellence that study the relationship between climate change and the changing risks for food production, health, and local culture and livelihoods.

From 2017, the position will be organized within the Faculty of Social Sciences

### **About the Faculty of Social Science**

Faculty of Social Sciences (FSV) is one of four faculties at Nord University. The faculty has approximately 1800 students spread over three master's degrees and 10 Bachelor programs in addition to several one-year programs and specialized courses. FSV has approximately 30 doctoral students enrolled in our PhD in sociology. The PhD-program was created in 2005. The faculty has approximately 100 employees including students and administration.

The faculty has several strong research-areas, linked to; social and public services and users; leadership, management and innovation in the public sector, and climate, environment and resource management. Research has also focused on the region's industrial structure, the region's history and the media- and especially local journalism practice. The last ten years have High North perspectives gained a more central place.

Faculty research is currently organized into ten research groups: Welfare, Youth at risk, Social Work, Gender, ethnicity and gender equality, Environment, resource management and climate, Management, organization and leadership, Political Science, History, Northern Areas, Internationalization and higher education and Journalism. The composition of research groups are constantly changing. The positions are linked to the research groups for environment, resources and climate at the Faculty of Social Science.

### **About the project and the positions:**

As a PhD fellow, you will work closely with researchers in a new interdisciplinary Nordic Centre of Excellence. Nord University's work at this Centre is led by Professor Grete K. Hovelsrud, who has extensive experience with climate change research and fieldwork in local and indigenous communities in the Arctic.

For the portion of the project that is led by Nord University it will be particularly interesting to study climate sensitive infectious diseases in livestock that will lead to a changed risk scenario, how this affects food security and health, and consequences for adaptation. An important focus is also how this alters the conditions for northern livelihoods, such as reindeer herders and sheep farmers. Another possible focus is governance regimes and risk management at different levels of society related to climate and health among animals and people.

### **Climate Change effects on the epidemiology of infectious diseases and the impacts on Northern societies (CLINF)**

The faculty is looking for applicants with a broad interest in research on the societal impacts of changing climatic and socio-economic and political conditions on local communities, and on research on adaptation and adaptive capacity to such changes, including theoretical and methodological development within sociology. The geographical focus is on the Arctic.

### **About the project:**

Climate Change effects on the epidemiology of infectious diseases and the impacts on Northern societies (CLINF) 2016-2021: [Climate-change effects on the epidemiology of infectious diseases and the impacts on Northern Societies \(CLINF\)](#)

CLINF is an interdisciplinary project, and includes research from Nuuk in the west to Yakutsk in the east. The goal is to improve our understanding of climate change impacts on the geographical distribution and epidemiology of climate sensitive infections and the

consequences for Arctic health, economies and societies in the north. The aim is to understand the linkages between the spreading CSIs and the consequences for health and well-being, culture, and economy in animal husbandry communities. The project will focus on current adaptation responses, future adaptation needs and adaptive capacity of husbandry activities within sheep farming and reindeer herding.

### **Who are you?**

It is expected that you will contribute to developing social science research within interdisciplinary studies of climate change adaptation and environmental challenges related to local communities in the Arctic. Additionally, you are expected contribute to theoretical development for interdisciplinary perspectives on changing conditions regarding the relationship between nature and society. Experience or great interest in both interdisciplinary and qualitative research is looked-for, and willingness to work in an interdisciplinary team where theoretical sociological perspectives are in focus. Moreover, experience or interest around one or more of the following topics: fieldwork in arctic pastoral- or agricultural communities; a focus on the arctic; environmental sociology; impacts from climate change, adaptation and adaptive capacity, and risk handling, and adaptation, and security theory.

Additionally, you have to satisfy the requirements for admission to the PhD in sociology at the Faculty of Social Sciences, Nord University. A master's degree in sociology, anthropology, or interdisciplinary resource management is beneficial but also other social science master's degrees may be relevant.

### **How do you apply:**

Write a short letter (max 1 page) where you outline why you want this position. Provide a project description presenting a research topic related to the themes described above. In the project description, you must pose potential research questions, present possible theoretical perspectives to be applied and a methodological approaches that may be selected. The quality of the project description, relevance and feasibility are given great importance in the evaluation of the applications. The project description should be about 10 pages, excluding the reference list (12 font and 1.5 line spacing). For more information recording, rules and regulations concerning PhD in Sociology: <https://www.nord.no/no/studier/sosiologi-phd>

The thesis may be written as a monograph or a collection of scientific peer reviewed papers, in English or Norwegian. The Supervisor will be one of the permanent faculty members. The successful candidate will actively participate in the academic community, and be a part of the research group. The positions require good Norwegian or Scandinavian and English presentation skills, both oral and written. Applicants must in the application letter describing their professional skills, both in terms of education, previous work / project experience and other factors that might be relevant to the position.

Qualified applicants will contacted for an interview.

### **Salary and Working Conditions**

The salary for PhD candidates is set at wage level 50 in the Norwegian State Salary Scale (l.pl 17.515, code 1017 Stipendiat, LR 20, ltr. 50.

Employees at Nord University are automatically enrolled in the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund and will also have access to other social benefits. A statutory amount to the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund will automatically be deducted from the salary.

The successful person must abide by the laws, agreements and directives that apply to the position at any time.

The successful applicant must comply with the laws, agreements and instructions which at any time apply for the positions. Subject to change in responsibilities and duties as a result of future organizational growth and reorganization at Northern University.

The public workforce as far as possible reflect the diversity of the population. Persons with immigrant background are encouraged to apply settings. University practice gender quotas in accordance with local adaptation agreement to the Master Agreement in the State (Hovedavtalen i Staten).

### **General**

The positions are located in Bodø, and Nord University practice residency.

### **Contact Information**

For further information, prospective applicants can direct their questions to dean Hanne Thommesen, phone +4748271059, e-mail: [hanne.thommesen@nord.no](mailto:hanne.thommesen@nord.no) or to head of the PhD -programme professor Johans Tveit Sandvin, phone +4775517631, e-mail: [johans.t.sandvin@nord.no](mailto:johans.t.sandvin@nord.no) or project manager for the CLINF-project, professor Grete Hovelsrud, phone +4775517617 or +4795806046, e-mail: [grete.hovelsrud@nord.no](mailto:grete.hovelsrud@nord.no)

### **Application**

Submit application electronically within **16.October 2016**, CV, diplomas, certificates, any academic work, schedule and project description shall be attached electronically.

**All documentation as you wish it to be considered, uploaded as attachment to the application. It is the applicant's responsibility to submit complete documentation electronically with deadline.**

After the application deadline will be prepared public list. Please note that the information about the applicant may be made public even after desire to be excluded from the list of applicants. Applicants who still asks for confidentiality must give reasons for this in application. Applicants will in case be given advance notice of such publication.

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**Deadline: 16.October 2016**

Jobbnoorge ID: 129013, Deadline: 10/16/2016