

Associate Professor/Senior Lecturer in: Sign Language/Sign Language Interpreting/Deaf Studies

Sør-Trøndelag University College, Faculty of Teacher and Interpreter Education in Trondheim, Norway is seeking applicants for up to three Associate Professor/Senior Lecturer faculty positions in Sign Language/Sign Language Interpreting/Deaf Studies. For more information about Sør-Trøndelag University College, Faculty of Teacher and Interpreter Education, go to <http://hist.no>

The Sign Language and Interpreting Department at the Faculty of Teacher and Interpreter Education offers a three-year bachelor of sign language and interpreting that qualifies candidates to work as professional interpreters for the deaf, deafened and deaf-blind. The department also offers courses (60 ECTS/30 ECTS) in Norwegian Sign Language for students and professionals who wish to combine Norwegian Sign Language with other subjects or professions. The department is currently working to develop a master's program in Sign Language and Sign Language Interpreting.

The Sign Language and Interpreting Department has a strong foundation in professional practice, and the link between theory and practice is important to the department's research profile. The successful candidate must be able to develop and strengthen the research profile in areas related to Sign Language, Sign Language Interpreting and Deaf Studies as well as contributing to and participating in research-led teaching, advising and assessing students.

Qualifications

A Norwegian or foreign equivalent PhD in sign language, sign language linguistics, sign language interpreting, Deaf Studies or other related/relevant fields is required for appointment as Associate Professor/Senior Lecturer, in addition to relevant research and teaching experience.

Fluent communication skills in a signed language are strongly desirable.

If there are no fully-qualified candidates for the post as Associate Professor, a candidate may be appointed for a three-year temporary position. The candidate's qualifications will then be reconsidered and a permanent position may be offered, without the post being re-advertised, if the essential criteria for appointment as Associate Professor are fulfilled (cf. Act Relating to Universities and University Colleges § 6. 5 (1)).

Applications will be assessed by a search committee who will consider the candidates' formal qualifications, publications, research and relevant teaching experience in their assessment. Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an interview and will be asked to prepare a short lecture intended for a student audience. The interview panel focus will in particular be on the candidate's personal skills, the ability to work constructively and effectively as part of a team and enthusiasm for the role. Applications should include a cover letter that details the candidate's academic qualifications, relevant teaching and work experience, research, and popularization. Applicants should provide the names and addresses of two references who can be contacted prior to the interview.

In addition to the cover letter, the candidate must post the following within the application deadline:

- 5 copies of a complete CV.

- 5 verified copies of each relevant diploma and certificate.
- 3 copies of no more than 10 academic papers, published or unpublished, to be read by the search committee. The candidate should attach a list of these academic papers.
- 3 copies of a brief description of the candidate's most important academic papers that the search committee should focus on specifically in their assessment.
- 3 copies of a list of all academic papers specifying where they have been published.

In the case of joint publications, the candidate should clarify his or her own role in producing them.

All foreign qualifications should be approved by NOKUT, The Norwegian Agency for Quality Assurance in Education (for more information go to <http://www.nokut.no/en/>), and a letter to that effect must be included in the application. Candidates must be able to demonstrate their eligibility to work in Norway. In the sign language and interpreting department this would entail learning Norwegian Sign Language and written Norwegian (Swedish or Danish) to a level that can be used for communication in a work setting within three years of employment.

Sør-Trøndelag University College wishes to promote equal opportunities in all its employment practices. Minority candidates are encouraged to apply. The successful candidate is required to live within commuting distance from Sør-Trøndelag University College. The appointment is subject to the current terms and regulations for Norwegian public service employees. Candidate information may be made public even if the candidate wishes to withhold application information. In such cases, the candidate will be informed in advance.

Terms and conditions of the position are subject to the current Acts and Regulations for Norwegian State Employees. Salary for Associate Professor/Senior Lecturer: Salary Code 1011/1198, LR 24, spine point 57-76 (NOK 456100-654800) or Lecturer: Salary Code 1008, LR 25, spine point 47-70 (NOK 384900-579600). By law, a portion of the salary will be paid to the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund from salary deductions.

Reference number: ALT 13/2012 Application deadline: 30 August 2012

More information about the position can be obtained from:

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