**PhD Candidate in Traditional Knowledge and Science about the Food Culture of Reindeer Husbandry and Herding**

**Commencement 1 January 2016**

Sámi University College is a state-owned institution of higher education and research that is located in Kautokeino, Norway. The University College is divided into an administration and three academic divisions. Sámi University College has an international perspective, and the University College has students and employees from all of the countries in Sápmi: Norway, Finland, Sweden and Russia.

Sámi is the main language, both in teaching, research and administration, as well as among staff and students.

From 1 January 2016 there is a vacant position as PhD Candidate in the above-mentioned topic at Sámi allaskuvla/Sámi University College (SUC). The PhD position is part of Rievdan, a major research programme at Sámi University College, which is funded by the Research Council of Norway and will last three years, commencing on 1 January 2016.

The employment period is 3 years and the PhD candidate period is to lead to a doctoral degree. The employment period may be considered increased to 4 years with 25 per cent teaching duties linked to instruction in reindeer husbandry and herding studies at the University College. The position will be connected to a PhD programme at a university or university college and will complete research training and doctoral project.

The main topic for this work package is to increase sustainability in Sámi reindeer husbandry by focusing on traditional knowledge and science concerning the food culture of reindeer husbandry and herding. The project will study the knowledge of reindeer husbandry with regard to slaughtering, meat production and preservation to find out if different spheres of knowledge influence the reindeer owners’ ability to adapt to change.

The applicant must be qualified to study traditional knowledge related to the food culture of reindeer husbandry and herding with the use of a cross-disciplinary approach. The applicant must also have experience from the documentation of traditional knowledge, insight into co-production of knowledge and socio-ecological resilience and have experience from Sámi and/or Nenets reindeer husbandry and herding. The candidate is expected to immerse himself/herself in the Sámi terminology of reindeer husbandry and herding.

**Required qualifications**

Applicants with master’s degrees in indigenous studies oriented towards reindeer husbandry and herding are qualified to apply.

Attached to the application, applicants must present a comprehensive description of the PhD project within the framework given above. This must consist of up to 5-7 pages and contain an overview of topic, main and partial research questions for the project, as well as an account of the significance of the research and of how the work is planned carried out.

When assessing the applications, emphasis will be placed on the project description and the applicant’s academic and personal qualifications for carrying out the project. An assessment committee will assess the applicants and the applications.

Emphasis will also be placed on prior knowledge such as work experience and any academic specialization that may be of significance for carrying out the PhD programme.

 Applicants should preferably master the Sámi language, as Sámi is the working language at Sámi University College Sámi Allaskuvla. In cases where qualifications are otherwise equal, priority will be given to Sámi competence.

Otherwise, we refer to the Ministry of Education and Research’s Circular FOR 2006-01-31 no. 102 and to Sámi University College Regulations for PhD candidates.

The applicants considered best qualified may be called in to an interview.

**Other**

Within 3 months after the PhD candidate has started working, he/she must draw up a plan for how the PhD period will be carried out. Admission to a PhD programme at a university or specialized university institution is required for further employment. This presupposes a complete project description.

**Application**

The application is to be sent electronically by an application form on www.jobbnorge.no, and must contain:

• letter of application

• project description (5-7 pages)

• CV (complete overview of education, practical experience and academic work)

• authorized copies of original diplomas, certificates and testimonials. In cases of diplomas/certificates/testimonials in other languages than Scandinavian languages or English, a copy of the original document plus a translation to English or a Scandinavian language is required.

• complete list of publications

• any academic papers that are to be considered in connection with the assessment. If the papers have more than one author, the work distribution between these must be documented with co-authors.

**SALARY**

The PhD candidate will be paid according to the National Salary Scheme, salary plan 17.515, position code 1017, salary framework LR 20, alt.8, where the lowest salary level is 50. A corresponding fictive seniority will be awarded.

In the cases of especially well-qualified applicants one may consider using position code 1378, PhD Candidate, salary level 49-75. Two extra salary levels are awarded if the applicant has formal education in Sámi equalling 60 credits.

There is a compulsory deduction of 2 % for the State Pension Scheme.

**General**

The appointment will be made by the Sámi University College’s Board of Research and Education. If several applicants have equal competence, one may give priority to men before women, cf. section 6-3, 2nd paragraph, of the University Act.

The applicant may request to have the Sámi University College Regulations for PhD candidates sent by post.

Relocation expenses can be reimbursed in accordance with more detailed guidelines, and Sámi University College may assist the applicant in finding accommodation. Employees in Finnmark and Northern Troms have their student loan written down and pay lower taxes in accordance with central guidelines.

Applicants must give the names of references in their application.

In addition, we refer to the prevailing guidelines for employment in PhD positions at universities and university colleges:

<http://www.lovdata.no/for/sf/kd/td-20060131-0102-001.html#1-3>

Application deadline: 16.11.15

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