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University of Bergen Department of Foreign Languages

The University of Bergen (UIB) is an internationally recognised research university with more than 14,000 students and close to 3,500 employees at six faculties. The university is located in the heart of Bergen. Our main contribution to society is excellent basic research and education across a wide range of disciplines.

Associate Professor of Latin American civilization (Brazil studies)

The Department of Foreign Languages, University of Bergen, is seeking to appoint a full-time, tenured Associate Professor of Latin American civilization (Brazil studies), starting in January 2014. The successful candidate will work at the Department of Foreign Languages, Faculty of Humanities, University of Bergen. She or he must be willing to reside permanently in the Bergen area. Reasonable removal expenses will be paid.

About the position

The programme in Spanish Language and Latin American Studies is one of the subject areas of the Department of Foreign Languages. The department currently has a little over 50 permanent academic staff, 11 administrative staff, approx. 30 Ph.D. fellows and a number of other temporary staff. The department conducts research and offers teaching in Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Russian and Spanish Language and Latin American Studies. In Spanish Language and Latin American Studies, there are currently 9 ½ tenured positions: four in language, two in cultural studies, two in literature and one (50 %) in Spanish didactics. In addition, there are Ph.D. fellows in Spanish Language and Latin American Studies. The Department now wishes to integrate Brazilian studies and language (Brazil-Portuguese) into the current study programmes.

The department is strongly committed to international collaboration in research as well as graduate and undergraduate education, and has cooperation agreements with a number of countries in Europe, Africa, North America and Latin America.

Qualification requirements

The successful candidate must have a Norwegian doctorate in f. ex. Brazilian history, Brazil studies, Brazilian anthropology or similar, or a doctorate from a foreign institution that is equivalent to a Norwegian doctorate. She or he must be able to teach beginner's courses in Brazilian studies, but also be able to teach at more advanced levels and supervise master and doctoral students. The successful candidate must also be able to teach in Spanish and communicate in Spanish in order to participate actively and share overall responsibility for the subject and contribute to the continuing development of the educational programme. Participation in administrative tasks is also expected.

Teaching, student assignments and examining are conducted in Portuguese and Spanish, while Norwegian is the language of administration at the Department. The successful applicant is expected to have a good knowledge of Norwegian or another Scandinavian language, or be willing to learn Norwegian within two years after appointment.

The University of Bergen refers to the general rules and regulations at the university which states that as part of the normal duties of the position, the successful applicant may also be required to undertake teaching, supervision and work in connection with examinations in his or her particular field outside the organisational unit to which the appointment belongs.

Basic teaching competence is a requirement, but the successful applicant who does not have such competence at the time of his/her appointment will be offered training and will be required to produce evidence of such competence within two years of the date of appointment.

The University Board points out that teaching qualifications are given particular weight in appointing associate professors and professors. Applicants must document teaching qualifications by providing, for example:

- evidence of completed teacher training
- evaluation reports on the applicant's teaching
- overview of scope and level of teaching
- overview of post-graduate and doctoral candidates supervision, and results obtained
- student awards received
- own teaching publications
- own teaching compendia and material reports showing participation in projects related to the development of teaching, such as forms of teaching, supervision or teaching environments.

Salary

Salary will be paid in accordance with pay level 57 (code 1011/pay framework 24), at present NOK 473.100 gross p.a., following ordinary meriting regulations. Higher initial placement may be considered for particularly well-qualified applicants. A pension contribution of 2 % will be deducted and paid to the state pension scheme.

Additional information

For further information regarding this post, contact Professor Miguel Angel Pacheco-Quesada

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State employment shall reflect the diversity of the population at large to the highest possible degree. We have therefore adopted a personnel policy objective to ensure that we achieve a balanced age and sex composition and the recruitment of persons of various ethnic backgrounds. Persons of different ethnic backgrounds are therefore encouraged to apply for the position.

The University of Bergen applies the principles of public openness when recruiting staff to scientific positions. Information about the applicant may be made public even when the applicant has requested not to be named in the list of applicants. In such cases the applicant will be notified.

How to apply for the job

Applications, including CV and list of publications, should be sent electronically via APPLY FOR THIS JOB/SØK PÅ JOBBEN.

The application must include the following documents:

1. Cover letter
2. Dissertation abstract, max. 3 pages
3. Scanned versions of original or certified copies of all academic diplomas and transcripts
4. List of representative publications
5. Name and contact information of three references
6. Documentation of and information about pedagogical experience and qualifications

The documents may be in Word or pdf-format.

In addition, the following must be sent to the Department of Foreign Languages, University of Bergen, PO Box 7805, N-5020 Bergen, Norway:

1. A full list of publications (3 copies)
2. 3 sets of up to 5 scholarly works (including the doctoral dissertation)

Additionally, up to 5 popular scientific and/or practical works (e.g. teaching materials) may be submitted.

Applicants should note that academic publications that are not submitted as part of the application cannot be considered.

The main criterion for assessment will be the quality of submitted research work, after which teaching, popular publication, administrative work etc. will be considered.

The highest ranked candidates will be interviewed and asked to give a trial lecture.

Application deadline: 1 October 2013

Please mark the application: 13/7337




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