



Research Fellow (PhD-student) in Terrestrial ecology

The position

At the University College in Sogndal (Hisf: www.hisf.no) there is a position available as research fellow/PhD-student. The position is for 4 years. Twenty-five % of the position is duty work at HiSF, i.e. teaching etc. The doctorate work is part of the research project "Ecological dynamics by wild ungulates" which is supported by the Norwegian Research Council. The project aims at investigating the direct and indirect effects of grazing from red deer on the forest ecosystem.

The research environment

The Faculty of Science at HiSF, where the position is placed, has a small but active research environment within terrestrial ecology and spatial planning. The faculty also has several PhD-students within renewable energy and geology. The candidate will work in close cooperation with the project team which consists of members from the Norwegian Deer Centre, The Norwegian University of Life Sciences (UMB) at Ås, Norway, Radboud Universiteit in the Netherlands and University of Bristol in England.

Qualifications

The candidate for the position should have obtained a M.Sc-degree in ecology, or similar. Knowledge on plants and insects and the interactions among them are central to the position. It is an advantage if the candidate has experience with publishing, and experience with data analysis and statistics is a requirement. Project start will be 1 April. The candidate will have her/his office in Sogndal, but must be willing to spend considerable time in field at Svanøy. But also use time on collaborating institutions in Norway and abroad. It is important that the candidate can work both in team and alone. Knowledge of English language is essential, but it may be an advantage if the candidate know, or is willing to learn, Norwegian to fulfil tasks within teaching. Driver's licence for car is requested.

The candidate will be appointed according to regulations given from the Norwegian authorities (see also <http://www.lovdatabasen.no/for/sf/kd/kd-20060131-0102.html> for regulations in Norwegian). The salary is ca. 49 000 €per year, but may depend on qualifications.

Information and application

Interested? You can get more information about the position and the project from project leader Dr. Stein Joar Hegland (tel: +47 41501553; stein.joar.hegland@svanoy.com)

The application must be delivered electronically (following the instructions at <http://www.jobbnorge.no/job.aspx?jobid=71699>: choose your preferred language). References must be given. In addition the relevant attachments must be sent in paper version to Høgskulen i Sogn og Fjordane, Box 131, N-6851 Sogndal with a reference to the electronic application within **15 February 2011**