

RESEARCH POSITIONS AT THE FACULTY OF THEOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI

The Faculty of Theology (<http://www.helsinki.fi/teol/tdk/english/>) at the University of Helsinki is a non-denominational academic community. The Faculty educates experts in religious traditions, worldviews and values. Our mission is to offer best scholarly expertise in historical, conceptual, and cultural issues related to religion and theology. We are committed to conducting research into individual, cultural and social significance of religion in past and present in order to generate in-depth understanding of major changes in contemporary Europe and globally, such as multiculturalism, religious extremism, inter-faith dialogue, value pluralism and the future of welfare. The Faculty has received high marks in international research evaluations and exercises active cooperation with similar leading research institutes.

The Faculty hosts two multidisciplinary and international Centres of Excellence (CoE) in Research (2014-2019) funded by the Academy of Finland: Changes in Sacred Texts and Traditions and Reason and Religious Recognition.

The CoE in Changes in Sacred Texts and Traditions (CSTT) (<http://blogs.helsinki.fi/sacredtexts/>) investigates the historical processes and mechanisms of change both in sacred texts and their cultural environments aiming at a more comprehensive understanding of the emergence and influence of the Hebrew Bible. The CSTT consists of four research teams, and each researcher will be part of one team. For further information on the teams, please see the unit's homepage.

The CoE in Reason and Religious Recognition (RRR) (<http://blogs.helsinki.fi/reasonandreligiousrecognition/>) focuses on methods of religious recognition in history and the contemporary world by investigating how religious groups have recognized other social actors, and how religions have been accepted in different societies. The RRR consists of three research teams, and each researcher will be part of one team. For further information on the teams, please see the unit's homepage.

Research positions to be applied:

The two Centres of Excellence are seeking enthusiastic candidates for several fixed-term positions of

UNIVERSITY RESEARCHERS, POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHERS and DOCTORAL STUDENTS

The university and postdoctoral researcher positions are for periods ranging from one to three years. The period of the doctoral student positions may range from one to four years.

Description of jobs

The duties of the university researchers, postdoctoral researchers and doctoral students consist in research according to their own research plans, which are required to relate to the overall themes and goals of the Centre in question. They are also expected to take part in the CoE's activities, both nationally and internationally. Doctoral students are expected to participate in the postgraduate training and must complete their studies in accordance with the currently valid regulations for the doctoral programme http://www.helsinki.fi/teol/tdk/english/studies/pg_degree_programmes.htm at the Faculty of Theology. All appointees will be under the annual workload system in use in Finnish universities (1,624 hours/year). They are also expected to teach 5 to 10 % of their annual workload and must submit an annual report on their activities.

Requirements and selection criteria

An appointee to the position of university researcher shall hold a doctoral degree and have evidence of scholarly research work as well as the teaching skills necessary for the position. The position shall also require the ability to lead a research group and obtain supplementary research funding.

An appointee to the position of postdoctoral researcher shall hold a doctoral degree (completed before beginning in the position), have the ability to conduct independent scholarly work and have the teaching skills necessary for the position.

An appointee to the position of doctoral student shall hold a second-cycle degree and have an approved research proposal as well as ability and motivation, as demonstrated in previous degree studies or otherwise, to pursue postgraduate studies and a doctoral degree according to the study plan and research proposal. If the appointee has not yet been granted the right to pursue a postgraduate degree in the field of theology, religious studies or in another field relevant to the position at the University of Helsinki, she or he must apply for this right as soon as possible.

All applicants must have good English skills. Finnish citizens must be competent in Finnish and have at least satisfactory spoken and written skills in Swedish. Foreign citizens, non-native Finnish citizens or citizens who have not been educated in Finnish or Swedish may be exempted from the requirement of Finnish and Swedish languages without a separate application.

The evaluation of applications is based on the following criteria: 1) the scientific merits and other academic qualifications in relation to the applicant's level of seniority and 2) the significance of the research proposal to the CoE's overall theme.

Instructions for an application

Applications (written in English) should include:

- a full academic CV
- a list of scientific publications
- a copy of the Degree Certificate(s)
- an abstract of the research proposal (1 p.)
- a research proposal (max 6 p.) which should contain 1) description of research project, 2) its relation to the themes and goals of the CoE, and 3) publishing plan
- a list of already received research funding
- for doctoral students a timetable (from beginning of doctoral studies to the estimated graduation)
- a suggestion of the date to begin in the position applied for
- names and contact information of 1-2 referees

The applicant's name must be included on each page of all the attachments. Applicants who come into closer consideration will be interviewed via the internet.

Appointment

The university researchers and postdoctoral researchers will be appointed to a full-time position within the Faculty of Theology for a 1-3 year period and the doctoral students for a 1-4 year period. The starting date of the contract is 1 January 2017, unless agreed otherwise. The salary for the position is dependent on qualifications and work experience in accordance with the salary system of the University of Helsinki. At the

beginning of the employment, the university researcher's monthly salary ranges from a minimum of 3400 euro up to a maximum of 5100 euro, postdoctoral researcher's salary ranges from a minimum of 2900 euro up to a maximum of 3800 euro, and the doctoral student's between 2000-3300 euro. The appointment starts with a probationary period of four months.

Please submit your application using the University of Helsinki Recruitment System via the link Apply for job. Applicants who are employees of the University of Helsinki are requested to leave their application via the SAP HR portal.

Deadline for applications is 18 September 2016.

More information:

- For the CoE in Changes in Sacred Texts and Traditions, please contact Martti Nissinen, Anneli Aejmelaeus, Juha Pakkala, or Jutta Jokiranta (firstname.lastname@helsinki.fi).

- For the CoE in Reason and Religious Recognition, please contact Risto Saarinen, or Virpi Mäkinen (firstname.lastname@helsinki.fi).

- For terms of employment, please contact HR Specialist Tiina Kärki (firstname.lastname@helsinki.fi).

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