

UNIVERSITY OF LAPLAND, Arctic Centre

Appointment description concerning the position of Research Professor of Arctic Geopolitics and Security, starting 1 August 2024 (or as agreed)

Position of Research Professor of Arctic Geopolitics and Security

The position relates to the strategic choice Global Arctic Responsibility of the University of Lapland and to the research programme Arctic Politics and Development of the Arctic Centre.

Research

The Research Professor of Arctic Geopolitics and Security investigates the connections between climate and environmental change, comprehensive security, and Arctic geopolitics particularly from the viewpoint of the research tradition of international relations. In addition to analysing complex political relations and geostrategic Arctic interests, the Professor develops new critical contributions to the evolving, multidisciplinary field of security research.

In addition to conducting research, the Professor takes part in the implementation and development of the Arctic Centre's multidisciplinary research strategy. The Professor is to assemble a field-related multidisciplinary research group and to network with researchers of the faculties of the University of Lapland, other universities, and other research organisations. Further, the Professor shall seek external funding, publish research results especially in prominent international scientific journals, and engage in societal interaction and international collaboration in the relevant field of expertise.

Teaching and student supervision

The Research Professor supervises doctoral students and provides instruction related to the field. The details of this instruction are laid down in annual work planning.

Other duties

The Professor takes part in the activities of the Arctic Centre (e.g. administration), provides statements, and attends to other research professor's duties according to general practice. Further, the Professor contributes to the activities of the Arctic Centre's researcher community, takes part in the production of contents to its scientific communication and exhibition, and gives public lectures as part of the centre's scientific communication.

Qualification requirements

The appointee to the permanent position of Research Professor is required scientific competence in the field to which the position relates (Administrative Rules of Procedure, University of Lapland, section 39).

According to section 51 of the Administrative Rules of Procedure, in the qualification assessment of candidates applying for the position of Research Professor, similar merits as in the assessment for a professorship are taken into consideration: the candidates' scientific publications as well as other research results with scientific value; teaching experience and pedagogical training; skill in creating learning materials; achievements in education; and, where

necessary, performance in a trial lecture. In the assessment, special emphasis is laid on scientific work, productivity in leading a research group, success in acquiring external funding, and demonstrable international research collaboration. If the amount of teaching in the position is not significant, less emphasis is laid on teaching merits than on professor's duties.

The candidate's other merits will also be considered.

The candidate is to provide a research plan when applying. In the selection process, special attention is paid to the quality of the plan and to the way in which the candidate's research is strategically linked to other research conducted at the Arctic Centre.

General competence requirements

An appointee to a university position must have the education, practical experience, and language skills required to successfully perform the duties of the position. These requirements are defined separately for each position before starting the appointment procedure, also considering the language requirements laid down in section 1 of the Government Decree on Universities (770/2009).

The working language at the Arctic Centre is English, which is also the teaching language. Successful performance in the position requires proficiency in spoken and written English.

Regulations concerning expert assessors' tasks

Statements on the qualifications and merits of applicants and invitees to the position must be requested before selection from a minimum of two expert assessors for an appointment that is in effect until further notice or for a fixed period of at least two years. The disqualification of an assessor is governed by the provisions in sections 27–29 of the Administrative Procedure Act (Universities Act, 558/2009, section 33).

Instructions on communication and materials

To receive the necessary information and notifications regarding the appointment procedure, the applicants must tell how they can be reached and provide an address to which the relevant notifications can be sent.

The applicants may attach to the application a maximum of ten (10) publications to be sent to the expert assessors.

Further information related to the position and appointment

The position is filled through a public application procedure. The Research Professor's salary is based on teaching and research personnel's competence levels 8–11 of the universities' salary system. In addition, the total salary includes a personal salary component amounting up to 50% of the task-specific salary component.

Appointment

The Executive Board of the Arctic Centre makes a proposal to the Rector on the person to be appointed to the position.

The Rector of the University of Lapland appoints the Research Professor to an employment relationship.