

**As a specialised university institution, the Norwegian School of Sport Sciences (NSSS) has a national responsibility for education, research and dissemination within the field of sport science. NSSS was established in 1968, and today has a staff of about 240, and 1400 students. The School has excellent facilities for teaching and research. Currently, the School is engaged in challenging R&D projects at both national and international levels in a number of sport-related areas. Further information on NSSS is available on the English site at [www.nih.no](http://www.nih.no)**

### **Associate Professor in Swimming and Lifesaving**

There is a vacancy of the post of associate professor in swimming and lifesaving at the Norwegian School of Sport Sciences. Dependent upon the successful applicant's professional profile, the post will be associated with either the Department of Physical Education and Pedagogy, or the Department of Physical Performance. Based on the activity programme of the relevant department, research will focus on training and optimal performance in the execution of swimming, or education and teaching responsibilities in water adaptation, activities and lifesaving.

The main responsibilities of the post are to:

- develop an education programme and teaching within water adaptation, swimming and lifesaving for various groups and under different circumstances
- carry out research within swimming in accordance with the department's main profile.

### **Qualifications**

The successful applicant will have a doctorate degree in sport, physiology, pedagogy or an equivalent area., and experience in teaching and instruction in swimming at university or college level.

In the event of no applicant fulfilling these requirements, consideration will be made to the appointment of a temporary position as assistant professor for up to 3 years, renewable annually. The conditions for this position are that the appointed person, in the view of the appointment committee, has the ability to acquire the necessary qualifications during this period pursuant to the Civil Servants Act §5.1.

### **Selection criteria**

In the evaluation of candidates, emphasis will be given to:

- quality, relevance and extent of academic work
- relevance and extent of teaching and counselling experience
- documented professional engagement in education and research in swimming and lifesaving
- documented experience in water sports/swimming
- other documented qualifications relevant to the post, for example popular scientific work and dissemination of knowledge
- the ability to contribute to the academic environment and teamwork skills
- personal characteristics.

## **Conditions**

Salary and terms of employment are based on state scales in category 1011, assistant professor. The appointment is subject to the terms and conditions applicable for civil servants at any given time, and implies obligatory membership in The Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund.

## **Other information**

Candidates may be invited to interview and to hold a trial lecture.

The successful applicant will be fluent in a Scandinavian language and English, both written and orally.

The Civil Service shall reflect the diversity of the Norwegian population as closely as possible. It is therefore personnel policy to achieve a balance between gender, age and ethnicity. Women and individuals with an immigrant background are encouraged to apply. In the event of applicants having similar qualifications and experience, the appointment will be made with consideration to the under-represented gender.

## **Contact persons:**

Questions regarding the above position may be addressed to:

- Head of department Gunn Engelsrud, Department of Physical Education and Pedagogy, telephone: +47 23 26 24 07
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Application may be made through our homepage [www.nih.no](http://www.nih.no). Closing date: 15 December 2008.

In addition to application registration on NSSS home page (above), within the closing date the application shall deliver **four copies** of examination certificates, testimonials and other documents relevant to the position, scientific publications and a comprehensive summary of all such documents submitted. A maximum of 10 scientific publications may be submitted. These must be numbered and delivered in four collections.

The application and supplements shall be sent to:

Norges idrettshøgskole, v/Personal- og økonomiavdelingen, Postboks 4014 Ullevål stadion, 0806 Oslo, Norway.