

As a specialised university institution, the Norwegian School of Sport Sciences (NSSS) has a national responsibility for education, research and dissemination of knowledge 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

Head of Department of Physical Performance

There is an immediate vacancy for the post of Head of Department of Physical Performance.

Together with the heads of the other four departments, the person appointed will play a key role in the School's continued development. This implies responsibility for the promotion of research and the department's portfolio, quality development in study programmes, staff training and skills, and administration of the department's resources. The departmental leaders are directly responsible to the Rector and comprise the School's professional management together with the Rector, deputy rector and administrative director.

It is expected that in addition to the above functions, the appointee will contribute to teaching and counselling, and to undertake own research.

We are looking for a person with proven abilities in long-term planning and to execute such plans. The appointee will also motivate and inspire students and staff in their professional development. We attach importance to the appointee being able to document ability to focus groups and teams on common objectives, and to build national and international networks.

The appointed person will have a doctorate degree together with research and teaching experience within fields relevant to the department's activities. In addition to leadership experience, it is also desirable with economic-administrative qualifications and/or experience. It is also a requirement that the appointee has a solid command of a Scandinavian language, both written and orally.

We can offer a challenging position in an academic environment undergoing rapid development and which is of increasing relevance in society. We have a lively working environment situated in an attractive location near the lake, Sognsvann, a short distance from Oslo centre.

The initial appointment is for a term of four years, renewable on an annual basis, with the possibility for two further extensions. The salary and employment conditions are in accordance with state scales – institute head, code 1475, salary scale range 65–95 - and imply obligatory membership in The Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund.

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.

Further information concerning this post may be addressed to:

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Closing date for applications: 15 December 2008

A comprehensive description of the post together with application forms are to be found on our homepage: www.nih.no