

PhD Fellowship in Regional Economics at the Department of Border Region Studies

The Department of Border Region Studies, at campus Sønderborg, invites applications for a PhD Fellowship in Regional Economics. The position is available from January 2010, or as soon as possible, and for a period of three years.

The fellowship is part of the development plan for the new group in Regional Economics. Research covered by the group includes 1) localisation of economic activities and the implications for regional development, 2) the importance of labour markets and human capital for the spatial economic development, 3) convergence and divergence of different geographies and the economic development of regions, 4) public finances and services and the economic importance in different geographies and 5) economic integration between different geographies. Due to the department focus on border regions, these types of regions have particular interest for research group. The research in the group is theoretical as well as empirical. The fellowship is awarded to a project with a strong focus on topics in Regional Economics using quantitative or mathematical modelling. This may both take the form of econometric models or theoretical mathematical models.

The fellowship should include an individually planned education programme within economics. The department participates in a PhD-workshop programme jointly with a number of German research institutions, which may be an ingredient in an individual education programme. It is furthermore expected that the PhD fellow stays abroad in a research environment for a period and it is a requirement that experiences in teaching and in communicating research through e.g. conferences is generated during the fellowship. It is also expected that the fellow participates in the different initiatives of the department and will be present at the department as such. The fellow will be included into the international research networks of the department.

The fellowship is relevant for master students that have strong aspirations to get a PhD-degree in regional economics. It is accordingly expected that the successful applicant has a master-degree in economics and potentially knowledge about spatial models.

A provisional project description of maximum 5 pages should be submitted as part of the application for the position. The project description should include a description of the goals of the project, discussion of relevant theory and method, and a time schedule for the 3 years. PhD research proposals will be evaluated according to research potential, quality and research orientation relative job opening.

Additional information is available from Associate Professor Torben Dall Schmidt, phone (+45) 6550 1750 - e-mail: tds@sam.sdu.dk.

Your employment as a Salaried PhD Research Fellow is regulated by the agreement of 1 October 2008 on Graduate Employees in government appendix 5 – protocol on PhD Research Fellows.

Fill in the application form available on our web page <http://www.sdu.dk/sam/phduk/> - here you can also find guidelines for preparing your project proposal within the PhD programme in Economics under Application forms for enrolment.

The University encourages all interested persons to apply, regardless of age, gender, religious affiliation or ethnic background.

Please send in 5 copies of the application including curriculum vitae, certified master degree certificate, project description and publications, if any, marked Position no. 351/523-095658, before 22 September 2009 at 12:00 noon to the University of Southern Denmark, The Faculty of Social Sciences, Campusvej 55, DK-5230 Odense, Denmark.