

# Professor in Ageing and Social Change

Skilled and committed employees are a crucial factor in the success of Linköping University. And we need more of them. Our core expertise comes from teachers and researchers, but a successful university requires experienced and motivated employees in many fields. Everyone is important. We need to recruit many new employees thanks to, among all, an expansion in our research activity. We need you here. We look forward to receiving your application! The Department of Culture and Society is devoted to education and research within the humanities, arts and social sciences. Our work is often pursued in inter- and multidisciplinary environments where language, culture and society are in focus. As a department we aspire to strengthen the position of the humanities and social sciences in society, and we view collaboration between education, research and the world around us as a prerequisite for success. The department is based in both Linköping and Norrköping.

## LINKÖPING UNIVERSITY

hereby advertises a position as

Professor in Ageing and Social Change

formally based at at the Department of Culture and Society

### Appointment programme

Ageing and Social Change (ASC) is an international, creative and open research environment characterised by responsibility, productivity and expertise. Research at ASC aims to integrate analysis of changing societies in Sweden and Europe with studies of individual ageing processes within the theoretical framework of life course research. Issues of ageing and social change are understood and analysed with respect to structural and institutional shifts in terms of changes in work, social networks, everyday life and health of older people with a focus on new social conditions and technological prerequisites. Researchers with backgrounds in sociology, (social) psychology, gerontology, economy, methodology, media and communication sciences, journalism, anthropology, social policy and other scientific fields work in ASC's interdisciplinary research environment. The position as professor at ASC is located at Campus Norrköping.

The holder of the professorship at ASC will conduct research on ageing, the life course and social change from an interdisciplinary perspective with a focus on the social sciences. They are expected to engage in the long-term development of ASC, by driving the progress of the division as well as the further advancement of the research environment in collaboration with various stakeholders inside and outside academia. The holder will develop the academic profile of the professorship within the framework of ageing and social change in cooperation with other researchers at ASC. This includes contributing to strengthening interdisciplinary collaboration both in Sweden and abroad. The primary responsibility of the professor will be to conduct research and research education, but the holder is also to participate in teaching at basic and advanced levels, coordinating research projects, and contributing to academic administration linked to research and education.

Requirements for the employment are:

- Documented expertise in interdisciplinary, internationally competitive research on ageing, the life course, and social change with a social science focus and relevance to Swedish and European politics. Key thematic areas are basic and policy-oriented research on ageing, the life course and social change, ageing policies, inequality and social exclusion. The successful candidate shall have conducted empirical and conceptual research, from planning, to development and implementation in one or several of the following areas: sociology, public health, economics, political science, social policy, demographics, and gerontology.
- Documented expertise in obtaining Swedish and international research grants.
- Documented expertise in the publication of research in academic journals and at prestigious Swedish and international conferences, participation in scientific and policy networks and other contexts relevant to policy development.
- Documented expertise in communicating and disseminating socially relevant and politically relevant research.
- Documented expertise in developing international collaboration and establishing an international perspective, either Nordic, European, pan-European or global.
- Documented expertise in the research methods used in the social sciences, and an extensive background in methodology.
- Documented expertise in using advanced quantitative research methods in ageing, the life course, and social change.
- Documented teaching expertise in one or several of the following fields: sociology, public health, economics, political science, social policy, demographics, and gerontology.

The following are of particular merit for the post:

- Documented expertise with respect to both conceptual and empirical international comparisons.
- Documented expertise in integrating quantitative research as an element of mixed-methods approaches.
- Documented expertise in applying longitudinal studies in individual level, multilevel- and macrolevel-analyses, combined with excellent skills in relevant statistical analysis software.
- Documented expertise in working within the framework of international consortia.

As the duties of this position are carried out in English, it is a requirement that the successful applicant has excellent command of English, both oral and written. Good cooperation skills are a requirement for the position.

**Qualifications**

An applicant who has demonstrated both academic and teaching skills shall be qualified for this appointment.

**Grounds for assessment**

As grounds for assessment when appointing a professor, the level of proficiency required to qualify for the appointment shall apply.

As much attention shall be given to the assessment of teaching proficiency as to the assessment of scientific proficiency.

For this position special weight is given to scholarly proficiency, followed by teaching proficiency, in turn followed by remaining proficiencies which should be considered equally.

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