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Description of Position – Professor II/Associate Professor (20 % position) of Medicine (Neurology) at the Institute of Clinical Medicine (combined with a full time Senior Consultant position at Oslo University Hospital).

The Department's research activity is organized in research groups with extensive research projects within movement disorders, epilepsy, stroke and diseases of the brain's blood supply, multiple sclerosis and other inflammatory diseases of the nervous system, headaches and disorders of the neck and back, painful diseases of the peripheral nerves, genetics and neuroimmunology. Applicants should have significant experience in clinical and/or basic neurological research related to one or more of the main fields of research in the Department.

It is expected that the successful candidate will develop a strong research network within the Department and the Institution, both nationally and internationally, and be able to obtain research funding from external sources. Applicants should have the ability to create an attractive and stimulating academic environment within the Department, as well as the ability to attract PhD students and Postdocs.

The main position and the part time position are combined. It is a requisition that the position holder has both positions. If the main position is left, the part-time position must also be vacated. If one is granted leave from the main position, the question of whether the part-time position can be held will be evaluated by the Head of Institute.

According to the regulations at the Faculty of Medicine, the person appointed will lead and initiate research, supervise researchers, participate in teaching students and research fellows and undertake duties in connection with examinations, as well as undertaking administrative tasks as required by the prevailing regulations. The faculty is responsible for teaching (including conducting examinations) for the programmes of professional study in medicine/dentistry and the faculty's bachelor and master's degree programmes. The faculty is also responsible for providing organized research training. The professorial duties include teaching these groups, including non subject specific supervision tasks, such as PBL-groups (Problem Based Learning) in accordance with the current needs of the faculty, within by the guidelines for working hours in professorial positions. The person appointed is expected to participate in assessment committees for PhD theses, assessment committees regarding appointments and competence promotions, and to take the role as Acting Dean in disputations.

Applicants must hold an MD, be certified neurologist and have sufficient experience in clinical neurology to teach medical students within this field of medicine.

High ambitions and quality of teaching, research and communications is expected.

The successful applicant will have a plan for development of her/his research, and for acquiring externally funded research projects. High quality of research, and publishing in peer-reviewed international journals is expected. The applicant is asked to describe his/her research profile, with respect to strategic plans and existing research at the Institute/Department.

Within 6 months after appointment the successful candidate must provide a 3-year plan for future research in line with the Institute's/Department's strategic priorities. The plan is to be presented for the Head of Department.

Strong interpersonal skills and the ability to create an attractive research environment will be emphasised. Active collaboration, also interdisciplinary and internationally is expected.

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The basis for the assessment of the applicant will include the education and training, scientific production and quality, professional and academic experience, teaching experience and qualifications as well as the documented experience in administration and management. As part of the ranking of qualified applicants, the full scope of these qualifications will be explicitly assessed. Particular weight will be attached to qualifications that are central to the job description. Educational and scientific qualifications will carry more weight than other qualifications. Originality and innovation will be given priority before volume, and recent publications will be weighted higher than older.

In the final review and recommendation, emphasis will be laid on skills related to the job description, the evaluation done by the assessment committee, evaluation of personal suitability for the position based on interviews and references obtained, pedagogical qualifications and ability to disseminate scientific knowledge, plans for further research and ambitions for his/her teaching.

Applicants, who at the time of appointment cannot provide documentary evidence of basic teaching competence, must acquire such competence in the course of a period of two years.

Applicants who are not competent in Norwegian, Swedish or Danish must acquire such competence within two years subsequent to their appointment, and must be competent in English in the interim period.

As a main rule, interviews will be held, and references collected. Applicants may also be required to give a trial lecture.

The University of Oslo wishes to appoint more women to permanent academic positions. The University also wishes to appoint more people from ethnic minorities to permanent academic positions. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

The University of Oslo has an intellectual property agreement that applies to all employees, with the aim of securing rights to research results etc.

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Signature: Dag Kvale
Head of institute