

The University of Akureyri advertises a vacancy for a 100% position of assistant, associate or full professor in Occupational Therapy at the School of Health Sciences

The University of Akureyri is looking for a specialist in occupational therapy, preferably within the field of physical or cognitive rehabilitation. Applicants must be a registered occupational therapist and hold a doctoral degree awarded by a recognized university within WOFOT. **The position is available from August 1st, 2018.**

The term of office is five years and after that the candidate can request a permanent position, according to Regulations no. 258/2016 on the Work of the Evaluation Committee and Hiring of Faculty at the University of Akureyri. Should the successful candidate be considered qualified as associate professor or full professor by the Evaluation Committee, a promotion can be considered on employment.

The main responsibilities are teaching and conducting research in the field of occupational therapy and health sciences and participation in management. The immediate supervisor is the Head of the Faculty of Occupational Therapy. The job location is in Akureyri, Iceland.

The Faculty of Occupational Therapy has nine faculty members and around 90 students. The faculty offers a new undergraduate program of 180 ECTS in occupational therapy science with a complete new curriculum which started in the autumn 2017. The faculty also offers the option of studying an additional one year at a master's level which emphasizes clinical studies for OT licence. The entire OT program is taught in a form of blended learning in which the teaching and learning resources are distributed across a range of media types and communication styles. The School of Health Sciences also offers research-based graduate studies.

The Faculty of Occupational Therapy is part of the School of Health Sciences together with Faculty of Nursing and Faculty of Graduate studies. Faculty members are around 30 and a total number of students around 400.

Required education and qualifications:

- The applicant shall possess knowledge and experience corresponding to international criteria for the title in question in the relevant academic discipline, as confirmed by the opinion of the evaluation committee or by a doctoral degree in Occupational therapy, Social Sciences and/or Health Sciences awarded by a recognized higher education institution. The focus of the degree should be on Occupational Therapy.
- Teaching experience at university level and research experience are essential.
- The applicant shall demonstrate his/her teaching and research competence in the field of Occupational therapy, preferably in one of the specialities mentioned above.
- Good social skills and organisational competences are required.

- It is essential that the candidate is able to teach in English and basic knowledge of Icelandic is desirable.
- In evaluating applications it will be considered to what extent the candidate fulfils the needs of the Faculty of Occupational Therapy and the School of Health Sciences.

The application shall be accompanied by the following documentation:

- A detailed account of the applicant's education and professional career, scientific work, and teaching experience.
- Confirmed copies of all appropriate diplomas.
- Letters of reference concerning the applicant's teaching and management related work, as appropriate.
- Three reference persons shall be designated, one of whom should preferably be the applicant's immediate supervisor in the present or earlier employment.
- The scientific publications considered by the applicant to be his/her best works (up to three publications). If a publication has more than one author, the applicant shall describe his/her contribution to the work.
- The applicant shall present his/her research plans.

Salaries are according to the collective agreement between the Union of University Teachers in Akureyri (FHA) and the Minister of Finance.

The deadline for applications is March 1st 2018. Applications and additional documents shall be sent electronically to the Rector's office at starfsumsokn@unak.is. A standardized application form is not used.

The handling of applications, assessment of the applicant's qualifications, and appointment to the position are in accordance with the provisions of the Act on Public Higher Education Institutions, no. 85/2008, the Regulations for the University of Akureyri no. 387/2009 and the Regulations on the Work of the Evaluation Committee and Hiring of Faculty at the University of Akureyri. Incomplete applications will be rejected. The University of Akureyri asserts its right to reject all applications. All applications will be responded to, when a decision on appointment has been taken.

Detailed information will be given by Eydís Kristín Sveinbjarnardóttir, Dean of the School of Health Sciences, e-mail eydis@unak.is and Olga Ásrún Stefánsdóttir, Head of Faculty of Occupational Therapy, e-mail olgastef@unak.is.

The University of Akureyri promotes gender equality and encourages applications from women as well as men for open positions.

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