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### Professor in Ageing and Social Change

Norrköping

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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 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.

In addition to interdisciplinary research, ASC offers a PhD programme with a focus on key social, political and cultural issues of ageing. The research environment contributes also to the dissemination of knowledge about individual ageing and demographic change in Sweden and Europe. Ageing, the life course and social change are the basis of ASC's social science research within the framework of ageing, social inequality, inclusion and exclusion, health and disease, and social contexts. In addition, ASC runs an ambitious and innovative Master's programme in Ageing and Social Change. This programme is unique in its kind, providing students with knowledge of the conditions and the results of individual and population ageing, which is one of the most prominent trends of our time.

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.

Scholarly proficiency is demonstrated through original research resulting in publication, through planning and managing research and third-cycle courses and study programmes

and through the ability to obtain research grants. Scholarly proficiency can also be demonstrated through the ability to achieve results in research through collaboration with other teachers and through the ability to provide information about research.

Teaching proficiency is demonstrated through the ability to convey relevant knowledge and skills, to stimulate students such that they drive their own learning process, to create engagement and interest in the subject area, and the ability to structure and organise both the content and forms of work in relation to the goals of the subject area. In addition, the teaching proficiency must have been demonstrated through the ability to contribute to the development and renewal of education and the ability to reflect on their own attitude to education and the results of their work.

Administrative proficiency and leadership must have been demonstrated through the ability to plan, organise and develop activities and personnel.

Collaboration with society is an integral part of the research and educational mission of the higher education institution, where the ability to use collaboration with society as a means to raise the quality of the education and research, its relevance, dissemination, accessibility and application may constitute grounds for assessment.

Collaboration within research is demonstrated by the ability to disseminate, make accessible and benefit from research through the production and dissemination of popular scientific material, collaborative projects with external non-academic actors, commissioned consulting as expert, mobility projects, commercialisation, and activities undertaken within the framework of permitted secondary employment.

The applicant should be able to teach in English and it is desirable that the successful candidate with another mother tongue than Swedish should be able to teach in Swedish within two years from being appointed.

### **Appointment procedure**

The position will be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor of the University on the advice of the Appointments Board. A letter of intent will be required of the applicants who make the short list for the position.

### **Starting date**

October 1, 2023, or by agreement

### **Salary**

The university applies individual salary scales based on the experience of the employee and the labour market.

### **Union representatives**

Information about union representatives, see [Help for applicants](#).

### **Application procedure**

Apply for the position by clicking the “Apply” button below. Your application must be received no later than 25 January 2023.

Applications and documents received after the date above will not be considered.

Please attach your selected research publications electronically, in pdf or word format, in the application template. Research publications, e.g., monographs, which cannot be sent electronically should be sent in three parts by mail to the University Registrar at Linköping

electronically should be sent in three sets by mail to the University Registrar at Linköping University, University Registrar, S-581 83 Linköping, Sweden. The publications must be received by Linköping University no later than the deadline for application.

Please note that printed publications will not be returned. They will be archived at Linköping University.

In the event of a discrepancy between the English translation of the job announcement and the Swedish original, the Swedish version shall take precedent.

We welcome applicants with different backgrounds, experiences and perspectives - diversity enriches our work and helps us grow. Preserving everybody's equal value, rights and opportunities is a natural part of who we are. Read more about our work with: [Equal opportunities](#).

We look forward to receiving your application!

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