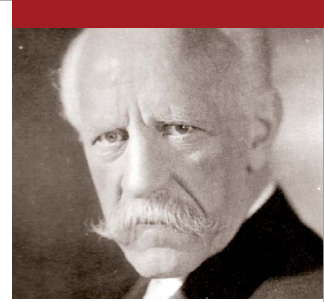


NANSEN VISITING PROFESSORSHIP IN ARCTIC STUDIES



The Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Iceland and Norway signed a Memorandum of Understanding in Akureyri in September 2011 which includes the establishment of a Nansen Professorship in Arctic studies at the University of Akureyri, named after the Norwegian polar scientist Fridtjof Nansen.

The post of visiting professorship in Arctic studies at the University of Akureyri is available for application. It is awarded each year for a twelve months period to a leading scientist working with issues that bear on the legal, economic, social and natural circumstances in the Arctic. Application deadline is **15th of August 2012**. Formal period of employment starts 1st of October 2012; exact timing will be subject to negotiations.

Qualifications for a successful candidate will include:

- A PhD (or equivalent experience) with a strong academic background in Arctic studies relevant to legal issues as well as sustainable human development in the Arctic regions.
- Experience in working across disciplines with complex human-environmental-social issues.
- Research experience relating to the Arctic.
- Participation in international research networks as well as a proven ability to obtain research grants.
- Strong communicative and social/interpersonal skills.

Primary responsibilities will be:

- to contribute to the research, teaching and further development of relevant programs at the University of Akureyri
- to work closely with other researchers in furthering the Arctic research and teaching milieu at the University of Akureyri and contribute to the development of the University of the Arctic
- to give public lectures on Arctic issues in local, national and international fora and to participate in the contemporary debate on changes in the Arctic

The level of compensation will be in line with the prevailing salaries for professors at Icelandic state universities. Further information about the post and the application process can be obtained from the University of Akureyri website <http://english.unak.is/about/page/vacancies>