

PhD Studentship

‘Spatial distribution of cod on the Faroe Plateau in relation to climate and other environmental conditions’

at the University of the Faroe Islands, Torshavn

*within the Nordic Centre for Research on Marine Ecosystems and Resources under
Climate Change (NorMER)—A Nordic Centre of Excellence*

The Faculty of Natural and Health Sciences at the University of the Faroe Islands offer a PhD studentship as part of NorMER (www.normer.org), a Nordic Centre of Excellence funded by Nordforsk (see below). The studentship will focus on the temporal changes of the spatial distribution of cod on the Faroe Shelf and its effect on the recruitment of cod. This will be done using data from bottom surveys and commercial fishing combined with food availability and hydrographical, nutrient and plankton data collected for the area over time. A more comprehensive description of the project can be read [here](#).

The project will be based at the University of the Faroe Islands and on the Faroe Marine Research Institute. The student will spend three months at the University of Iceland in Reykjavik and three months at the University of Oslo, Norway.

This three year studentship will commence on the **1st August 2012** (or as soon as possible thereafter). The annual salary will be 392 000 DKK. The studentship will also include a generous travel allowance which will enable the student to benefit from regular training, cross-disciplinary collaboration and networking opportunities with other students and scientists in Iceland, NorMER and the international scientific community.

The applicant should possess a solid background in one or more of the following: biological oceanography, marine ecology, ecosystem modelling, application of hydrodynamic models, and statistics, as well as good English skills and experience in scientific writing. The candidate should hold an MSc degree, preferable in the selected subject.

The deadline for application is **30th March 2012** and should contain: a cover letter including a statement of interest summarizing the applicant’s scientific background and interests and describing how she/he fits the requirements for the position, full curriculum vitae, official transcripts for academic degrees, copies of relevant published papers, and a minimum of two reference letters. The application, written in English, should be sent to University of the Faroe Islands by e-mail (setur@setur.fo), or alternatively to: University of the Faroe Islands, Central Administration, J. C. Svabos gøta 14, FO 100 Tórshavn, Faroe Islands.

For questions about the project, please contact to Eyðfinn Magnussen by e-mail (eydfinnm@setur.fo)



8 PhD- and 2 Postdoc positions are now available at *The Nordic Centre for Research on Marine Ecosystems and Resources under Climate Change (NorMER)* – A Nordic Centre of Excellence.

NorMER (www.normer.org) is a Nordic Centre of Excellence funded by Nordforsk, on behalf of the Top-Level Research Initiative (TRI), which consists of 45 researchers from 10 research units situated within all of the Nordic territories: Norway, Sweden, Finland, Åland, Denmark, Faroes, Greenland and Iceland. This collaborative project combines the expertise of internationally recognized research teams to implement a multidisciplinary research strategy to explore the biological, economic, and societal consequences of global climate change on fisheries resources in the Nordic region, with a primary focus on the Atlantic cod. NorMER will achieve this through a unique program of primary research, for which the members will collaborate in training PhD students and Postdocs through joint projects, workshops, meetings, and activities that integrate biology, economics, industry and policy.

These positions are now simultaneously announced locally at their respective institutions: <http://www.vacancies.normer.org/>. We encourage all candidates to **apply for more than one position**, if possible. For questions about the network, please contact: normer-post@bio.uio.no

Research areas: Ecology, Evolutionary biology and Economy

Announcement date: 17th February 2012
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Starting date: 1st August 2012

