

Call for applications - Excellent Teaching Practitioner (ETP)/ Fremragende Underviser (Fund)

As part of the quality work at the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Science at the University of Bergen (MN-UiB), a merit system for teaching was introduced in 2016 (5 year trail program), which provides the pedagogical competence degree/title Excellent Teaching Practitioner. As part of the bioCEED network, UNIS has joined the ETP-system at UiB in 2017.

Teachers at UNIS are hereby invited to apply for the title of *Excellent Teaching Practitioner* (ETP)/Fremragende Underviser (Fund) and have their teaching competence assessed together with teachers from UiB. The ETP status is granted based upon proven merit and commitment to teaching and educational excellence. Successful applicants will be awarded with a membership in the Faculty's Pedagogical Academy and a permanent salary rise for the individual teacher. It is emphasized that the ETP is independent of other academic promotion schemes and that the title ETP can only be awarded to people who develop their teaching competences systematically and over time to a level that is significantly higher than the required basic competence at Universities.

The status as Excellent Teacher Practitioner is awarded on the basis of an application/ teaching portfolio and a subsequent assessment and interview by an evaluation committee. The committee includes both pedagogical and disciplinary expertise. The evaluation process includes the assessment of a teaching portfolio with documentation and an interview. In the application and attached documentation the applicant must describe, analyze, discuss and document systematic and targeted work to enhance educational quality focusing on [four main criteria](#) based on the principles behind the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning.

Teachers awarded the status of ETP at UNIS are expected to contribute to a collegial teaching culture, based on the principles of the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL). Teachers awarded the status of ETP at UNIS will receive a membership at the MN-Faculty's Pedagogical Academy, which mandate is to facilitate these collegial responsibilities, spread-of-best-practice and further educational development.

Applications may be submitted at any time throughout the year, with the deadline for application submission the 1th October 2018. Evaluation of applications will take place in October –December 2018. UNIS will offer follow-up for educators who wish to apply for evaluation, including a portfolio workshop at UNIS in June 2018.

Criteria and details about the application's content and assessment are attached. Applications are sent to the archive manager at UNIS; post@unis.no. For easy distribution of the announcement, all relevant documents are available on the UNIS web: <https://www.unis.no/resources/educational-quality-teaching-learning/merit-system-for-teaching-at-unis/>

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