

Director of the KTH Environmental Humanities Laboratory

The Division of History of Science, Technology and Environment seeks a director for the newly established KTH Environmental Humanities Laboratory.

KTH in Stockholm is the largest and oldest technical university in Sweden. No less than one-third of Sweden's technical research and engineering education capacity at university level is provided by KTH. Education and research spans from natural sciences to all branches of engineering and includes architecture, industrial management and urban planning. There are a total of just over 15,000 first and second level students and more than 1,600 doctoral students. KTH has almost 4,300 employees.

The School of Architecture and built environment focuses on future of our societies, on how our cities, buildings and infrastructure should be designed. We study growth, technology and environment, as well as ethical considerations and risks. Our curriculum and our research are based on several academic disciplines: engineering and the technical sciences, the humanities, and the social sciences.

The Division of History of Science, Technology and Environment is part of the Department of Philosophy and History of Technology at the School of Architecture and the Built Environment, one of ten schools at the Royal Institute of Technology in central Stockholm. The Division is research focused with some teaching on the level of bachelor and master. The PhD programme, founded in 1992, has on average a dozen active students enrolled. Including faculty, visiting researchers and PhD students the total number of academic staff is 25.

The KTH Environmental Humanities Laboratory has been newly created, based on a private donation and matching KTH funds. The overarching goal is to create a post-disciplinary environment in which teaching, research and PhD education are integrated to modernize and develop the humanities for sustainable development.

The position as director is a two-year position with the possibility of prolongation. A major task during the initial build-up phase of the Laboratory is to lead and coordinate organization of research activities and projects and in building links with strategically important partners – institutes, departments, etcetera – internationally, but also within Sweden. The work also entails organizing conferences and workshops, communicating externally and writing grant applications and proposals to secure third-party funding for new projects and programs. The position includes independent research time within the Laboratory's general field of interest. Teaching could also be possible. The director will work closely with the Head of Division and other senior faculty.

The candidate must hold a PhD or equivalent and have demonstrable research experience in history of science, technology or the environment or in another relevant environmental humanities field.

To apply, please send your cover letter, CV and a 2-page declaration of what you would want to achieve if granted the position. Please, also include names of three persons whom we could contact for references.

See further

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