PhD student in Hydrology, focus on Coupled Processes in Fractured Rocks

Uppsala University, Department of Earth Sciences

Are you interested in working within hydrology research, with the support of competent and friendly colleagues in an international environment? Are you looking for an employer that invests in sustainable employeeship and offers safe, favourable working conditions? We welcome you to apply for a PhD student at Uppsala University.

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Duties

This 4-year PhD project will have a focus on developing an advanced three-dimensional numerical model for simulating coupled hydro-mechanical processes in fractured and/or porous geological media (including heterogeneous bedrocks, soil layers, and fault zones). The simulation tool will be applied to model and predict groundwater drawdown and land subsidence during underground construction in dense urban areas. The model will be validated and calibrated against extensive measurement data available from a major ongoing underground construction project in Sweden. In addition to working at Uppsala University, the PhD candidate will have an opportunity to interact closely with the infrastructure industry.

Requirements

To meet the entry requirements for doctoral studies, you must

- hold a Master's (second-cycle) degree in rock mechanics, hydrogeology, earth sciences, geotechnical engineering, petroleum engineering, or
- have completed at least 240 credits in higher education, with at least 60 credits at Master's level including an independent project worth at least 15 credits, or
- have acquired substantially equivalent knowledge in some other way.

Additional qualifications

The successful candidate should have a solid base in mathematics, mechanics and physics as well as knowledge of computer simulations and scientific programming. Previous experience in numerical, mathematical modelling is a merit.

The application should include a cover letter of max 2 pages, shortly describing your personal motivation for applying for this PhD position and how you see your role in contributing to the project, as well as your relevant skills, qualifications and research interests. The application should also include a CV, copies of relevant exams, degrees and grades, MSc thesis and other relevant documents, including contact details of two referees.

Rules governing PhD students are set out in the Higher Education Ordinance chapter 5, §§ 1-7 and in Uppsala University's rules and guidelines.

About the employment

The employment is a temporary position according to the Higher Education Ordinance chapter 5 § 7. Scope of employment 100 %. Starting date 01-04-2024 or as agreed. Placement: Uppsala

For further information about the position, please contact: Qinghua Lei, qinghua.lei@geo.uu.se

Please submit your application by 1 of December 2023, UFV-PA 2023/4129.

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Submit your application through Uppsala University's recruitment system.

Type of employment Temporary position

Contract type Full time

First day of employment 01-04-2024 or as agreed

Salary Fixed salary

Number of positions1Full-time equivalent100%CityUppsalaCountyUppsala länCountrySweden

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