

## **Open position for a PhD student at Nasiffik – Center of Foreign- and Security Policy at Ilisimatusarfik/University of Greenland**

### **PhD Position within the project: *"Greenland's Alliance Dilemma Amidst Great Power Struggles - A Comparison with Arctic and Non-Arctic States and Regions"***

The project investigates the interplay between Greenland's economic ambitions and security needs amidst growing Great Power competition in the Arctic. As Greenland navigates its relationships with major powers like the United States, Russia and China, the project looks to examine the alliance dilemma that arises from differing economic and security interests. This multidisciplinary work will analyze the ambitions of Arctic and non-Arctic states in Greenland with international relations (IR) and political economy perspective. A comparative analysis with the Åland Islands, Faroe Islands and Iceland will help us understand similar challenges, aiming to draw valuable lessons applicable to Greenland's development. The project team consists of both senior and early career researchers from Greenland, Denmark and the Faroe Islands.

We are seeking a PhD student who can link their project to the overall theme. While not a requirement, we prefer a PhD student whose research aligns with the main theme of the project within the field of international political economy (IPE). We are also open to other IR perspectives. Theoretically, methodologically and philosophically the project will be driven by the PhD student's own choice. This three-year scholarship is expected to begin in Spring 2025, or at a mutually agreed date. The candidate is required to reside in Nuuk, Greenland, for the duration of the PhD project.

Nasiffik – Center of Foreign- and Security Policy is a small research center at the Institute of Social Science, Economics and Journalism at Ilisimatusarfik/University of Greenland. The center is, however, growing, and we have about six people to date. We are dealing with foreign- and security policy in a broad manner and the above-mentioned project is part of this endeavor.

#### **Tasks:**

- Individually writing a PhD-dissertation with supervision and co-supervision of senior researchers within the project team.
- Participation in PhD courses of 30 ECTS
- Teaching and other forms of research communication
- Participation within Nasiffik's activities and other research activities at Ilisimatusarfik/University of Greenland
- Research exchange to another research institution abroad

#### **Qualifications:**

- Master's degree within a relevant field
- Have knowledge about Greenland and/or the Arctic
- Have knowledge about foreign- and security policy
- Have good communication skills
- Have good language skills. English should be mastered at a high academic level. Preferably, we also see that the candidate has good knowledge in Danish or another Scandinavian language and/or Greenlandic would be an advantage, but not a requirement.
- Have the qualifications for being enrolled at the PhD-school at Ilisimatusarfik/University of Greenland (see <https://da.uni.gl/media/bg2pm1ap/phd-retningslinjer-220120.pdf>)

#### **Application:**

The application should include the following:

- Letter of application/motivation
- CV
- Transcripts of exams (BA- and MA-level)
- Research proposal (max. 7 pages)
- Budget
- List of publications or other relevant outreach of research communication

The application should be submitted to the following e-mail address: [personale@uni.gl](mailto:personale@uni.gl)

After the application **deadline 31 January 2025**, an assessment committee at Ilisimatusarfik/University of Greenland will review the submissions in accordance with the university's regulations. Further information will follow regarding the assessment process.

***About Ilisimatusarfik/University of Greenland:***

*Ilisimatusarfik/University of Greenland was established in 1987 and has about 13 different educational programs including some diploma- and MA-degrees. Ilisimatusarfik/University of Greenland is a small university with about 700 students and consists of four institutes:*

- *Institute of Social Science, Economics and Journalism*
- *Institute of Social History, Culture and Language*
- *Institute of Learning*
- *Institute of Nature and Health*

**Salary and employment conditions:**

Salary and employment conditions, including the right to move to and from Greenland, follow the current agreements between the Government of Greenland and the partner of the negotiations/organization.

**Housing policy:**

Housing is not provided in this position. However, candidates currently employed by the Self-Government of Greenland may transfer their existing government-provided housing to the new role, as housing is tied to the employment agreement.

**Contact/information:**

If you have any questions about the project, please contact PI for the project: Professor Maria Ackrén, e-mail: [maac@uni.gl](mailto:maac@uni.gl) or phone: +299-293523 (Mobile).

If you would like to get acquainted with Ilisimatusarfik/University of Greenland, please have a look at our webpage, [www.uni.gl](http://www.uni.gl)