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Faculty of Law

PhD Fellow in Law affiliated with the Changing Arctic Research School

Changing Arctic Research School

UiT the Arctic University of Norway kick-started a transdisciplinary research school "Changing Arctic" in August 2022, with PhD candidates and supervisors from all seven university faculties. The research school has a focus on renewable energy, food security, health and welfare. "Changing Arctic" will collaborate with actors in private and public sector. The research outcomes will contribute to resilience and transformation in the Arctic and will thus operationalize Sustainable Development Goals.

The training will provide PhD candidates with knowledge, professional and transferable skills, and general competences that enable them to contribute to innovative and sustainable solutions for the Arctic. The research school arranges courses, seminars, workshops, and excursions, and organises secondments in private enterprises, NGOs, and public institutions. This is to ensure the relevance of project outcomes and enhance the employability of the PhD graduates. Read more about the research school [Changing Arctic | UiT](#).

The position

The Faculty of Law has a position vacant for applicants who wish to obtain the degree of Philosophiae Doctor (PhD). The position is affiliated with the Changing Arctic Research School.

The position is for a period of four years. The nominal length of the PhD programme is three years. The fourth year is distributed as 25 % each year and will consist of teaching and other duties. The objective of the position is to complete research training to the level of a doctoral degree. Admission to the PhD programme is a prerequisite for employment, and the programme period starts on commencement of the position. Information about the application process for admission to the PhD programme, application form and PhD regulations can be found [here](#). Application for admission must be attached to the application for the position.

The Faculty of Law has about 950 law students, 25 PhD students, 35 members of the academic staff and 16 members of the administrative staff. The Faculty may award the degrees of Master and PhD in Law as well as the degrees of Master of Laws (LL.M.) in the Law of the Sea and Joint Nordic Master's Programme in Environmental Law. For more information about the faculty, see our website [The Faculty of Law](#).

The workplace is at UiT in Tromsø. You must be able to start in the position within a reasonable time after receiving the offer. The Research School starts on the 1st of September 2024.

The project/position's field of research

Despite the candidate is a member of the research school, they will be employed at the Faculty of Law.

The project's field of research will be climate change and human rights. The project may examine connections between these fields, both substantively and procedurally. Questions that may be raised include the scope of the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment, whether measures to combat climate change may conflict with (other) human rights, and the litigation of climate change claims in national and international courts, especially in a human rights context. The project may draw on perspectives from other disciplines including social and natural sciences. Sectors for secondments may include the energy sector or NGOs or public sector institutions dealing with human rights and/or environmental issues. Supervisors will be allocated based on the student's preferences and the supervisors' suitability for the project and availability.

Contact

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Qualifications

The successful applicants must fulfill the requirements for admission to the Faculty's PhD programme. Information about requirements is available [here](#).

The applicants must have a five years Master's degree in Law or Cand. jur. with good grades. The Faculty may accept equivalent education in law from foreign universities.

The position also requires:

- Documented fluency in English. Nordic applicants can document their English capabilities by attaching their high school diploma.
- That the applicant understands Norwegian or a Scandinavian language or commits himself/herself to participate in the Norwegian Language Courses held by the UiT at the outset of the employment.

It is considered an advantage if you have:

- Working experience in the field in question.
- Experience from working in a team.
- Publications and/or reports.

Qualification with a master's degree is required before commencement in the position. If you are near completion of your master's degree, you may still apply and submit a draft version of the thesis and a statement from your supervisor or institution indicating when the degree will be obtained. You must still submit your transcripts for the master's degree with your application.

In the assessment, the emphasis is on the applicant's potential to complete a research education based on the master's thesis or equivalent, and any other scientific work. The project description will also be considered. In addition, other experience of significance for the completion of the doctoral programme may be given consideration.

Emphasis will be put on the candidates potential for research, motivation and personal suitability for the position.

As many as possible should have the opportunity to undertake organized research training. If you already hold a PhD or have equivalent competence, we will not appoint you to this position.

Inclusion and diversity

UiT The Arctic University of Norway is working actively to promote equality, gender balance and diversity among employees and students, and to create an inclusive and safe working environment. We believe that inclusion and diversity are a strength, and we want employees with different competencies, professional experience, life experience and perspectives.

If you have a disability, a gap in your CV or immigrant background, we encourage you to tick the box for this in your application. If there are qualified applicants, we invite at least one in each group for an interview. If you get the job, we will adapt the working conditions if you need it. Apart from selecting the right candidates, we will only use the information for anonymous statistics.

We offer

- Involvement in an interesting research project in a transdisciplinary research school
- A good and interdisciplinary academic environment with dedicated colleagues
- Good career opportunities, and high employability after successful graduation
- A stunning Arctic landscape and diversity of outdoor activities
- Flexible working hours and a state collective pay agreement
- Pension scheme through the state pension fund

Norwegian health policy aims to ensure that everyone, irrespective of their personal finances and where they live, has access to good health and care services of equal standard. As an employee you will become member of the National Insurance Scheme which also include health care services.

More practical information about working and living in Norway can be found here: <https://uit.no/staffmobility>.

You can find more information about taking a PhD at the Arctic University of Norway in the [PhD-guide from Tromsø Doctoral Students \(TODOS\)](#).

Application

Your application must include:

- Cover letter explaining your motivation and research interests
- CV
- Diploma for bachelor's and master's degree
- Transcript of grades/academic record for bachelor's and master's degree
- Explanation of the grading system for foreign education (Diploma Supplement if available)

- Documentation of [English proficiency](#)
- References with contact information
- Master's thesis, and any other academic works
- Project description (max. 4 pages)
- [Application for admission](#)

The applicants must present a description outlining the academic basis of the PhD project. The project description shall not exceed 4 pages, literature references included. It must include a description of the theme, research question(s), and a reasoning of the choices. It should also indicate the methodologies to be used, and what actors outside the academia to involve. The final project description will be developed in cooperation with the supervision team after employment.

All documentation to be considered must be in a Scandinavian language or English. Diplomas and transcripts must also be submitted in the original language, if not in English or Scandinavian. We only accept applications and documentation sent via Jobbnorge within the application deadline.

If you have larger academic works that are submitted via link and should be assessed by the evaluation committee, we request that this is explicitly mentioned in the application.

General information

The appointment is made in accordance with State regulations and guidelines at UiT. At our website, you will find more [information for applicants](#).

A shorter period of appointment may be decided when the PhD Fellow has already completed parts of their research training programme or when the appointment is based on a previous qualifying position PhD Fellow, research assistant, or the like in such a way that the total time used for research training amounts to three years.

Remuneration for the position of PhD Fellow is in accordance with the State salary scale code 1017. A compulsory contribution of 2 % to the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund will be deducted. You will become a member of the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund, which gives you many benefits in addition to a lifelong pension: You may be entitled to financial support if you become ill or disabled, you become insured against occupational injury or occupational disease, and you can get good terms on a mortgage. Read more about your employee benefits at: [spk.no](#).

We process personal data given in an application or CV in accordance with the Personal Data Act (Offentleglova). According to the Personal Data Act information about the applicant may be included in the public applicant list, also in cases where the applicant has requested non-disclosure. You will receive advance notification in the event of such publication, if you have requested non-disclosure.

Eallju - Developing the High North

UiT The Arctic University of Norway is a multi-campus comprehensive university at the international forefront. Our vision is to be a driving force for developing the High North. The Northern Sami notion eallju, which means eagerness to work, sets the tone for this motive power at UiT. Along with students, staff and the wider community, we aim to utilise our location in Northern Norway and Sápmi, our broad and diverse research and study portfolio and interdisciplinary advantage to shape the future.

Our social mission is to provide research-based education of high quality, perform artistic development and carry out research of the highest international quality standards in the entire range from basic to applied. We will convey knowledge about disciplines and contribute to innovation. Our social mission unites UiT across various studies, research fields and large geographical distances. This demands good cooperation with trade and industry and civil society as well as with international partners. We will strengthen knowledge-based and sustainable development at a regional, national and international level.

Academic freedom and scientific and ethical principles form the basis for all UiT's activities. Participation, co-determination, transparency and good processes will provide the decision-making basis we need to make wise and far-sighted priorities. Our students and staff will have the opportunity to develop their abilities and potential. Founded on academic integrity, we will be courageous, committed and generous in close contact with disciplines, people and contemporary developments.

We will demonstrate adaptability and seek good and purposeful utilisation of resources, so we are ready to meet the expectations and opportunities of the future. We will strengthen the quality and impact of our disciplines and core tasks through the following three strategic priority areas.

Additional information

Place of service:

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