

PhD Candidate at the Faculty of Law, K.G. Jebsen Centre for the Law of the Sea (JCLOS)

Application deadline:

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The Faculty of Law has a PhD position vacant for applicants who wish to obtain the degree of Philosophiae Doctor (PhD). The position is attached to the K.G. Jebsen Centre for the Law of the Sea (JCLOS).

The PhD position is for a fixed period of four years, with the objective of completion of research training to the level of a doctoral degree. A prerequisite for employment is that the candidate is admitted to the PhD programme in law. The programme period starts on commencement of the position. The PhD Candidate shall participate in the faculty's organized research training, and the PhD project shall be completed during the period of employment. Information about the application process for admission to the PhD programme, the application form and the Regulations concerning the degree of Philosophiae Doctor (PhD) at the UiT The Arctic University of Norway are available at the following address: www.uit.no

Further information about the position is available by contacting Professor Tore Henriksen, + 47 77 64 52 37, e-mail: tore.henriksen@uit.no or Professor Erik J. Molenaar, e-mail: e.j.molenaar@uu.nl

The position's affiliation

The position is affiliated to the K.G. Jebsen Centre for the Law of the Sea (JCLOS). The Centre is a national research centre partly by the Foundation K.G. Jebsen for the period 2013 – 2019. The Centre had a staff of 20 – 25 employees; academic staff and PhD students. The Centre is located at the Faculty of Law, providing for close contact and collaboration between the staff. The Centre also has an extensive national and international academic network.

The Centre is part of the Faculty of Law, which has about 850 law students, 25 PhD-students, 35 members of the academic staff and 20 members of the administrative staff. The Faculty may award the degrees of Master and PhD in Law as well as the degree of Master of Laws (LL.M) in the Law of the Sea.

For more information on the Centre, see our website: www.uit.no/lawofthesea

The position's field of research/field of work

The PhD project is positioned under Work Package III 'Navigation' (for information see https://en.uit.no/forskning/forskningsgrupper/sub?sub_id=360495&p_document_id=355759) and has been given the provisional title: 'The Polar Code: Progressive Development and Implementation'.

The entry into force of the International Maritime Organization (IMO)'s International Code for Ships Operating in Polar Waters (Polar Code) on 1 January 2017 has rightly been hailed as a landmark success after a period of more than two decades of efforts towards legally binding and tailor-made regulations on polar shipping. At the same time, however, it is evident that continuing efforts are needed to ensure the progressive development and implementation of the Polar Code. IMO Members are not only committed to keep the Polar Code under review and

amend it when necessary, but also to adopt instruments that are related to the Polar Code, consequential to it, or which complement it. An assessment of the Polar Code's adequacy will therefore be a key focus of the envisaged PhD project.

Even more important, however, is the Polar Code's implementation by IMO Members. This can be done in their capacity as flag States, but also in their capacities as coastal and port States. Especially as regards the latter, this raises important questions on the relationship of a State's rights and obligations under the Polar Code - and, more importantly, the IMO treaties by which the Polar Code is implemented - and its rights and obligations under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and customary international law. Special reference should be made to the broad jurisdiction of coastal States in ice-covered areas pursuant to Article 234 of the UNCLOS. The envisaged PhD project is expected to contribute to the existing research by undertaking comparative analyses of State practice. Account should in that context also be devoted to the desirability of regional uniformity in State practice and, if so, if that should be pursued in existing intergovernmental bodies such as the IMO or the Arctic Council, or in intergovernmental bodies that are to be specifically established for this purpose.

It is expected that the PhD candidate as part of the project involve him-/herself in collaboration with researchers from other disciplines.

Qualification requirements

When applying for a PhD position, the successful applicant must fulfil the requirements for admission to the faculty's PhD programme, cf. Regulation for the degree of Philosophiae Doctor (PhD) at UiT The Arctic University of Norway.

The applicant must have a five-year Master's degree in Law or cand. jur. with very good grades. The Faculty may accept equivalent education in law from foreign universities.

The applicant must present a description outlining the academic basis of the PhD project. The project description shall not exceed 10 pages, references included. It shall include description of the theme, research question(s) and a reasoning of the choices. It shall also indicate the methodologies to be used. The applicant may be asked to supplement the description.

Emphasis is attached to personal suitability.

In addition, he/she must be able to document proficiency in English equivalent to Norwegian Higher Education Entrance Qualification, see also [PhD regulations at UiT](#). The applicant must understand Norwegian or commit himself/herself to participate in the Norwegian Language Courses held by the University of Tromsø at the outset of the employment.

Working conditions

The normal period of employment is four years. The nominal length of the PhD programme is three years. The fourth year, distributed as 25 % of each year, shall be used for teaching or other duties for the university cf. Guidelines for the research fellow's duties.

A shorter period of appointment may be decided when the research fellow has already completed parts of his/her research training programme or when the appointment is based on a previous qualifying position (PhD Candidate, 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 Candidate is in accordance with the State salary scale code 1017 (or code 1378) (or both codes depending on qualifications). A compulsory contribution of 2 % to the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund will be deducted.

Assessment

The applicants will be assessed by an expert committee. During this assessment process, emphasis will be attached to the applicant's potential for research as shown by:

- Grades from your Master's degree
- Master's thesis or equivalent
- any other academic works, and
- project description

In addition, consideration may be given to work experience or other activities of significance for the implementation of the PhD studies, and to any teaching qualifications. This includes teaching education, teaching experience, experience from popularization and experience/education from other types of dissemination. Information and material to be considered during the assessment must be submitted by the stipulated deadline.

The applicants who are assessed as the best qualified will be called to an interview. The interview shall among other things aim to clarify the applicant's personal suitability for the position.

Application

The **application** must be submitted electronically via the application form available on www.jobbnorge.no and shall include:

- Letter of application
- Proposal for project description
- CV (containing a complete overview of education, supervised professional training and professional work)
- Certified* copies of:
 - diploma and transcript from your Bachelor's degree or equivalent
 - diploma and transcript from your Master's degree or equivalent
 - diploma supplement for completed degrees
 - documentation of English language proficiency
 - project description (if required)
- List of works and description of these (see below)
The list of works shall contain the following information:
 - author(s), the work's title
 - for articles: the journal's name and volume, the first and last page of the article, year of publication
 - for publications: publisher, printer, year of publication, number of pages
- The works (published or unpublished) which the applicant wishes to be taken into consideration during the assessment process must be submitted
- List of references with contact information.

All documentation that is to be evaluated must be certified and translated into English or a Scandinavian language.

Information and material to be considered during the assessment must be submitted by the stipulated deadline.

Applicants shall also refer to the [Supplementary regulations for appointment to postdoktor \(Postdoctoral Fellow\), stipendiat \(PhD\) and vitenskapelig assistent \(Research Assistant\) positions at UiT](#) and to the [Regulations concerning terms and conditions of employment for posts of postdoktor \(Postdoctoral Fellow\), stipendiat \(PhD\), vitenskapelig assistent \(Research Assistant\) and spesialistkandidat \(Resident\)](#).

Questions concerning the organisation of the working environment, such as the physical state of the place of employment, health service, possibility for flexible working hours, part time, etc. may be directed to the telephone reference in this announcement.

UiT The Arctic University of Norway has HR policy objectives that emphasize diversity, and encourages all qualified applicants to apply regardless of their age, gender, functional ability and national or ethnic background.

UiT is an IW (Inclusive Workplace) enterprise, and will emphasize making the necessary adaptations to the working conditions for employees with reduced functional ability.

Personal data given in an application or CV will be processed in accordance with the Act relating to the processing of personal data (the Personal Data Act). In accordance with Section 25 subsection 2 of the Freedom of Information Act, the applicant may request not to be registered on the public list of applicants. However, the University may nevertheless decide that the name of the applicant will be made public. The applicant will receive advance notification in the event of such publication.

In case of discrepancies between the Norwegian and the English version of this description, the Norwegian version takes precedence.