

PhD Fellow in Law

The position

Faculty of Law has a PhD position vacant for applicants who wish to obtain the degree of Philosophiae Doctor (PhD).

The position is for a period of four years. The nominal length of the PhD program is three years. The fourth year is distributed as 25 % each year, and will consist of teaching and other duties for the Faculty of Law. The objective of the position is to complete research training to the level of a doctoral degree. Admission to a PhD programme is a prerequisite for employment, and the programme period starts on commencement of the position. The PhD fellow must participate in the faculty's organized research training, and the PhD project must be completed during the period of employment. Information about the application process for admission to the PhD programme, application form and regulations for the degree of Philosophiae Doctor (PhD) are available at the [here](#).

The position is affiliated to the [Faculty of Law](#), which has about 950 law students, 25 PhD students, 35 members of the academic staff and 15 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 and Joint Nordic Master Programme in Environmental Law.

The position's field of research

[UiT The Arctic University of Norway](#) is massively extending its efforts in education and research in the field of food and sustainability, in line with the Agenda 2030 and its 14 Sustainable Developments Goals (SDGs). This strategic initiative builds on a long track record of collaboration between the Faculty of Biosciences, Fisheries and Economics (BFE), the Faculty of Health Sciences (HF) and the Faculty of Law (Jurfak) at UiT The Arctic University of Norway. Within this initiative, the interdisciplinary project [Novel Marine Resources for Food Security and Food Safety \(SECURE\)](#) is strategically funded.

The harvesting of novel marine low trophic resources, that addresses the challenge of meeting the demand for safe food (SDG 2) raises the fundamental legal question regarding the compliance of the novel marine resources with the EU legal framework on health claims for novel food in the Norwegian and European markets. Comparisons between health claims regulations of third countries (e.g. US, Japan) become also extremely relevant to identify similarities, differences and best practices in law.

Within this framework, the applicant therefore is expected

- to define the scope of the project and to formulate its research questions
- to develop his/her doctoral thesis within the general themes of the SECURE project and enroll in the PhD program of the Faculty of Law
- to participate in the project's regular team meetings and (internal and public) seminars,
- present and publish joint publications related to the research findings (academic publications, research reports, policy briefs)
- participate in and support in the organization of scientific events
- contribute to SECURE's communication and dissemination activities

Contact

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Qualifications

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 applicant must present a description of two to eight pages outlining the academic basis of the PhD project. It shall include a 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.

Applicants must be able to document proficiency in English equivalent to Norwegian Higher Education Entrance Qualification, [see Proficiency in English – PhD-level studies](#). The applicant must understand Norwegian or commit to participate in the Norwegian Language Courses held by the UiT at the outset of the employment.

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

Admission to the PhD programme in Law

The successful applicant must fulfil the requirements for admission to the faculty's PhD programme, as it is a prerequisite for appointment. Admission requires that the applicant have the degree cand. jur. or a 5-year integrated master's degree in law. The applicants must normally have a grade average of B or equivalent on the master's degree, including on the master thesis. Further information about requirements and the PhD programme is available [here](#).

Applicants with a foreign education will be evaluated on whether the educational background is equivalent to Norwegian higher education, following national guidelines. Applicants must have at least 5 years of higher education, equivalent to 300 ECTS. Applicants from some countries may have to document additional higher education in order to fulfill the requirements.

Application

Your application must include:

- Cover letter explaining your motivation and research interests
- CV
- Project description
- Diplomas, diploma supplements and transcripts (all degrees)
- Documentation of [English language proficiency](#)
- If applicable, documentation of [Norwegian language proficiency](#)
- Master thesis, and any other academic works
- Written references
- Contact information to 1-3 references

The documentation has to be in English or a Scandinavian language. We only accept applications sent via www.jobbnorge.no.

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
- Master's thesis or equivalent
- 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. The assessment shall also consider whether the project may contribute to implementing the research strategy of the Faculty – Rettssikkerhet og kompetanse (Rule of Law and Competence) – as well as the relationship of the project with the research groups at the Faculty.

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.

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](#).

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.

You have to be qualified for and participate in the PhD programme. 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.

More practical information for working and living in Norway can be found here: [Welcome to UiT!](#)

A good work environment is characterized by diversity. We encourage qualified candidates to apply, regardless of their gender, functional capacity or cultural background. UiT will emphasize making the necessary adaptations to the working conditions for employees with reduced functional ability

We process personal data given in an application or CV in accordance with the Personal Data Act (Offentleglova). According to Offentleglova 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.

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[UiT The Arctic University of Norway](#) is a multi-campus research university and the northernmost university of the world. Our central location in the High North, our broad and diverse research and study portfolio, and our interdisciplinary qualities make us uniquely suited to meet the challenges of the future. At UiT you can explore global issues from a close-up perspective.

Credibility, academic freedom, closeness, creativity and commitment shall be hallmarks of the relationship between our employees, between our employees and our students and between UiT and our partners.