

PhD Fellow in Law

The position

The Faculty of Law has a vacant position for applicants who wish to obtain the degree of Philosophiae Doctor (PhD). The position is affiliated with the Norwegian Centre for the Law of the Sea (NCLOS).

The workplace is at UiT in Tromsø. You must be able to start in the position in Tromsø within a reasonable time.

The [Faculty of Law](#) has about 950 law students, 25 PhD fellows, 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 degrees of Master of Laws (LL.M.) in the Law of the Sea and Joint Nordic Master's Programme in Environmental Law.

NCLOS have a staff of 20 - 25 employees; academic staff and PhD fellows. 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. For more information on the Centre, see our website: www.uit.no/lawofthesea

The appointment is for a period of four years. The nominal length of the PhD program is three years. The fourth year, distributed with 25% each year, 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 the PhD programme in Law is a prerequisite for employment, and the programme period starts on commencement of the position. The PhD fellow shall participate in the faculty's organized research training, and the PhD project shall be completed during the period of employment.

Field of research

The primary objective of NCLOS is to assess how and to what extent the law of the sea and ocean governance foster or can foster resilient and sustainable oceans in light of the challenges to the oceans and the legal framework. The objective is to be addressed through analysing several hypotheses, including the contentions that the logic of sovereignty and common interests and the governance of oceans commons both need reassessment.

NCLOS seeks candidates for one PhD position on either of these themes:

- law of the sea and space
- ocean commons
- sovereignty at sea
- governance models

The chosen candidate must be willing to adapt her/his project description to the ongoing research activities at the Centre.

Contact

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Qualifications

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 successful applicants must fulfil the requirements for admission to the [Faculty's PhD programme](#). Applicants who meet the grade requirement (including the master's thesis) with an average of B or equivalent, are normally qualified unless the project description is unsatisfactory. Consideration may also be given to any previously published works, progression in studies, and an extensive master's

thesis with good results, if the applicant does not have a straight B grade average. In the same way, emphasis can be placed on whether the applicant has experience of special significance for the implementation of the PhD project.

Documented proficiency in English language as [stated here](#) is required.

The applicants must present a description outlining the academic basis of the PhD project. The project description shall not exceed 10 pages, literature references included. 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.

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

The applicants must understand Norwegian or commit himself/herself to participate in the Norwegian Language Courses held by the UiT at the outset of the employment.

Application

Your application must include:

- Cover letter explaining your motivation and research interests
- CV
- Diplomas, diploma supplements and transcripts (all degrees)
- Documentation of [English language proficiency](#)
- Contact information to 1-3 references, reference letters
- Master thesis, and any other academic works
- Project description (max 10 pages)

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

We offer

- A good academic environment with dedicated colleagues
- Flexible working hours and a state collective pay agreement
- Pension scheme through the state pension fund

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

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.

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.

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.