



Faculty of law

## **Postdoctoral fellow at The Norwegian Centre for the Law of the Sea (NCLOS)**

### **The position**

At the Faculty of Law a position is available for a Postdoctoral research fellow. The postdoctoral position is a part of the research project Developing good ocean governance of the Arctic in times of unpredictable and rapid changes (DOGA), funded by the Norwegian Research Council.

The position is a fixed term position for a duration of two years. Appointment to the position of Postdoctoral Research Fellow is mainly intended to provide qualification for work in top academic positions. It is a prerequisite that the applicant is able to carry out the project over the full course of the employment period. No person may hold more than one fixed-term position as a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the same institution.

NCLOS is a UiT Aurora Centre (2021-2025), a funding program of research groups that demonstrate excellence in their field of science. The Centre has 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 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.

More information on the Centre, see our website: [www.uit.no/lawofthesea](http://www.uit.no/lawofthesea)

The appointed Postdoctoral Fellow must have its daily workplace at UiT - The Arctic University of Norway, Tromsø

### **The position's field of research**

The postdoctoral position is a part of the research project Developing good ocean governance of the Arctic in times of unpredictable and rapid changes (DOGA), funded by the Norwegian Research Council. For more information see the website (Norwegian Centre for the Law of the Sea | UiT).

The primary objective of DOGA is to contribute to good ocean governance of the marine Arctic by critically investigating the implementation of ecosystem approach in Norway, in the context of regional and global law and policy. The project examines how ecosystem approach can be implemented within the legal framework and provide for adaptive, integrated and holistic management without undermining the rule of law and such core values as accountability, participation, legal certainty and predictability.

Science is a critical component to the practical and effective implementation ecosystem approach to ocean governance. The Postdoctoral fellow is expected to undertake research on how law and science can be integrated to provide for more adaptive and effective ocean governance. This involves investigating how law can be used, adapted and improved to facilitate science-based decisions as well as adaptive governance, while remaining reconciled with legal values of certainty and predictability.

The DOGA project will also carry out research on how ecosystem approach is integrated into different sectors such as fisheries, shipping/tourism, hydrocarbons and new activities eg. bioprospecting. This research theme is based on the assumption that sectorial legislation does not adequately provide for consideration and weighing of environmental considerations of impacts of human activities. The Postdoctoral fellow is expected to contribute to this research theme by investigating whether and how the regulatory measures within one or more different sectors are facilitating science-based decision-making. This research may also involve examining how environmental considerations are integrated and the process of balancing different interests in the decision-making.

Based on the assumption that the existing legal framework does not provide for adequate coordination between the sectors to ensure coherency and address cumulative effects, the DOGA project moreover aims to investigate the implementation of specific tools and measures for ecosystem approach beyond sectorial and administrative boundaries. The Postdoctoral fellow may also contribute to this research theme by investigating the role of science when adopting cross-sectorial tools such as management plans or marine protected areas etc. and when monitoring/updating such measures.

The candidate selected for employment must be willing to adjust her/his project proposals to the research plans under the DOGA project and of NCLOS.

### **Contact**

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## Qualifications

For appointment as Post-doctoral research fellow, the applicant requires a Norwegian doctoral degree within legal science or a corresponding foreign doctoral degree recognized as equivalent to a Norwegian doctoral degree.

Qualification with a PhD degree is required before commencement in the position. If you're at the final stages of your PhD, you may still apply if you have submitted your PhD thesis for doctoral degree evaluation within the application deadline. You must submit the thesis with your application. You must have dissertated before the start-up date of the position.

In the assessment the main emphasis will be attached to the submitted works and the project proposal for the qualifying work. Emphasis shall also be attached to experience from popularization/dissemination and academic policy and administrative activity.

In addition, he/she must be able to document proficiency in English equivalent to Norwegian Higher Education Entrance Qualification. 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.

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

At UiT we put emphasis on the quality, relevance and significance of the research work and not on where the work is published, in accordance with the principles of The San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment ([DORA](#)).

## Inclusion and diversity

UiT The Arctic University i 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 is 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 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
- Excellent career opportunities
- A good academic environment with dedicated colleagues
- Flexible working hours and a state collective pay agreement
- Pension scheme through the state pension fund If you receive a personal overseas research grant from NFR it is possible to apply NFR for an extension of the fellowship period corresponding to the length of the stay abroad (minimum three months, maximum 12 months).

## Application

Your application must include:

- Application letter
- CV
- Diplomas and transcripts (all degrees)
- Written references
- Contact information to 2-3 references
- Project proposal
- A list of your academic production
- Description of your academic production, stating which works you consider most important
- Academic works, up to ten. The doctoral thesis is regarded as one work.

You must submit a project proposal that describe how you scientifically can contribute to (the project/described field of research). The proposal must include a progress plan.

The documentation must be in English or a Scandinavian language. We only accept applications sent via [www.jobbnorge.no](http://www.jobbnorge.no).

## 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](#).

The remuneration for Postdoctoral research fellow is in accordance with the State salary scale code 1352. A compulsory contribution of 2 % to the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund will be deducted.

The successful candidate must be willing to get involved in the ongoing development of their department and the university as a whole.

According to the Norwegian Freedom and Information Act (Offentleglova) information about the applicant may be included in the public applicant list, also in cases where the applicant has requested non-disclosure.

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

More practical information for working and living in Norway can be found here: [International staff](#)

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## UiT - Developing the high north

UiT is a multi-campus research university in Norway 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.

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