



Faculty of Law

PhD Fellow in offshore renewable energy in the Arctic and the Law of the Sea

Changing Arctic Research School

UiT the Arctic University of Norway kick-starts 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 enables them to contribute to innovative and sustainable solutions for the Arctic. The research school will arrange courses, seminars, workshops, and excursions, and will organise 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 position is a fixed term position for a duration of four years. One year is distributed as 25 % each year and will consist of teaching (10%) and other duties such as secondments and interactions with the industry or the public sector. 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.

The workplace is at UiT Campus 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 2022.

The position's affiliation and field of research

Despite the candidate is a member of the research school, they will be employed at the Faculty of Law. The PhD position is affiliated with the Norwegian Centre for the Law of the Sea (NCLOS). 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. NCLOS has been awarded status as UiT Aurora Centre 2021-25. More information on NCLOS and the UiT Aurora Centre, see our website: www.uit.no/lawofthesea.

The position's field of research is within renewable energy in the Arctic and international and/or domestic law. Renewable energy can contribute to the resilience of Arctic communities and ecosystems. It is essential to integrate more renewable energy both in areas with highly interconnected power systems (in more developed areas of the Arctic, such as Northern Norway, Finland, Iceland) and particularly in areas with more abundant isolated power systems (in parts of northern Canada, northern Russia, Greenland, and Alaska) that are still heavily dependent on conventional fuels to power their needs. However, developing renewable energy in the Arctic onshore or offshore raises a number of legal questions/challenges that can be seen from different perspectives i.e. within international law and/or domestic law. We invite research proposals that focus on the development of renewable energy in the Arctic and that frame the legal research questions/challenges:

- within the fields of international environmental law, law of the sea, energy law, indigenous peoples' rights;
- and/or within domestic law;
- and/or undertaking comparative research of different legislation and approaches adopted by different Arctic States and how to ensure coherence across the different approaches (e.g. also via the role of the Arctic Council).

The chosen candidate must be willing to adapt her/his project description to the ongoing research activities at the Centre such as for instance the research project Developing good ocean governance of the Arctic in times of unpredictable and rapid changes (DOGA), funded by the Norwegian Research Council. More information about the DOGA project is available at the website: [Developing good ocean governance of the Arctic in times of unpredictable and rapid changes \[DOGA\] | UiT](#)

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This project

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The Changing Arctic Research School

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Qualifications

This position requires:

- The applicants must have a five years Master's degree in Law or Cand. jur. with good grades
- A master's thesis with a scope corresponding to at least 30 ECTS or equivalent
- Fluency in English
- That the applicant understands Norwegian or a Scandinavian language or commit 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
- Working knowledge of Norwegian or a Scandinavian language

In the assessment, the emphasis is on the applicant's potential to complete a research education based on the grades in the master programme, 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, e.g. working experience.

We will also emphasize 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.

Admission to the PhD programme

For employment in the PhD position, you must be qualified for admission to the PhD programme at the Faculty of Law and participate in organized doctoral studies within the employment period.

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. Information about requirements is available here (general requirements for UiT) and here (complementary requirements/guidelines for the Faculty of Law). 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.

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

Applicants with a foreign education will be subjected to an evaluation of whether the educational background is equal to Norwegian higher education, following national guidelines from [NOKUT](#). Depending on which country the education is from, one or two additional years of university education may be required to fulfil admission requirements, e.g., a 4-year bachelor's degree and a 2-year master's degree.

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
- Flexible working hours and a state collective pay agreement
- Remuneration normally starts at 534 000 NOK/year
- Pension scheme through the state pension fund
- A stunning Arctic landscape and diversity of outdoor activities

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)

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 a Scandinavian language. We only accept applications and documentation sent via Jobbnorge within the application deadline.

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](#).

Remuneration of PhD positions are in salary code 1017, and normally starts at salary grade 59 on the pay scale for Norwegian state employees - equivalent to 534 000 NOK/year. There is a 2% deduction for contribution to the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund.

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.

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.

Find information about taking a PhD at UiT The Arctic University of Norway [here](#) and a PhD-guide from Tromsø Doctoral Students (TODOS) [here](#), as well as information about travelling to and working in Norway [here](#).

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