



Faculty of Law

Postdoctoral Research Fellow in law

The position

At the Faculty of Law a position is available for a Postdoctoral research fellow in the [Child Law-research group](#).

The Faculty of Law 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. For more information about the faculty, see our website [The Faculty of Law](#).

The position is a fixed term position for a duration of 3 years. Appointment to the position of Postdoctoral Research Fellow is mainly intended to provide qualification for work in top academic positions. The applicant must be 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.

The position will additionally be assigned to teaching and related work for UiT in an amount equivalent to a maximum 20 % of a full-time employment.

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

The position's field of research

The postdoctoral position is connected to, but not part of the project Children's Right to Health (ChildRight) funded by the Norwegian Research Council. The primary objective of the ChildRight project is to investigate how society, by using various legal instruments, can safeguard the right of the child to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health (UN Convention on the Rights of the Child art. 24), by balancing participation and protection, and balancing the rights and duties of the parents and children's rights, and the responsibility of the state.

There are clear shortcomings when it comes to conflict solving systems in health law in cases concerning children. The postdoctoral researcher should investigate this subject in more detail.

Children have several substantive rights, not least through the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, however, rights without remedies are of less value. Internationally, the topic of "access to justice for children" is discussed as a "basic principle in the rule of law", and a legal research effort in this area is called for. This includes children's right to be heard and to exercise their rights, "agency", child-sensitive processes, the discrimination aspect is highlighted and so is the importance of holding the authorities responsible for ensuring the implementation of children's rights.

In Norway, conflict resolution systems within health law in general, and specifically concerning children, are poorly developed. An investigation of the Norwegian system takes place as part of the ongoing ChildRight-project. In the current project the postdoctoral fellow is expected to contribute to this research theme by performing a comparative project, where an investigation of the topic is carried out within various European legal traditions. This research should also involve examining the process of balancing different interests in the decision-making.

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

Contact

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Qualifications

The applicant is required to hold a Norwegian doctoral degree in law or a corresponding foreign doctoral degree recognized as equivalent to a Norwegian doctoral degree.

When applying for a Postdoctoral Fellowship, the applicant shall submit a project proposal for the qualifying work. The proposal shall include a progress plan. The applicant must complete the project during the period of appointment.

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. Nordic applicants can document their capabilities by attaching their high school diploma.

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.

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

As teaching duties or equivalent work is attached to the position, emphasis will also be put on teaching experience and qualifications

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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
- Good 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
- More practical information for working and living in Norway can be found here: <https://uit.no/staffmobility>

Application

Your application must include:

- Application letter
- Project proposal
- CV
- Diplomas and transcripts (all degrees)
- Contact information to 2-3 references
- Documentation of teaching experience and qualifications
- 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.

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All documentation to be considered must be in a Scandinavian language or English. We only accept applications and documentation sent via Jobbnorge within the application deadline.

Assessment

The applicants will be assessed by an expert committee. The committee's mandate is to undertake an assessment of the applicants' qualifications based on the written material presented by the applicants, and the detailed description draw up for the position.

The applicants who are assessed as best qualified will be called to an interview. The interview should among other things, aim to clarify the applicant's motivation and personal suitability for the position. A trial lecture may also be held.

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.

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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