



Faculty of Law

## PhD Fellow in Law

### The position

The Faculty of Law has a position vacant 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 work place is Tromsø.

The Faculty of Law has about 950 law students, 25 PhD fellows, 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.

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](http://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 a PhD programme 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.

### The position's field of research

The primary objective of NCLOS is to assess how and to what extent the law of the sea and ocean governance (LOSOG) foster or can foster resilient and sustainable oceans in light of the challenges to the oceans and the legal framework. This objective is to be addressed through research within different themes and by analyzing several hypotheses, including by exploring the limits and possibilities of sovereignty as both the organizing logic and the central legal principle underpinning the LOSOG.

The theme sovereignty is based on the following hypothesis on limits and possibilities of aspects of the current regime:

The logic of sovereignty needs to be reassessed. Sovereignty of coastal states (also sovereign rights and jurisdiction) over ocean space has not adequately respected common interests or offered adequate responses to the systemic challenges.

NCLOS seeks candidates for one PhD position with projects proposals within the theme of sovereignty as both the organizing logic and the central legal principle underpinning the LOSOG. Proposals, which aim at discussing whether and how sovereignty may be redefined, adapted, or reconceptualized to further common interests (e.g. protection of the marine environment) are encouraged. NCLOS has ongoing projects discussing the role of indigenous peoples within LOSOG. Proposals should not focus on such matters or be coordinated with ongoing projects.

### Contact

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### Qualifications

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).

Further, 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 applicants must present a description outlining the academic basis of the PhD project. The project description shall be 2-8 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 candidates potential for research, motivation and personal suitability for the position.

Proficiency in the English language as stated here is required. 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.

Emphasis will be put on the candidate's potential for research, 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.

## 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

- 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 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
- Documentation of proficiency in Norwegian or a Scandinavian language (if applicable)
- References with contact information
- Master's thesis, and any other academic works
- Project description (2-8 pages)

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](#).

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. 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.

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