

## **PhD Candidate at the Faculty of Law, K.G. Jebsen Centre for the Law of the Sea (JCLOS)**

### **Application deadline:**

### **Ref.:**

The K.G. Jebsen Centre for the Law of the Sea has vacant one position as a PhD Candidate.

A position as a PhD is for a fixed period of four years. The objective of the position is the completion of research training to the level of a doctoral degree. A prerequisite for employment is that the candidate is admitted to the PhD programme in law. The programme period starts on commencement of the position. The PhD Candidate shall participate in the Faculty's organized research training, and the PhD project shall be completed during the period of employment. Information about the application process for admission to the PhD programme, application form and regulations for the degree of Philosophiae Doctor (PhD) are available at the following address: [www.uit.no](http://www.uit.no)

Further information about the position is available by contacting Adjunct Professor Nigel Bankes, e-mail: [ndbankes@ucalgary.ca](mailto:ndbankes@ucalgary.ca) or Professor Tore Henriksen, + 47 77 64 52 37, e-mail: [tore.henriksen@uit.no](mailto:tore.henriksen@uit.no).

### **The position's affiliation**

The position is affiliated to the K.G. Jebsen Centre for the Law of the Sea. The Centre is a national research centre funded for the period 2013 – 2019 partly by the Foundation K.G. Jebsen. The Centre has a staff of 20 – 25 employees, including 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 850 law students, 25 PhD-students, 35 members of the academic staff and 20 members of the administrative staff. The Faculty may award the degrees of Master and PhD in Law as well as the degree of Master of Laws (LL.M) in the Law of the Sea.

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

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

The PhD Candidate is expected to undertake research within the work package on "Sustainable and Equitable Utilisation of Marine Resources".

For more information on that work package of JCLOS, see our website: [https://en.uit.no/forskning/forskningsgrupper/sub?p\\_document\\_id=355759&sub\\_id=360510](https://en.uit.no/forskning/forskningsgrupper/sub?p_document_id=355759&sub_id=360510)

Project proposals should fit within one of the following projects. Preference will be given to a strong proposal, which addresses the project on Arctic Ocean Fisheries.

*The developing international regime for Arctic Ocean fisheries*

Proposals here need not be confined by the reference to Arctic Ocean fisheries but should instead consider framing the issue as part of the challenge of developing an appropriate international legal regime to deal with new and emerging fisheries. Such a proposal might also consider the interface between international rules and organizations and domestic rules dealing with new and emerging fisheries

*Conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction*

Proposals here should take account of the ongoing steps to begin a process to consider the adoption of an internationally legally binding instrument on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction (ABNJ). The background to this process along with a status report are well described in two posts on the JCLOS blog here <http://site.uit.no/jclos/> Given the amount of attention (and research) that this process is attracting, PhD proposals will need to situate themselves carefully to clearly define a discrete and manageable legal research question or set of research questions

*Ecosystem approach in aquaculture and fisheries management*

Proposals here should focus on capture fisheries rather than aquaculture and might focus on the increasing adoption of the ecosystem approach by different regional fisheries management organizations. The description of the task in the original description of the work package still offers useful guidance (as follows):

“The questions to be examined here include: What is the ecosystem approach and to what extent has it become a part of international fisheries law? What are the implications of the adoption of the ecosystem approach for the conservation and sustainable utilization of marine mammals? How does the ecosystem approach provide for the intrinsic value of biological diversity and how does it make provision for the needs of non-target species including not only fish but also, for example, seabirds? How do ecosystem management approaches within RFMOs take account of the effects of climate change? The task [may include] examination of the national legal framework adopted to implement the ecosystem approach, including the types of measures, control, enforcement and compliance, both fisheries and aquaculture. The task [may] include comparative studies.”

**Qualification requirements**

When applying for a PhD position, the successful applicant must fulfil the requirements for admission to the faculty’s PhD programme, cf. Regulation for the degree of Philosophiae Doctor (PhD) at UiT The Arctic University of Norway.

The applicant must have a five-year Master’s degree in Law or cand. jur. with very good grades. The Faculty may accept equivalent education in law from foreign universities.

The applicant must present a description outlining the academic basis of the PhD project. The project description shall not exceed 10 pages, references included. It shall include 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 is attached to personal suitability.

In addition, he/she must be able to document proficiency in English equivalent to Norwegian

Higher Education Entrance Qualification, see also [PhD regulations at UiT](#). 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.

### **Working conditions**

The normal period of employment is four years. The nominal length of the PhD programme is three years. The fourth year, distributed as 25 % of each year, shall be used for teaching or other duties for the university cf. Guidelines for the research fellow's duties.

A shorter period of appointment may be decided when the research fellow has already completed parts of his/her research training programme or when the appointment is based on a previous qualifying position (PhD Candidate, 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 Candidate is in accordance with the State salary scale code 1017 (or code 1378) (or both codes depending on qualifications). A compulsory contribution of 2 % to the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund will be deducted.

### **Application**

The **application** must be submitted electronically via the application form available on [www.jobbnorge.no](http://www.jobbnorge.no) and shall include:

- Letter of application
- Project description
- CV (containing a complete overview of education, supervised professional training and professional work)
- Certified\* copies of:
  - diploma and transcript from your Bachelor's degree or equivalent
  - diploma and transcript from your Master's degree or equivalent
  - diploma supplement for completed degrees
  - documentation of English language proficiency
- List of works and description of these (see below)
 

The list of works shall contain the following information:

  - author(s), the work's title
  - for articles: the journal's name and volume, the first and last page of the article, year of publication
  - for publications: publisher, printer, year of publication, number of pages
- The works (published or unpublished) which the applicant wishes to be taken into consideration during the assessment process must be submitted
- List of references with contact information.

***All photocopies of certificates, diplomas, transcript and reference letter must be stamped and certified by the photocopying or a public office.***

***All documentation that is to be evaluated must be certified and translated into English or a Scandinavian language.***

***Information and material to be considered during the assessment must be submitted by the stipulated deadline.***

**Assessment**

The applicants will be assessed by an expert committee. During this assessment process, emphasis will be attached to the applicant's potential for research as shown by:

- Master's thesis or equivalent
- any other academic works, and
- project description

In addition, consideration may be given to work experience or other activities of significance for the implementation of the PhD studies, and to any teaching qualifications. This includes teaching education, teaching experience, experience from popularization and experience/education from other types of dissemination. Information and material to be considered during the assessment must be submitted by the stipulated deadline.

The applicants who are assessed as the best qualified will be called to an interview. The interview shall among other things aim to clarify the applicant's personal suitability for the position.

Applicants shall also refer to the [Supplementary regulations for appointment to postdoktor \(Postdoctoral Fellow\), stipendiat \(PhD\) and vitenskapelig assistent \(Research Assistant\) positions at UiT](#) and to the [Regulations concerning terms and conditions of employment for posts of postdoktor \(Postdoctoral Fellow\), stipendiat \(PhD\), vitenskapelig assistent \(Research Assistant\) and spesialistkandidat \(Resident\)](#).

Questions concerning the organisation of the working environment, such as the physical state of the place of employment, health service, possibility for flexible working hours, part time, etc. may be directed to the telephone reference in this announcement.

UiT The Arctic University of Norway has HR policy objectives that emphasize diversity, and encourages all qualified applicants to apply regardless of their age, gender, functional ability and national or ethnic background.

UiT is an IW (Inclusive Workplace) enterprise, and will emphasize making the necessary adaptations to the working conditions for employees with reduced functional ability.

Personal data given in an application or CV will be processed in accordance with the Act relating to the processing of personal data (the Personal Data Act). In accordance with Section 25 subsection 2 of the Freedom of Information Act, the applicant may request not to be registered on the public list of applicants. However, the University may nevertheless decide that the name of the applicant will be made public. The applicant will receive advance notification in the event of such publication.

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