

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

### **Application deadline:**

### **Ref.:**

One or two positions as a Postdoctoral Fellow are vacant at the K.G. Jebsen Centre for the Law of the Sea (JCLOS).

The positions as a Postdoctoral Fellow will be for a fixed term of two, alternative three years. The main objective of the appointment as a post-doctoral research fellow is to qualify for work in senior academic positions. No one may be appointed to more than one fixed term period as a Postdoctoral Fellow at the same institution.

Further questions on the positions may be addressed to Professor Tore Henriksen, [tore.henriksen@uit.no](mailto:tore.henriksen@uit.no) and/or Professor Nigel Bankes, e-mail: [ndbankes@ucalgary.ca](mailto:ndbankes@ucalgary.ca).

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

The positions are affiliated to JCLOS, 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.

JCLOS 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**

#### **Postdoc # 1:**

The Post Doc is expected to undertake research within work package IV on “Sustainable and Equitable Utilisation of Marine Resources” and specifically within the project dealing within the legal framework for subsea energy infrastructure (pipelines and cables). For more information on that work package and about the research plans of JCLOS, see [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)

While a proposal might still focus on subsea energy infrastructure, a strong proposal will need to situate such activities within the broader context of the law of the sea and the tension between the rights of the coastal states and the rights and interests of the international community, especially within the exclusive economic zone. As such, proposals might address the various balancing mechanisms included with the Law of the Sea Convention to address these tensions and the application of these mechanisms to energy infrastructure activities and perhaps also a broader range of activities.

**Postdoc # 2:**

The Postdoc fellow is expected to undertake research within the work packages of JCLOS.

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Proposals that combine projects across different work packages are possible.

Proposals within one of the following work packages are particularly welcome: Fundamental Challenges for the Law of the Sea (WP I) or Maritime Boundaries and Limits & Transboundary Cooperation (WP II).

Applicants with projects within WP I should focus on the role of the international judiciary in the development of the law of the sea, or topics related to the interaction between the law of the sea and other branches of international law (e.g. human rights, international environmental law or international trade law).

Applicants with projects within WP II should focus on the implementation of article 82 of the Law of the Sea Convention by States parties and the International Seabed Authority.

**Qualification requirements**

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

When applying for a Postdoctoral Fellowship, the applicant shall submit a project proposal for the qualifying work. This proposal shall include a progress plan. It is required that the applicant will be able to complete the project during the period of appointment.

Further, applicants must be able to document teaching qualifications in the form of documented practical competence as a teacher, university-level teaching seminars, other teaching education or through having developed a teaching portfolio, see also [teacher training courses](#).

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. 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 working hours shall be utilised for research, research-related activities and research administration.

The position may include teaching or equivalent duties for UiT of a 20 % position.

The successful applicant must be willing to engage himself/herself in the ongoing development of his/her discipline and the university as a whole.

The remuneration for this position 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.

## **Application**

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

For Postdoctor Fellow position:

- letter of application
- project description
- CV (containing a complete overview of education, supervised professional training and professional work)
- diplomas and references
- form for documentation of [teaching qualifications](#)
- list of works and description of these
  - 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
- academic works:

The applicant may submit up to ten works that are central to his/her production. The applicant's doctoral thesis is regarded in this context as one work.
- In addition, the applicant shall provide a description of his/her production stating which works he/she considers the most important and which shall therefore be the main emphasis of the assessment. A brief description of the other listed works shall also be included to demonstrate depth of production.

***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. 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 drawn up for the position.

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. A trial lecture may also be held.

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.*