FULL-TIME ACADEMIC POSITION IN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

FACULTY OF LAW AND CRIMINOLOGY

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Deadline for receipt of applications: 01/03/2020
Start date: 01/10/2020

Job description

The Chair in Environmental Law is an interfaculty Chair offered jointly by the Faculty of Law and Criminology, the Faculty of Sciences and its Institute for Environmental Management and Land-use Planning (IGEAT), and the Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management (SBS-EM).

The mission of the Chair is to reinforce research and teaching in subjects connected to the environment and sustainable development, and in so doing to contribute to the ULB’s impact and influence on contemporary enquiry into environmental questions. The Chair will be taken up by a specialised legal expert who can demonstrate expertise in the legal aspects of environmental protection at different levels (national, European and international). The expert will also be competent in illustrating the role of the law in environmental policy in a broad sense (including governance, citizens’ initiatives, and corporate social responsibility).

The selected candidate will play a role in teaching, research, and faculty administration in accordance with the range of tasks ordinarily attributed to a full-time university Chair. S/he will also join one of the Faculty of Law and Criminology’s Research Centres (https://droit.ulb.be/fr/navigation/la-recherche/nos-centres-de-recherche).

Research duties:
The holder of this Chair will perform the following:
- Supervise doctoral theses and serve on PhD supervisory committees
- Develop joint research projects and secure funding for these
- Organise academic events at the national and international level
- Regularly publish academic articles at the national and international level and participate in the publication of collective works, preferably peer-reviewed
- Engage with national and international Environmental Law networks

Teaching duties:
The post-holder will perform the following:
- Teach and evaluate the courses described below across the three Faculties sharing the Chair, and be prepared to take up other teaching duties that will be attributed to her/him
- Supervise and evaluate final dissertations in the three Faculties
The teaching load usually consists of 120 hours per year. Only the following teaching duties will be required of the appointed Chair in the first year in post. The teaching load will then be progressively increased to reach a full teaching load, based on the profile of the candidate selected. This workload will be reviewed, according to each Faculty’s requirements, at regular intervals (every 5 years).

- Environmental Law (24 h, Master’s in Law, compulsory course, 300+ students). This course, delivered to graduates in Law, serves to give students an overview of the legal aspects of environmental policy and aims to deliver an understanding of the essentials at a technical and societal level. Another objective of this course is to raise awareness about the place of the environment in the different fields of the Law.

- Environmental Law and Sustainable Development (24h, Master’s in Management and Economics, optional course delivered in English, +/- 30 students). The objective of this course is to inform and raise awareness, among economists and managers, on how the Economy [and Economics] intersects with Environmental Law.

- ENVI-F510 – Environmental Law (24h, Master’s in Science and Environmental Management, compulsory course, +/- 150 students). This introductory course on Environmental Law (Belgian and International) targets an interdisciplinary audience aiming to refine learners’ knowledge in the management of environmental issues.

Qualifications required

The successful candidate will hold a PhD in Law (Legal Sciences) or a PhD in a discipline connected with Environmental Law. In the case of the latter, a Master’s qualification in Law is a minimum requirement.

Skills required

Experience:
- To have gained at least four years of full-time academic work experience, prior to taking up this post, at the time of appointment.
- To be in possession of an excellent academic track record and research experience in Environmental Law, proven by a doctoral thesis and/or post-doctoral project, publications in collective works or of academic essays and reviews, involvement in research networks focusing on Environmental Law, etc.
- An international profile bolstered by periods abroad or outside of the candidate’s home institution to undertake doctoral research and/or contribute to international publications and/or participate in the activities of international research networks. Time spent abroad during or after the doctoral phase of studies will be deemed an asset.

Languages:
- Very good command of French (minimum B2 at the time of appointment, C1 after 3 months in post)
- Very good command of English (minimum B2 at the time of appointment, C1 after 3 months in post)
- Knowledge of Dutch will be regarded as a further asset.

Personal attributes and strengths:
- The ability to engage with and draw from areas and sources of the law which may be considered effective/informative in tackling environmental issues. The postholder will be required to
become fully versed in Belgian Environmental Law within five years from the time of appointment.

- The ability to interact with other disciplines related to the environment.
- The ability to demonstrate a personal investment in environmental issues, awareness of the role of the academic world in developing Environmental Law, and the ability to enter into dialogue with other players and third parties engaged in the discipline.

Interested?

For more information, please contact the Dean of the Faculty of Law and Criminology (telephone: +32 2 650 39 93 – e-mail: doyenne.droit@ulb.be)

Applications must be sent by e-mail to the rectorate of the Université Libre de Bruxelles (recteur@ulb.ac.be) and to the faculty deanship (SPES.Droit.Crim@ulb.ac.be).

They must include the following:
- an application letter
- a Curriculum vitae including a list of publications (a template can be downloaded at https://www.ulb.be/fr/documents-officiels/completer-votre-cv-en-ligne)
- any relevant documents showing 4 years of research experience
- a 7,000-character report (4 pages) presenting the applicant's research activities and a research project, including how these will integrate into ULB's research teams
- a teaching dossier including a 7,000-character report (4 pages) on the applicant's previous teaching activities and a teaching project for the first five years in this position; these must be relevant to the faculty and to the teaching profiles for the programmes to which the applicant is to contribute
- a note on the applicant's international achievements and projects (no more than 4 pages)
- the names and e-mail addresses of five referees (respecting the gender balance) who may be contacted by those in charge of evaluating applications. These referees should not have conflicts of interest because of family or emotional ties.

The appointment to the academic staff of ULB is made at “Premier Assistant” level, if the candidate has had a PhD for less than eight years (on 1 October of the year of appointment). If the candidate has had a PhD for eight or more years, on 1 October of the year of appointment, then the appointment is made at “Chargé de Cours” level. As of their appointment, members of academic staff are authorised to use the honorary title of “Professeur”.

By sending in their application, applicants acknowledge they have read and understood the additional information and the regulations relevant to academic staff, available at the following address http://www.ulb.ac.be/emploi/academique.html.