

PhD Positions Faculty of Law Maastricht University 2024
Call for Proposals

Introduction

In 2024 the Maastricht University Faculty of Law provides funding for four paid fulltime PhD positions. This call provides information on the application procedure.

Who can apply?

We are looking for candidates who

- hold a relevant Master degree, preferably completed with excellent grades. Final-year (master) students are (likewise) welcome to apply if they have proven research skills;
- are highly motivated and creative;
- can demonstrate relevant writing skills, proven, for example, by the quality of their master thesis;
- possess first-rate analytical skills;
- have an excellent research idea;
- have excellent written and oral command of English and/or Dutch.

The candidate submits the application, including a letter of commitment by a professor or associate professor of the Maastricht University Faculty of Law who will act as the envisaged promotor.

Conditions for submitting an application

When submitting a proposal, the following conditions apply:

- each candidate will contact, preferably in an early stage, a professor or associate professor of the Faculty of Law who will act as the promotor of the proposed PhD research. The envisaged supervisor submits a letter of commitment explaining commitment to the proposed research and the candidate. The promotor and candidate involve at least one co-promotor to join the team of supervisors. If expertise is available in-house, this is preferred to external supervision. Promotors are encouraged to involve assistant professors as co-promotors.
- each professor or associate professor of the Faculty of Law may commit to only one application either as promotor or co-promotor.

What can be applied for?

A four years fulltime paid PhD position (gross salary €2,770 - €3,539). PhD researchers participate in the Maastricht Graduate School of Law. They will prepare a PhD thesis in English or Dutch, consisting of either a manuscript or a series of academic papers or articles. At least 80% of the position will be dedicated to research and not more than 20% to teaching activities.

The terms of employment of Maastricht University are set out in the Collective Labour Agreement of Dutch Universities (CAO). Furthermore, local UM regulations apply. For more information look at the website [Working at UM - - Maastricht University](#).

When can applications be submitted?

The closing date for the submission is **Friday 19 January 2024**, 17:00 hours.

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Preparing an application

An application consists of:

- a fully elaborated proposal drafted in English or Dutch (according to the language in which the dissertation will be written), using the application form;
- detailed CV, including – if applicable – relevant publications;
- academic transcript of bachelor's and master's degrees and list of grades;
- a motivation letter;
- a letter by the envisaged promotor substantiating the commitment;
- the master thesis or, if applicable, another substantial piece of English or Dutch writing.

Submitting an application

An application can only be submitted by email to Pzfdrvacatures@maastrichtuniversity.nl.

Assessment criteria

Applications are assessed on the basis of the following criteria:

- originality of the proposal and potential contribution to the existing body of knowledge;
- research design and methods set out in the proposal and the link between setup and methods;
- quality of the PhD candidate;
- track record of the envisaged team of supervisors;
- feasibility (both in terms of research setup and budget);
- match between the proposal and the Maastricht Faculty of Law research programme.

The applications will be assessed by a selection committee appointed for that purpose by the Faculty Board.

Time schedule

19 January 2024, 17:00	Closing date submission of applications
Mid February 2024	Applicants are informed whether they are invited for an interview
March 2024	Interviews
End of March 2024	Final decision by the Faculty Board

Further information

For further information, please contact Patrick van Eijs, policy adviser for research (tel. 0031-43-3882027, email: patrick.vaneijs@maastrichtuniversity.nl).

Enclosed: Application Form PhD Positions Faculty of Law Maastricht University 2024