



The University of Zurich is seeking applications for a

Professorship of Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure Law and International Criminal Law or Economic Criminal Law

to be filled with effect from 1 August 2023 or upon agreement.

We are looking for an individual with a research focus on either international criminal law (international criminal law, European criminal law, or mutual legal assistance law) or on (substantive or procedural) commercial criminal law. Proof of qualification must be provided in the form of an outstanding dissertation and, for candidates applying for a professorship or an associate professorship, a habilitation or equivalent academic achievement.

The professorship forms part of the Criminal Law subject group. Applicants must be able to teach Swiss criminal law and criminal procedure law in German. In addition, at least a passive command of French is required, and candidates must be able to teach their main subject in English.

Further information can be found below.

Please submit your application documents as specified in the job profile by 26 October 2022 [online](#). You may be requested to submit hard copy documents and/or a research plan for your specialisations separately at a later point.

The relevant member of the appointment committee, Professor Marc Thommen (marc.thommen@rwi.uzh.ch), is available to answer any questions and provide further information.

Job profile

The professorship is to be filled by an individual with an outstanding track record in international criminal law or commercial criminal law. Proof of qualification must be provided in the form of an outstanding dissertation and, for candidates applying for a professorship or an associate professorship, a habilitation or equivalent academic achievement.

The new professor must also be able to take on teaching and examination responsibilities in the core topic of Swiss criminal law and criminal procedure law in addition to their own research focus. The professorship is therefore preferably to be filled by a candidate who is already familiar with Swiss criminal law or who, on the basis of their qualifications and professional experience, can guarantee that they will be able to teach on this topic in the Criminal Law subject group within a short time frame. In the case of excellent applications from foreign candidates, a familiarisation period of two semesters may be granted, but the candidate must demonstrate that they will dedicate themselves immediately to familiarising themselves with the core areas of Swiss criminal law.

As Swiss jurisprudence and doctrine utilise three official languages, candidates should have at least a passive command of French in addition to German. Given the range of partnerships between the Faculty of Law and foreign universities and the associated exchange of students, the new professor will preferably have a good command of English and is ideally able to hold lectures and examinations in English.

As the majority of criminal law subjects are taught in large courses with up to 300 students, excellent didactic skills and a minimum amount of teaching experience are required.

The applicant is expected to play an active role in academic self-governance. This includes participation in the Criminal Law subject group. The appointed candidate will also be required to supervise one or more full-time equivalent staff members and have the necessary skills essential for this task.



This position is advertised as *open rank*. Depending on the qualification level of the candidate to be appointed, the professorship can be structured as a full, associate, or assistant professorship with tenure track. The percentage of employment in this position can also be varied. The position(s) will be offered to one or more person(s) to make up a full-time (100%) role. Applicants may only apply for a full-time position; however, they are explicitly encouraged to state whether they would consider part-time employment, and if so, what percentage of employment (20%–80%).

The University of Zurich strives to increase the representation of women in research and teaching, and therefore specifically encourages qualified female academics to apply.

Required Documents

We look forward to receiving the following documents:

- Cover letter,
- Curriculum vitae,
- Certificates, particularly for the required university qualifications,
- List of publications, lectures, and courses taught,
- Teaching evaluations,
- Overview of any third-party funding received,
- Overview of any training in university-level teaching,
- Overview of your participation in academic self-governance.