



The University of Zurich is seeking applications for a

Professorship in Legal Tech

to take effect from the beginning of the Spring Semester 2021 (1 February 2021), or by arrangement.

The position is to be filled by an academic with an outstanding legal track record and excellent knowledge of information technology, whose research focuses on the impact of digital technologies in the field of law. Proof of exceptional qualification is to be provided in the form of an outstanding dissertation, a completed or near-completed habilitation thesis (or equivalent), and additional publications.

Applicants may be specialised in private law (including civil procedure law), criminal law, public law or commercial law, or have an in-depth focus on the foundational principles of law. Specialisation is also desirable when it comes to the applicant's technical expertise. This could be in such fields as artificial intelligence (in particular machine learning) or distributed ledger technology (in particular blockchain technology). In addition, knowledge of the strategic and operational aspects of the business models of participants in the transforming legal market is desirable.

Depending on the applicant's qualifications, the professorship will take the form of a full or associate professorship. A temporary tenure-track assistant professorship is possible if the applicant's habilitation thesis addressing the intersection between law and digitalisation is at an advanced stage but not yet completed. In all cases, the professorship will ultimately be a full-time position. It is, however, possible for the employment level to be reduced to 70% for a transitional period of no more than three years.

If an excellent application is submitted, particularly from countries or regions (such as French-speaking Switzerland) that do not require a habilitation thesis to be completed, the requirement for habilitation can be waived if comparable achievements are demonstrated. Applicants must have an excellent level of English in order to publish in international journals and teach in English. Applicants without a Swiss background must be willing to familiarise themselves with Swiss law within a reasonable amount of time and, if necessary, attain the necessary level of German.

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

Further information relating to this job profile can be found below.

Please submit your application documents as specified in the job profile by 6 September 2020 via www.recruiting.ius.uzh.ch. You may be requested to submit hard-copy documents separately at a later point.

The relevant member of the appointment committee, Professor Florent Thouvenin (florent.thouvenin@rwi.uzh.ch), is available to answer any questions and provide further information.



1) Job profile

The professorship is to be filled by an academic whose research focuses primarily on the impact of digital technologies in the field of law. We are looking for an individual with an outstanding legal background and excellent knowledge of information technology. We require a track record of strong publications that explore questions relating to the intersection between law and digitalisation, and a willingness to engage on a continual basis with dynamic new technological developments.

The incumbent of the Legal Tech chair should provide teaching that first and foremost equips students with the skills required to understand, effectively use and potentially even develop the current and future technologies relevant to legal applications. Outstanding teaching skills are therefore indispensable, as is a certain amount of teaching experience.

The Legal Tech chair must have an excellent level of English in order to publish in international journals and teach courses for the English-language Master's programme run by the University of Zurich's Faculty of Law. Qualified non-native German speakers are encouraged to apply, providing that they are willing to develop their German skills over the course of the professorship.

The applicant is expected to play an active role in academic administration. This includes participation in the relevant subject group, which will be assigned to the professorship according to the chosen candidate's background.

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2) Further information on the documents required

We look forward to receiving the following documents:

- Cover letter
- Curriculum vitae
- Certificates, particularly for the necessary 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 administration