



The University of Zurich is seeking applications for a

Chair in Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure Law

to be filled with effect from 1 February 2027 or upon agreement.

We are seeking a candidate with an outstanding academic track record in criminal and criminal procedure law, who is able to carry out teaching and research in these core areas. In addition, the significance of the candidate's research should be recognised nationally and internationally.

This position will be advertised open rank. Proof of qualification should be provided in the form of an outstanding dissertation. Candidates applying for a full professorship or an associate professorship must also demonstrate completion or near-completion of a habilitation thesis or a comparable achievement.

The holder of the chair will be required to have a strong network, both nationally and internationally, and to be able to teach Swiss criminal and criminal procedure law in German. Furthermore, they must have the ability to teach in their own specialist subject area in English. At least passive knowledge of the French language is desirable. A good knowledge of other languages, especially Italian, is likewise desirable.

As the majority of criminal law subjects are taught in large classes, excellent didactic skills and a minimum level of teaching experience are required.

The successful candidate will be expected to perform the usual tasks of academic, faculty-related, and university-related self-administration and should possess the necessary skills to supervise their employees.

The University of Zurich strives to increase diversity in research and teaching and therefore explicitly invites applications from under-represented groups.

Further information and the link to the application platform are available below. Please submit your application documents online by 5 February 2025.

The relevant member of the appointment committee, Professor Sarah Summers, is available to answer any questions and provide further information.



Job profile

The successful candidate will have an outstanding academic track record in criminal law and criminal procedure law and will be capable of carrying out teaching and research in these core areas. In addition, the significance of the candidate's research should be recognised nationally and internationally.

The chair will take the form of a full or associate professorship, or an assistant professorship with tenure track. Proof of qualification should be provided in the form of an outstanding dissertation. Candidates applying for a full professorship, or an associate professorship must also demonstrate completion or near-completion of a habilitation thesis or a comparable achievement.

The holder of the chair must also be able to take on teaching and examination responsibilities in the core area of Swiss criminal and criminal procedure law. The chair is thus 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, is able to guarantee that they will be able to teach these subjects within a short period of time. In the case of excellent applications from foreign candidates, a familiarisation period of two semesters may be permitted, provided it is evident that they will quickly and thoroughly familiarise themselves with the core areas of Swiss criminal and criminal procedure law, and, where necessary, acquire the required language skills.

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Applicants will be required to have a strong network, both nationally and internationally. As Swiss jurisprudence and doctrine utilise all three official languages, candidates should have at least a passive command of French in addition to an active knowledge of German. Given the range of partnerships between the Faculty of Law and foreign universities, and the associated exchange of students, the successful candidate must have an excellent command of English and be able to hold lectures and examinations in English. A good knowledge of other languages, especially Italian, is likewise desirable.

The Faculty of Law is also active in the field of continuing education and assumes that its members will actively participate in this within the scope of their professional expertise. The successful candidate is furthermore expected to perform the usual tasks of academic, faculty-related, and university-related self-administration and to possess the required competence in this regard, as well as to be able to supervise one or more full-time equivalent staff members.

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Documents to be submitted

We look forward to receiving the following documents from prospective candidates:

- 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 self-administration
- Specialisation research proposal