

Australian National University

ANU College of Law

Teaching Fellowships

From 2007 the ANU College of Law has offered a number of Teaching Fellowships to outstanding PhD candidates that join the College as part of its annual appointment round. In essence, these are Level A appointments with a reduced teaching load to enable the pursuit of a PhD. The Teaching Fellowships are superior to PhD Scholarships in two ways: first, in being more remunerative, and secondly, in providing a foothold on the academic ladder by virtue of the appointment as a member of academic staff.

How do teaching fellowships work?

Teaching Fellowships are designed as entry-level positions for candidates of outstanding promise who are seeking an academic career. Candidates selected to take up a teaching fellowship will be employed full time or part time by the College as an academic Level A (salary range \$55,014 - \$69,781) on either a continuing or a fixed term contract depending on the package of study and work negotiated, and the recommendation of the Selection Committee. The contract will require progress toward completion of a PhD qualification in Law. If the candidate is employed on a full time contract the PhD enrolment will be part time. The standard arrangement is likely to be a full time appointment, approximately a half teaching load, and part time PhD enrolment.

A fulltime enrolment in a PhD program is possible but the candidate will then be employed on a fractional employment contract with the College of no more than 20 hours a week in accordance with University PhD study rules on part-time work by full-time PhD candidates. For further information please refer to: <http://www.anu.edu.au/cabs/rules/archivedrules/degreephilosophy.PDF> A scholarship may be available to support this option.

Teaching is likely to be in the one of more of the compulsory courses in the undergraduate law curriculum and, subject to available supervision, the PhD may be undertaken in any area of the law.

How are they advertised?

The Fellowships are advertised in the press as part of the College annual appointment round, to start later in the year or January of the following year, by negotiation.

How does the selection process work?

The selection is made on submission of an application addressing the standard academic selection criteria for a Level A academic that include the capacity for:

- effective teaching, course administration and curriculum development;
- high quality research, writing, publication and obtaining research grants;
- community outreach activities; and
- University administration and governance.

In addition candidates must possess: good communication skills, oral and written; empathy with people, especially students, and good 'people skills'; commitment to and capacity for collegiality; and an understanding of equal opportunity principles and a commitment to their application in a university context.

The candidate must state the area of intended PhD study in the application to enable the College to establish supervision capability. If short-listed, candidates will be invited to attend an interview and provide a presentation to College academic staff on their area of intended research.

What about program course fees?

Successful candidates who are citizens of Australia, citizens of New Zealand or permanent residents of Australia will be eligible for a Research Training Scheme place and will not incur fees for a PhD program.

Applicants from overseas?

International applicants may apply for a Teaching Fellowship and if successful will be offered a package of employment or study as detailed above. Program fees are payable for either full or part-time study and will be levied according to the CRICOS approved rate for the PhD program in Law (international student rate). However, fees may be waived on a case-by-case basis.

Those appointed from overseas on a full-time basis will be required to apply for a Temporary Business (Long Stay) (Sub Class 457) visa which permits part-time PhD enrolment. The College will provide sponsorship for this visa and the successful applicant will be offered a fixed term contract in the first instance of four years, the minimum period for completion of a PhD on a part time basis. Those wishing to enrol on a full time basis must enrol with the University and apply for a student visa and permission to work, and may then work for the College for up to 20 hours a week.

More information

If you would like to discuss further please contact the Dean of the ANU College of Law, Professor Michael Coper at Michael.Coper@anu.edu.au or (02) 6125 4124.