Maynooth University
Ollscoil Mhá Nuad

Department of Law
Professor of Law
(Professor B)

The Role

Maynooth University seeks an outstanding academic to join our staff as Professor of Law. The person appointed will have an excellent record in research, scholarship and publication, in teaching and educational innovation, and in academic leadership. She/he will be expected to make a strong contribution to the teaching, research and profile of the university, and to provide ongoing leadership for the discipline. Ideally, the successful candidate will be a leading academic in a field of expertise that aligns with the strategic research and teaching priorities of the Department of Law, in particular, the field of international/European social justice, and will lead the development of research and teaching provision in these areas.

Maynooth University is committed to a strategy in which the primary university goals of excellent research and scholarship and outstanding education are interlinked and equally valued. Professors will be expected to provide significant intellectual leadership, through a demonstrated commitment to both education and research, and also to contribute to the effective leadership and management of the department, the faculty and the university.

Principal Responsibilities

A Professor of the University is expected to:

- Be an international leader in research and scholarship and contribute to the advancement of knowledge in the field;
- Provide leadership in research and scholarship within the Department, Faculty and University;
- Promote excellence in teaching and learning, and encourage innovation in teaching and learning amongst staff;
- Contribute to the teaching of undergraduate and postgraduate students, including lecturing, consultations with individual students, and supervision of research students;
- Contribute to the development of the curriculum and academic programmes within the discipline and more generally;
- Assume responsibilities for management and administrative tasks associated with the Department, Faculty and University;
- Be an active member of the University and contribute to the work of the University in outreach, collaboration, internationalisation, engagement and policy development.
Professors of the University are required to serve as Head of Department when requested to do so by the President. The successful candidate will not be expected to serve as Head of Department immediately on appointment, but will be expected to provide academic and administrative leadership in the Department, with a view to assuming the Head of Department role when requested to do so by the President.

The ideal candidate will have:

- An outstanding record of research and scholarship, reflected in an excellent publication and research funding profile;
- An outstanding academic record as a university teacher and an educational innovator;
- The capacity to offer strong academic leadership within the Department and across the University;
- Demonstrated management and administrative skills;
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills;
- The ability to build effective relationships with a wide variety of internal and external colleagues.

The University

Maynooth University is one of the four constituent universities of the National University of Ireland and in 2017 was placed in the global top 50 universities under 50 years old in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings. Formally established as an autonomous university in 1997, but tracing its origins to the foundation of the Royal College of St. Patrick in 1795, Maynooth University draws on a heritage of over 200 years’ commitment to education and scholarship. It is located in the University town of Maynooth, 25km from the centre of Dublin, Ireland’s capital city.

The University is a modern institution - dynamic, research-led, engaged, and grounded in the traditions of liberal education. With more than 11,000 students, Maynooth is Ireland’s fastest-growing university, yet we retain a collegial campus culture that is central to our ability to bring significant interdisciplinary expertise to bear in tackling some of the most fundamental challenges facing society today.

Maynooth University is embarking upon a new and exciting phase with the development of the University Strategic Plan 2018-22, with a vision to consolidate the international reputation of Maynooth University “as a university known for outstanding teaching, excellent research, a global outlook, effective engagement with the society we serve, and our distinctive approach to the challenges facing modern higher education.”

The plan builds on the successes of the University Strategic Plan 2012-17, which set seven strategic goals for the university:

- to offer students an outstanding university education, the best available in Ireland, an education which challenges and supports all students to achieve their full potential, and prepares students for life, work and citizenship, and for complexity, diversity and change;
- to be recognised as playing a leading international role and being the clear national leader in a number of thematic areas of research that address the major societal challenges of the 21st century;
- to achieve a step change in our international activities, doubling the number of international students on campus and doubling the number of domestic students spending time abroad, in order to create a truly intercultural and multilingual institution;
- to strengthen our engagement with all stakeholders through sustained partnerships with enterprises, communities, civil society and public bodies, to build support for the mission of the university, to serve the needs of society, and to open new opportunities for research and learning;
- to maximise our unique and distinctive contribution to the national system of higher education through a set of purposeful and sustained strategic partnerships at regional and national level, and to extend our international reach through a network of global partnerships;
- to be an excellent place to work, known for a collegial ethos which empowers all staff to contribute fully to the development of the university;
to enable the achievement of ambitious strategic objectives in challenging circumstances through careful planning, excellent services and infrastructure, and sound governance and management.

The university has distinctive institutional strengths in six thematic priority areas:

- Human Cultures, Experience & Creativity;
- Humanities in Practice: Sources, Resources & Discourses;
- Human Health;
- Mathematics, Communications and Computation;
- People, Place and Environment;
- Social and Economic Transformations.

**Faculty and Research Institutes**

The Faculty of Social Sciences comprises the Departments of Adult and Community Education; Anthropology; Applied Social Studies; Design Innovation; Economics, Finance & Accounting; Education; Geography; Law; Sociology; the Froebel Department of Primary and Early Childhood Education; and the School of Business. The role of the Faculty is to co-ordinate the academic activities of individual departments, to oversee the strategic development of departments, and to support interdepartmental programmes. The University has also developed a number of interdisciplinary institutes to support excellent research and to build research capacity across disciplines, including the Maynooth University Social Sciences Institute (MUSSI).

**The Department**

Maynooth University Department of Law is one of the newest academic units within the University. The Department has 20 staff members, and is the fastest growing Law Department in Ireland. It offers a number of popular undergraduate and postgraduate degree programmes, educating over 1000 students. The Department places a very strong emphasis on research, and staff members regularly publish in leading international academic journals. The Department of Law has particular research strengths in the areas of global business perspectives, criminology and criminal justice, human rights and social justice, and legal theory. In addition, our programmes highlight the practical application of legal study, and underlie the importance of legal skills, such as negotiation and advocacy. The Department is student-focused and outward-facing; it collaborates widely with colleagues within the University and beyond. The Department of Law has undergone a period of rapid expansion of its range of programmes at undergraduate and postgraduate levels. It offers, amongst others, the LLB and a suite of BCL degrees at undergraduate level (including Ireland’s first BCL (Law and Criminology) degree), and a suite of postgraduate programmes, including the LLM programmes in International Justice, Global Legal Studies, and International Business Law. The Department is now seeking to recruit to a key, strategic academic post designed to develop, lead, and contribute to these programmes. While applications are invited from candidates with an expertise in research and teaching in any area of law, preference may be given to those whose field of expertise aligns with the strategic research and teaching priorities of the Department of Law, in particular, the field of international/European social justice. The successful candidate will be expected to contribute to the teaching of core modules on the Department's undergraduate and postgraduate programmes.

**Selection and Appointment**

- Only shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend for interview;
- Candidates will be required to make a brief presentation to staff within the University as part of the selection process;
- Appointments will be made by the President based on the report of the selection board;
- It is anticipated that interviews will be held during May 2018.
- The appointment is expected to be effective from September 2018.
Terms and Conditions

The appointment will be made at Professor B level. The professorship will be a permanent appointment to the academic staff and subject to the Statutes of the University.

Salary


Appointments will be made in accordance with the Department of Finance pay guidelines.

Application Procedure

Please ensure that you USE THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE ‘Prof_Law’ in the subject line of your application email. This will clarify which role you are applying for.

Please note applications should be made by sending the following information as ONE single attachment (either in PDF or word format) incorporating all of the below required information:

- A Curriculum Vitae, including all qualifications and experience, and a covering letter addressing your interest and suitability for the role;
- The names, email addresses, correspondence addresses and telephone numbers of three referees whom the University may contact.

Once attachment is compiled please send your single document application to recruitment@nuim.ie

The completed application documents should be forwarded by email to arrive no later than midnight, Sunday April 8th 2018. Late applications will not be accepted.

Maynooth University is an equal opportunities employer

The position is subject to the Statutes of the University