



## Faculty Position Announcement

**Job Title:** Assistant Professor of Law (International)

**Reports to:** Chair of the Law Department

Founded in 2006, the American University of Afghanistan (AUAF) is a private, non-profit, nationally-accredited university offering an American-style liberal arts education. We are a dynamic university with a student population of over 1,000 students.

Since 2007, AUAF and Stanford Law School's Afghanistan Legal Education Project (ALEP) have collaborated to strengthen legal education in Afghanistan. In 2012, ALEP was awarded a grant from the International Bureau of Narcotics and Law Enforcement of the U.S. State Department to expand AUAF's legal studies program into an integrated Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws (BA/LLB) degree program at the Kabul campus. The Law Department admitted its first BA/LLB candidates in January 2013 and is currently teaching a full curriculum of required courses and with an expanding number of electives.

The curriculum of the law degree program focuses on practical skills, professional responsibility, and substantive instruction in criminal, commercial, comparative, Islamic, and international law. The law degree program uses textbooks written by ALEP, which have been rigorously vetted with Stanford and AUAF law faculty, and senior judges, bureaucrats and lawyers in Afghanistan. Thus far, ALEP has published nine textbooks and has four others currently in production.

Implementation of the law degree program would not be possible without a dynamic and exceptional teaching faculty at AUAF to teach the material, provide valuable feedback on the textbooks, and undertake program management responsibilities. Our current faculty is a mix of Afghan and international scholars and practitioners with strong backgrounds in comparative, Islamic, international and Afghan domestic law.

The Law Department is currently looking to fill one opening for an international assistant professor.

Review of applications will begin immediately, and will continue until the position is filled, though submission of applications by June 1, 2018 is encouraged.

### Position Description

The position requires a mix of academic, programmatic, interpersonal and administrative skills.

Full-time assistant professors teach four classes per semester, thoroughly preparing for each class session, creating useful assignments, administering exams, and grading according to Department standards. Assistant professors work closely with the Stanford-based ALEP team to develop the core curriculum and provide feedback on curriculum and textbooks.

At present, we have a particular need for an assistant professor to teach practice-oriented classes such as legal methods, trial advocacy and commercial deals, and classes in international business transactions and public international law. We may be able to accommodate other areas of teaching interest for exceptionally strong candidates.

In addition to teaching, assistant professors play a significant role in the day-to-day management of the Law Department and BA/LLB program. Assistant professors also participate in university faculty committees to ensure the integration of the law program into the wider university.

The role is varied and responsive to the needs of the Law Department and students. The best applicants will be flexible and motivated self-starters who enjoy teaching, program management, and working in a dynamic and growing organization.

### **Faculty responsibilities**

- Teach four undergraduate or graduate courses (12 credits) per term, evaluating student work and assessing student learning outcomes.
- Participation in AUAF's partnership with Stanford Law School (ALEP) to act as a peer reviewer in drafting and revising textbooks
- Hold regular office hours and work with individual students, acting as academic advisor and mentor.
- Participate in professional development activities.
- Assist in program and curriculum review and development.
- Contribute service to the overall development of the university.
- Remain engaged in the field through research, scholarship, creative activities and/or other forms of professional engagement.
- Foster collegiality.
- Fulfill other duties as required.

### **Desired Qualifications**

- Juris doctorate or equivalent international legal degree/experience required
- English fluency required; Dari/Pashto/Arabic reading and/or speaking skills desirable.
- Teaching experience and skills strongly preferred but not required.
- Experience in international development or rule of law work desirable.
- Academic or practical experience in international and comparative law preferred.
- Knowledge of Afghan law desirable.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills required.

### **Benefits and Environment**

This is an exceptional opportunity to work at a recently formed university in an emerging and rapidly changing society.

The American University of Afghanistan offers a generous benefits package that includes a competitive salary, air transportation, university-provided accommodation, and paid international health care insurance for international employees.

## **To Apply**

To apply, please send as a single PDF document: a cover letter, curriculum vitae, and contact information for three references to [facultyjobs@auaf.edu.af](mailto:facultyjobs@auaf.edu.af) and [afghanistanlegaleducation@gmail.com](mailto:afghanistanlegaleducation@gmail.com). Please include "*Law Faculty Application*" in the subject line of the email.

AUAF follows a strict non-discriminatory policy, and applicants from all ethnic, religious and economic backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

If hired, the successful applicant is expected to provide official proof of academic degrees (transcripts sent from the degree granting school directly to AUAF).