The Faculty of Law of Maastricht University is looking for a:

**Assistant Professor of Empirical Legal Research (1,0 fte or 0,8 fte)**

Tenure track position

**Job Description:**

We expect the successful candidate to teach methods of Empirical Legal Research in the Graduate School of Law, to PhD candidates, to our honours research master students and in the UM Law College. He or she will advise researchers on research proposals and research design, with a special focus on empirical legal research. He or she will be involved in the further development of this field at the Faculty. In addition, the successful candidate will become a member of one of the six departments of the faculty, and will be expected to develop his or her own line of research, using empirical legal research methods.

**Job requirements:**

Candidates must:

* hold a PhD in law;
* have a strong background and proven interest in methods of empirical research in law;
* give evidence of sustained research achievements, reflected in peer-reviewed publications;
* preferably have experience with conducting research in an interdisciplinary environment;
* have experience in teaching and/or have a strong commitment to teaching empirical methods;
* have a strong command of English and strong command of Dutch or willingness to learn Dutch;
* have excellent interpersonal and effective communication skills;
* have excellent organizational skills.

**Organisation:**

The Faculty of Law has a strong and distinct international profile both in education and research. Our faculty is an inspiring and lively place where enthusiastic and inquisitive researchers attempt to find answers to the important legal issues of today. Researchers are able to flourish in the faculty’s vibrant academic community. They develop their own research projects, within the contours set by the faculty’s research [programme](https://ww.maastrichtuniversity.nl/about-um/faculties/law/research/research-programme). Research is focused on the study of the role of law in an increasingly globalised society. Research involves studying both institutional and substantive developments in the process of Europeanisation and globalisation and the role of the national legal order therein. This takes place by means of comparative research and research in the fields of European law, international economic law and human rights in a multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary context. To this end, various research methods are applied whereby more traditional methods are combined with empirical research methods.

The Faculty of Law has six departments (Private Law, Public Law, International and European Law, Criminal Law, Tax Law and Foundation and Methods of Law) and hosts eight [research institutes](https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/about-um/faculties/law/research/research-programme), while many researchers of the faculty also participate in interdisciplinary interfaculty institutes.

[The Maastricht Graduate School of Law](https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/research/maastricht-graduate-school-law) offers a stimulating and internationally oriented environment for legal research at UM. It is dedicated to train excellent PhD researchers and honours students from all over the world to extend, deepen and actively apply their knowledge, so as to become highly qualified researchers.

**Conditions:**

Candidates are employed temporarily as assistant professor (level 2) and agree to specific development goals. Five years after appointment, or earlier as soon as the development goals are met, the candidate is promoted to assistant professor (level 1) in a permanent position. On the candidate’s request, the decision can be deferred in case of special personal circumstances, such as pregnancy leave, parental leave, or chronic illness.

The salary depends on academic qualifications and experience. The salary will be set between minimum gross month salary € 3.475,00 of salary scale 11 and maximum gross month salary of

€ 5.405,00 of salary scale 12, based on a full-time employment, of the Collective Labour Agreement of the Dutch Universities. For people recruited from abroad a reduced income tax rate may apply.

More information on terms of employment of the university can be found on: [www.maastrichtuniversity.nl](http://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl) > Support > Employees.

**Information:**

More information on this vacancy can be obtained from the Vice Dean for Research, Professor Monica Claes, Monica.Claes@maastrichtuniversity.nl.

**Application and Selection Process:**

Written applications, including a motivation letter, curriculum vitae, a representative publication or part of the PhD-thesis, grade lists and the names of two people who can give a reference, must be sent no later than 9 april 2018 to Pzfdrvacatures@maastrichtuniversity.nl.

**When applying for this job always mention the vacancy number.**