

At the University of Graz, researchers and students work across a broad disciplinary spectrum to enlarge our knowledge, and find strategies to deal with challenges our society is confronted with and to shape tomorrow's world. The University of Graz is a place which combines high quality academic research and teaching, where achievement is rewarded, careers are promoted, and social diversity is encouraged – all within a modern, award-winning working environment. Our motto: We work for tomorrow. Join us!

At the Department of the Foundations of Law at the Faculty of Law, the University of Graz is seeking to appoint a

Professor of Business, Law and Digital Innovation

(40 hours per week; selection procedure in accordance with Section 98 of the Universities Act (UG); permanent employment according to the Salaried Employees Act (AngG); expected starting date December 1st 2024)

Digitalisation is leading to far-reaching changes in economy, society, administration, politics, law and communication. It raises fundamental structural questions for existing private law, such as: How should private law deal with platform companies as new super players in the private, economic and public context in the future? How can the interconnection and networking of numerous parties and contracts be rethought in terms of dogma and law? How does private law relate to the newly emerging data order?

Against this background, the professorship focuses on the interdisciplinary analysis and research of innovation-led concepts in private law, including in particular European and international regulations on issues of digitalisation and digitalisation development. In addition to legal qualifications, fundamental knowledge of the economic and socio-technological foundations of digitalisation is required.

This professorship should therefore also contribute to the "Smart Regulation" field of excellence in particular. It should play a leading role in the identification of relevant topics and issues – based on Austrian private law in the broader sense (civil law or special disciplines of private law). The establishment and continuation of existing interdisciplinary and international cooperation partnerships are particularly preferred.

The applicant will conduct research on the current and future private law framework conditions of new technologies and scenarios, but also on the control of the behaviour of economic operators and the multitude of new legal issues arising from this with links to commercial law and social developments.

Attracting competitive national and international third-party funding is a prerequisite. The applicant must also contribute by actively and innovatively shaping teaching – with a focus on digitalisation/digitalisation development – including in the doctoral programmes. Supervision of academic work is also required.

Employment requirements:

- Austrian or equivalent foreign higher education degree corresponding with the position (doctorate/PhD)
- Habilitation or equivalent qualification in private law (civil law or special disciplines of private law)
- Outstanding academic qualifications in research and teaching in the relevant discipline and for the profile of the professorship (commensurate with stage of academic career)
- Experience in attracting subject-specific project grants, particularly where competitively awarded third-party funds are concerned
- Skills in higher education didactics and online teaching
- Skills in the supervision and guidance of early career researchers (commensurate with stage of academic career)
- Professional experience abroad during professional career
- Management and leadership experience
- Gender mainstreaming skills
- Good knowledge of German and English
- Knowledge of the economic and socio-technological foundations and implications of digitalisation
- Willingness to actively and innovatively shape teaching - with a focus on private law in the broader sense, in particular in close connection with digitalisation/digitalisation developments and links to commercial law and social developments - including teaching in the doctoral programmes

The successful candidate will be highly motivated, aiming for academic excellence and integrity in research and teaching. He/she will have demonstrated ability to collaborate constructively in a responsible manner and inspire colleagues and students in an interdisciplinary, internationally oriented context.

We offer a diverse, challenging, team-oriented working environment and a high degree of personal responsibility. Working hours are flexible and there are many options for further education and personal development.

Classification

Salary scheme of the Collective Bargaining Agreement for University Staff (Universitäten-KV): A1

Minimum salary

The minimum remuneration as stated in the Collective Bargaining Agreement is EUR 89.075,00 gross per year. Salary subject to negotiation.

Application deadline: **April 30th 2024**

Reference number: **BV/8/98 ex 2022/23**

Planned dates of the applicant's presentation: 11.11.2024 - 12.11.2024

The University of Graz is committed to increasing the proportion of female employees, especially in leadership roles. We therefore encourage qualified female colleagues in particular to apply for this position. In case of equal qualifications, women will receive priority consideration.

Please submit your application documents (in German or English) in accordance with the **general application guidelines** (which can be found at <https://personalressort.uni-graz.at/en/appointment-procedure/>) before the stated deadline. Your application documents should include the reference number of the position and be sent by email to:

bewerbung.professur@uni-graz.at