

Professor, Real Estate and Land Use Law
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Position Start Date Available immediately

Job Categories Professor

Academic Field(s) Zoning/Land Use Planning
Real Property & Real Estate Finance
Landlord/Tenant & Housing Law

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Job Description

Aalto University is where science and art meet technology and business. We shape a sustainable future by making research breakthroughs in and across our disciplines, sparking the game changers of tomorrow and creating novel solutions to major global challenges. Our community is made up of 13,000 students, 400 professors and close to 4 500 other faculty and staff working on our dynamic campus in Espoo, Greater Helsinki, Finland. Diversity is part of who we are, and we actively work to ensure our community's diversity and inclusiveness. This is why we warmly encourage qualified candidates from all backgrounds to join our community.

The Aalto University School of Engineering drives science and innovation in industrial and built

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environment technologies. We are committed to educating a new generation of experts who combine technical excellence with a deep understanding of sustainable development in shaping societies.

The research work of our three departments focuses on sustainable built environments, mechanics and materials, energy technology, and design and implementation of technical systems. The strength of School of Engineering lies in close collaboration with stakeholders in both education and research areas. Each year, the School of Engineering graduates approximately 45 doctors and 350 engineers with master's degrees. We have over 700 employees, including 70 professors. Learn more [\[url=https://www.aalto.fi/en/school-of-engineering\]](https://www.aalto.fi/en/school-of-engineering)School of Engineering | Aalto University.

Aalto University School of Engineering, Department of Built Environment invites applications for:

Professor in real estate and land use law (tenure track)

The [\[url=https://www.aalto.fi/en/department-of-built-environment\]](https://www.aalto.fi/en/department-of-built-environment)Department of Built Environment at Aalto University is a community of approximately 200 employees where research, teaching, creation, and development of solutions for societal needs take place. Our main research areas include real estate economics, land use planning, transportation engineering, geoinformatics, and water and environmental engineering. We work in strong collaboration with industry companies and public entities, creating a lasting impact on the economy and society.

We are now seeking a professor for the [\[url=https://www.aalto.fi/en/department-of-built-environment/real-estate-economics\]](https://www.aalto.fi/en/department-of-built-environment/real-estate-economics)Real Estate Research Group. The research group conducts interdisciplinary and multimethod research on real estate markets and the institutions that govern them. We study, for example, the role of public and private actors in urban development, market dynamics and real estate management, covering the entire lifecycle of real estate.

The professorship broadly focuses on the regulation of the real estate sector, including private and public law aspects, and EU legislation affecting land use law. This encompasses ownership, land and water rights, public and private legal restrictions on land use, legislation on land use change permits, transfer and registration of real estate ownership and management rights, aspects of real estate business, and regulation concerning real estate development (especially land use planning and land policy). The call is open for Assistant, Associate and Full Professor levels of the [\[url=https://www.aalto.fi/en/tenure-track\]](https://www.aalto.fi/en/tenure-track)Aalto University tenure track system.

Your role

We are looking for a candidate with comprehensive legal expertise in the area of real estate and land use law, and additionally, specialized legal knowledge on a specific theme within this area. The ideal

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candidate has a passionate interest in the subject matter of the professorship, a desire to find solutions as part of an interdisciplinary research community, and a readiness to collaborate with key stakeholders.

In this role, you will:

Lead legal research in real estate and land use by building your own team and securing competitive funding.

Produce high-quality legal research that is published in esteemed peer-reviewed journals.

Deliver high-level teaching in real estate and land use law.

Inspire students and impart them with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes that help them succeed.

Benefit society through the impactful work you do.

Support the activities of the Department of Built Environment and the School of Engineering within the framework of the tenure track professorship.

Our expectations

The position requires a doctorate relevant to the field. The candidate should have deep legal expertise in Finnish real estate and land use law, as well as knowledge of related legislation, or the capability to acquire this expertise. The ability to teach and communicate in both national languages is considered an advantage. Experience in directly supporting legislative preparation or otherwise impacting decision-making through research results, as well as working with key stakeholders on research projects or studies, is also considered an advantage.

Additionally, we seek a passionate educator, and we cannot emphasize enough the importance of teaching and learning in this field. In teaching, the candidate is expected to:

Teach courses in real estate and land use law within our study programs, with a typical teaching load of two to three courses per year.

Supervise bachelor's, master's, and doctoral students.

Develop their teaching skills and competencies throughout their career.

Participate in curriculum development and pedagogical leadership.

Engage with Aalto University's Life-Wide Learning offerings.

In the long term, your work should be able to impact society from a broader perspective by:

Supporting the promotion of sustainable development business potential in society and business life.

Creating national and international networks with stakeholders to enhance synergies and advance the impact of legal research as well as the development of the regulatory environment.

Seeking innovative solutions aimed at reforming administrative practices while taking administrative burdens into account and promoting the realization of citizens' legal protection.

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In summary, we offer an interesting position for an outward-looking academic individual who can network with Aalto University and external academic and societal actors. However, the best part of the job is working with our students and staff.

What we offer

Aalto University offers an inspiring environment for an academic career. Our university has several internationally highly ranked areas of expertise and is one of the most international universities. Our work community is characterized by strong team spirit and a commitment to continuous development. We are located on Aalto University's vibrant campus in Otaniemi, Espoo.

The entry salary will be defined according to Aalto University's salary system, taking account of the applicant's experience and qualifications. Aalto University provides its employees with occupational healthcare services. A start-up package can be negotiated with the Dean.

Finland is a healthy and safe living environment, offering many excellent state-subsidized services including affordable day care, free schools, and universities, which are consistently ranked among the best in the world. More information about living and working in Finland:

[url=https://www.aalto.fi/en/careers-at-aalto/for-international-staff]For international staff | Aalto University.

Tenure track at Aalto University

Since 2010, the tenure track at Aalto University has attracted a wide range of international applicants, enabling the recruitment of top experts and young talent to the Aalto University community. Throughout their careers, those in the tenure track system are expected to conduct and supervise scientific research, to provide related academic education, contribute to developing their field or discipline, as well as contribute to academic service at the university and beyond in the society. For more information on the tenure track system of Aalto University, please see [url=https://www.aalto.fi/en/tenure-track/tenure-track-career-path]Tenure track career path | Aalto University.

Ready to apply?

Please submit your application through our recruitment system by 10 January 2026 (23:59 UTC+2). A link to the recruitment system can be found at the end of this job advertisement ("Apply now!"). If you are already working at Aalto, please apply via our internal system Workday -> Find Jobs.

To apply, please share the following application materials with us in English and in PDF:

Cover letter

Curriculum vitae - please use the[url=https://tenk.fi/en/advice-and-materials/template-researchers-

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curriculum-vitae] template recommended by The Finnish Advisory Board on Research Integrity.

List of publications, with the most significant publications highlighted.

Research portfolio - for instructions, visit [\[url=https://www.aalto.fi/sites/default/files/2023-03/Liite%201%2020230222%20Aalto%20Tenure%20Track%20Policies%20and%20Procedures_ENG.pdf](https://www.aalto.fi/sites/default/files/2023-03/Liite%201%2020230222%20Aalto%20Tenure%20Track%20Policies%20and%20Procedures_ENG.pdf)

and Procedures -document, page 25.

Teaching portfolio - see [\[url=https://www.aalto.fi/sites/default/files/2024-04/Teaching-competence-assessment_Guidelines-for-a-candidate_2024_Aalto-University.pdf\]](https://www.aalto.fi/sites/default/files/2024-04/Teaching-competence-assessment_Guidelines-for-a-candidate_2024_Aalto-University.pdf) Teaching portfolio guidelines for candidate (pdf).

General instructions for applicants including evaluation criteria, language requirements and guidelines for compiling your CV are given at [\[url=https://www.aalto.fi/en/tenure-track/interested-in-joining-our-tenure-track?check_logged_in==1\]](https://www.aalto.fi/en/tenure-track/interested-in-joining-our-tenure-track?check_logged_in==1) Interested in joining our tenure track? | Aalto University.

For more Information, please contact Associate Professor Heidi Falkenbach, (heidi.falkenbach@aalto.fi). For questions related to the recruitment process, please contact HR Partner Sanni Mero (sanni.mero@aalto.fi).

About recruitment process

Only applications submitted through Workday will be considered. We will start the evaluation process in January 2026 after the application period has expired. From the applicants in the first phase, the departmental committee will select candidates to continue in the process. Aalto University will use external reviewers to support the evaluation of applicants during the recruitment process. Shortlisted applicants are invited for a site visit. A site visit includes a teaching demonstration and an interview. Site visits will be held in March-April 2026, tentatively either 20.3., 19.3., or 23.4.2026.

Aalto University reserves the right for justified reasons to leave the position open or to extend the application period.

More about Aalto University:

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