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CALL FOR APPLICATION TO THE PHD PROGRAM AT BDU SCHOOL OF LAW

Application deadline: 7 September 2018 (18:00hrs)

Standard duration of study: 4 years (8 semesters)

BDU School of Law is pleased to invite outstanding applications from prospective students wishing to join the second cohort of its recently established PhD program in Law commencing in October 2018. The School will accept up to 6 students and strongly encourages qualified women to apply.

1. Admission Requirements

Admission to the PhD program is open only to applicants with appropriate academic credentials and demonstrable commitment or plans to join an academic or professional career requiring high-level legal scholarship. Applicants must have obtained undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in law or an undergraduate degree in law and a Master's in related disciplines (political science, philosophy and sociology) from an accredited university.

Applicants are required to submit the following documentation:

- A statement of interest describing the applicant's motivations and career plans;
- a research statement (3,000 words or 6 pages long, single spaced):
 - stating the proposed research topic¹ and the name of a proposed supervisor:²

¹ **NB: The proposed research topics must be within the areas of expertise and priorities of the program, which currently consists in:**

Business/Corporate Law; Competition Law; Criminal Law; Law of Extra-Contractual Liability/tort law; Environmental Law; Human Rights Law; Humanitarian Law, Water Law (International and National); International Economic, Trade, Monetary and Investment Law; International Dispute Resolution; Public International Law; International Refugee and Migration Law; International and Comparative Tax Law ;and Natural Resources Law

² Applicants are **strongly encouraged to informally contact a potential supervisor** among the Law School's staff (including visiting and associate staff) to discuss their application and proposal early on. The contact details

- describing the proposed research with sufficient detail to demonstrate the applicant's familiarity with existing literature on the subject and the dissertation's potential to make original contribution;
- a recent curriculum vitae;
- the applicant's published work or a writing sample of publishable quality;
- scanned copies of the degree certificates and academic transcripts from undergraduate and postgraduate studies (selected applicants will have to send official transcripts directly to the Law School's Registrar Office);
- two letters of recommendations, at least one of which should be from the applicant's former professor (to be sent by the referee directly to the PhD Program Coordinator);
- Proof of financial means or sponsorship, if applicable; and
- Proof of English proficiency (6 point and above in IELTS band/ or 60 and above in TOEFL score). However, the Graduate Committee may waive this requirement for applicants who have done their university studies in English and demonstrate high-level proficiency.

All documents have to be sent via email to the PhD Program Coordinator:
Dhaile.bdu.law@gmail.com

2. The Selection Process

- Short-listed applicants will be invited for:
 - a written test; and
 - an interview with a selection panel made up of two academics designated by the Graduate Committee, which shall be conducted in person. In exceptional cases one of the interviewers can join the Selection Panel via telephone or other available means of audio or audiovisual communication.
- Successful applicants shall receive a formal acceptance letter from the Law School once the Selection Panel and the Graduate Committee made a determination.

For more detailed information, including the contents of the PhD program please refer to the description available on the program's website:

<http://www.bdu.edu.et/law/?q=node/213> and <http://www.bdu.edu.et/law/?q=node/216>

and areas of research interest of potential supervisors are provided <http://www.bdu.edu.et/law/?q=node/213>
Please note, however, such contact does not necessarily guarantee acceptance or a commitment on the part of the staff contacted.

If you have questions or wish to learn more about the program you may contact Dr Dadimos Haile via email (Dhaile.bdu.law@gmail.com).