

FULL-TIME ACADEMIC POSITION (CHAIR) IN THE REGULATION OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

FACULTY OF LAW AND CRIMINOLOGY

Reference : 2026/A005

Application deadline: 05/01/2026

Start date: 01/10/2026

Job description

Context of the position

In order to contribute to the development of interdisciplinary expertise at ULB in the field of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and to provide teaching in this area, the Faculty of Law and Criminology and the Faculty of Philosophy and Social Sciences have joined forces to create a shared Chair dedicated to the regulation of AI.

This Chair is part of a broader initiative at ULB to expand expertise in AI through several shared Chairs across faculties (a Chair on the algorithmic and statistical foundations required to understand AI and its biases, and on today's various applications of AI [Faculties of Science, Architecture, SBS-EM]; a Chair dedicated specifically to AI applications in health [Faculty of Medicine, School of Engineering]).

The holder of the Chair in AI Regulation will be expected to develop interdisciplinary research projects, teach students from several faculties, and contribute internally to expertise in AI. Teaching activities will take place on ULB campuses in Brussels and at the University of Mons. Research activities will mainly be conducted within the Faculty of Law and Criminology and the Institute for European Studies.

Research field

The Chair holder will carry out research in the field of AI regulation, particularly in the context of the European Union. Their approach must be interdisciplinary, combining legal analysis with ethical, sociological, and/or philosophical perspectives raised by these technologies.

The research will integrate legal norms, soft law mechanisms, technical standards, and socio-legal dynamics. The project must demonstrate a sustainable scientific contribution in the field of AI regulation, including but not limited to an analysis of the main regulatory instruments adopted by the European Union in AI law (notably the AI Act) and more broadly in data law (such as GDPR, Data Act, Data Governance Act, DSA, DMA, etc.).

The candidate may adopt a pragmatic approach addressing the societal challenges of AI. In this regard, the Chair holder should demonstrate the ability to engage with stakeholders in AI research and development, both within the University and in civil society.

The Chair holder will be attached to both the Faculty of Law and Criminology and the Faculty of Philosophy and Social Sciences. They will be primarily integrated into at least one of the Faculty of Law and Criminology's Research Centres, affiliated with the Institute for European Studies, and connected to the holders of shares Chairs in AI, as well as to other lecturers and researchers working in the field.

Depending on the recruited profile, the Chair holder could be involved in [CIVIS](#) programmes, research conducted at the FabLab, or in the training of researchers in the field of AI that the University is developing.

Pedagogical and scientific objectives

Research responsibilities : the Chair holder will:

- Contribute to the supervision of researchers in the field (participation in doctoral thesis committees, development of research projects, etc.) and personally supervise PhD theses.
- Develop individual and collective research and seek external funding.
- Organise and participate in national and international scientific events.
- Regularly publish in national and international peer-reviewed scientific journals and coordinate collective volumes.
- Participate in national and international academic networks.
- Take part in the collective management of research at the Faculty of Law and Criminology and at the Institute for European Studies.

Teaching responsibilities : the Chair holder will:

- Personally deliver in-person teaching as described below and conduct assessments; coordinate practical work if required.
- Develop innovative teaching projects (with possible adjustments in face-to-face hours).
- Supervise and evaluate dissertations, internships, and master's theses within their fields of expertise at the Faculty of Law and Criminology and the Faculty of Philosophy and Social Sciences.
- Contribute to the collective management of teaching in both faculties.

Teaching load at the time of recruitment

- ***Regulation of Artificial Intelligence / by Artificial Intelligence*** (French or English) – 24h – Master in Law, Political Science, Ethics.
- ***Law of New Technologies*** (French or English) – 24h – Master in Business Law at the University of Mons.
- ***Societal Issues of AI Applications*** (French or English) – 24h – Master programmes at the Faculty of Science, Faculty of Architecture, and SBS-EM.

Teaching load from 2027–2028 (earliest)

- ***European Politics and Ethics of AI*** – 24h – Master in European Studies (Political Science), Master in Ethics (Philosophy), and Interdisciplinary Master in European Studies at the Institute for European Studies.
- A 24h course (French or English) to be created in AI, depending on the recruited candidate's profile and aligned with ULB's strategic interests (notably AI and research, or AI and Smart Cities).
To ensure consistency of teaching at the Faculty of Law and Criminology, the Chair holder will coordinate with other course holders (notably Data Law and Innovation Law).

Qualifications required

PhD in Law, Political Science, or a related discipline (Philosophy, Sociology, Science and Technology, etc.), with a specialisation in law or technology regulation. In addition, the candidate must hold at least a Bachelor's or Master's degree in Law to ensure the ability to supervise doctoral research in law.

Skills required

- Minimum of 4 years of scientific seniority at the time of appointment (including doctoral research funded by grants or contracts). Scientific seniority notably includes the period of service performed as scientific staff carrying out a doctoral thesis, provided that you benefited from grant-based or contractual funding.
- Postdoctoral experience and an excellent academic record, including interdisciplinary research and research on AI regulation at the European level. Mobility outside the institution where the doctorate was completed (during the doctoral period or afterwards) is considered an asset.
- Excellent command of French and English (minimum C1). Non-French-speaking candidates may be granted an adaptation period but must be able to teach in French by the end of the third year following their appointment (institutional support provided).
- Teaching experience.
- Professional experience or technical expertise in AI is an asset.

Interested ?

For more information, please contact Prof. Julien Cabay, holder of the Chair in intellectual creations and innovation law (e-mail: julien.cabay@ulb.be). Please mention in the e-mail object the reference of the position (2026/A003).

Your application will consist of a Curriculum Vitae (*if you wish, a standard CV can be downloaded from the website: <https://www.ulb.be/fr/documents-officiels/emplois-academiques-et-scientifiques-cv-type>*) and a document completed using the template available at this URL address (<https://www.ulb.be/fr/documents-officiels/1e-applique-form-acad-tps-plein-docx>).

This template structures your application by including the following elements:

- an application letter
- a 7,000-character report (4 pages) presenting the applicant's research activities and a research project, including how these will integrate into ULB's research teams
- a teaching dossier including a 7,000-character report (4 pages) on the applicant's previous teaching activities and a teaching project for the first five years in this position; these must be relevant to the faculty and to the teaching profiles for the programmes to which the applicant is to contribute
- the names and e-mail addresses of five references (with equal gender representation) who may be contacted by those in charge of evaluating applications. These references should not have conflicts of interest because of family or emotional ties.
- the successful candidate may be required to present documents attesting to previous work experience to prove 4 years of scientific seniority.

Incomplete applications or applications that do not use the template provided will not be examined by the selection committee.

Appointment in the ULB academic personnel is at the rank of “chargé de cours” (lecturer). Upon appointment, members of the academic staff are authorised to use the honorific title of professor.

Where to go to apply?

Click here: <https://jobs.ulb.be/job-invite/1688/?isInternalUser=true>

For any connection problems or questions about our application, consult our FAQ : [e-recrut-mode-d-emploi-candidat-en- 1734942996246-pdf](#)

Equal opportunities policy

ULB's personnel management policy is geared towards diversity and equal opportunities.

We recruit candidates on the basis of their skills, irrespective of age, gender, sexual orientation, origin, nationality, beliefs, disability, etc.

Would you like to be provided with reasonable accommodation in the selection procedure because of a disability, disorder, or illness? Please contact Marie Botty, the person in charge of diversity aspects for the academic and scientific staff (marie.botty@ulb.be). Be assured of the confidentiality of this information.

More details on the ULB gender and diversity policy are available at [Diversity at ULB - ULB](#).

You will find all the regulations relating to academic careers on our site at <http://www.ulb.ac.be/emploi/academique.html>.