



DEAN FACULTY OF LAW UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN

We seek a Dean, with an appropriate record of scholarship at professorial level, to provide academic leadership in one of the most dynamic and successful faculties of law in Africa.

The Dean will be responsible for developing and implementing a strategic vision for the Faculty, assuring continued provision of high-quality education at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels and advancing its research profile, while ensuring sound financial management. As the chair of the board of the faculty, the Dean will be expected to either chair or be an active member of a number of key subcommittees of board, take overall responsibility for the implementation of university rules as well as faculty administration.

As a member of the university's senior leadership team, the Dean will actively contribute to university-wide leadership and management.

The Dean will be expected to lead transformation in the Faculty and encourage the expression of an appropriately diverse range/set of values within the faculty's teaching, research, and social engagement.

The Dean will be expected to develop the Faculty's capacity to deal with the challenges facing legal education and practice in South Africa and on the African continent, and to strengthen the Faculty's ability to contribute to legal scholarship in Africa. The Dean must give effect to the Faculty's commitment to justice in law and constitutional values, particularly academic freedom.

For appointment as Dean, a candidate must provide evidence of an accountable, responsive, collegial, and open style of management and leadership, as well as of the ability to engage constructively with alumni, the practising profession, the Bench, non-governmental organisations and relevant governmental bodies.

As well as having proven leadership, management and interpersonal skills, the Dean will be expected to have some experience in fundraising and financial management, preferably in regard to an academic institution or non-governmental organisation.

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Closing date: 24 August 2025

Reference:

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The University reserves the right to extend the closing date for applications if deemed necessary and reserves the right to make no appointment.