



We are looking for a

Doctoral Researcher (f/m/d) in AI and Law / Computational Law (50 %)

Job description: The chair of **public law and computer science** (T.T.-Prof. Dr. iur. Frederike Zufall) is looking for a doctoral researcher with a keen interest in interdisciplinary research between public law and computer science. The chair is located at the computer science faculty of the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT), one of Germany's leading technical universities. For lawyers this environment offers the unique opportunity to actively collaborate with computer scientists and pursue new ideas as to the interdependence of law and computer science.

The candidate will write a PhD thesis in law, located in the area of public law and computer science, and conduct interdisciplinary research with computer scientists. Ideally, the thesis should draw on the insights gained through this interdisciplinary research.

Research topics connect

- **AI and law / Computational law / Agentic AI / Legal NLP / Legal informatics**

with research questions in public law on

- **Fundamental rights / Democratic legitimacy / Rule of law / Procedure / Administrative decision-making**

How can legal concepts be carried over to computational systems while upholding public law principles such as the protection of fundamental rights and democratic legitimacy?

The position should be filled with a **lawyer**. Additional technical/CS background and/or expertise are a plus.

Teaching obligations are subject to German state law.

Qualification:

- **Master degree / First State Exam / JD (or equivalents) in law with top grades**
- English fluency
- Affinity with technological questions, especially regarding AI and machine learning
- Interest in bridging research questions in public law to CS concepts and AI approaches + willingness to conduct interdisciplinary research
- Strong skills as to coordination, communication and collaboration

- We offer:** We offer a young and international team ☺, an attractive and modern workplace with access to the excellent equipment of the KIT, a varied work, a wide range of training opportunities, flexible working time models, an allowance for the job ticket BW and a casino/cafeteria.
- Salary:** Salary category TV-L E13, 50 % (around 2.300 - 2.600 EUR depending on the fulfillment of professional and personal requirements)
- Contract duration:** 2 years with planned contract extension for the PhD
- Starting date:** at your earliest convenience
- Application up to:** 15 February 2026
- Application:** Please send your application including a motivation letter, your CV, and relevant certificates in electronic form to: lawcs-applications@zar.kit.edu
Feel free to also state and suggest specific research ideas and interests.
- We prefer to balance the number of employees (f/m/d). Therefore, we kindly ask female applicants to apply for this job.
- Recognized severely disabled persons will be preferred if they are equally qualified.

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