



**Department of Law, UCY  
Vacancy for Special Scientist for Research (Criminal Procedure)**

**Title: Special Scientist (Research)**

**Number of Positions: one (1)**

**Total Duration: 8 months, two four-month contracts**

The Department of Law, University of Cyprus, is accepting applications for the position of **one (1) Special Scientist** for research, on a **part-time** basis (employment for a total of 8 months during 2021 and 2022, s. below employment conditions) in the context of the start-up research fund of *Dr Konstantinos Tsinas*, Lecturer in Criminal Procedure, Legal Method & Reasoning, on the topic "Reasoning and Justification of the Decisions of Criminal Courts".

**Required Qualifications:**

- Law degree from a recognized university (LLB)
- Practical experience and familiarity with the organization and practice of criminal courts in Cyprus (not necessarily due to active litigation)
- Excellent knowledge of English language (if not mother tongue, to be proved by previous published research work in English, a proficiency diploma or completion of degree in English-Speaking university).
- Excellent computer skills and knowledge of Microsoft Office Programs
- Excellent research skills in an academic context, particularly experience in using electronic databases, searching in e-journals, collecting bibliography from various electronic or conventional books in an effective and speedy way
- Organisation skills, cooperative spirit, commitment to complete duties within specified deadlines, effective report writing skills

**Additional preferred qualifications**

- Master's degree (preferably LLM)
- Doctorate in Law
- Knowledge of the German language
- Computer skills in a Mac environment and familiarity with book-scanning and photocopying programmes
- Research and report writing experience on relevant issues

**Responsibilities and duties**

The successful applicant will be expected to conduct legal background research on

- The basic structure of the justification of the decisions of Cyprus Courts (especially the Assize Courts and the Supreme Court) in criminal matters, with an emphasis on the types of arguments which are mostly to be found in the relevant judgements including the justification of arrest/search warrants

- The legal-doctrinal elaboration, the philosophical dimension and the practical implementation of sections 30.2 of the Cypriot Constitution and 112.1 of Cap. 155 (Criminal Procedure Law), concerning the explicatory-justificatory function and force of judicial decisions in criminal matters in the Cypriot legal system
- The comparative approach of justifying judicial decisions (especially in Greece)
- Any additional issues relating to reasoning and justification of judicial decisions in criminal matters according to the principal researcher's opinion

The Special Scientist will be expected to collect relevant material (legal precedents, Supreme Court Decisions, papers, essays, bibliography) as well as visit the Cypriot Courts to search for extra material on the above-mentioned subjects, in order to assist the principal researcher of the project, in the completion of his research.

### **Employment conditions**

The employment duration is set for a total of **eight (8) months, to be distributed in two 4-month parts, the first during 2021 and the second during 2022. The second 4-month employment contract shall be offered according to performance review during the initial employment period.** The payment is set at an amount of **€ 761,53 per month.** From this amount employee contributions shall be deducted. The Research Funding does not provide for the payment of 13th salary. Cyprus citizenship is not a requirement but he/she must reside in Cyprus during their employment period.

### **Application procedure**

Interested applicants should send the below required documentation electronically, to Dr. Konstantinos Tsinas at [tsinas.konstantinos@ucy.ac.cy](mailto:tsinas.konstantinos@ucy.ac.cy) by **17 March 2021**, in PDF format.

1. **Cover letter** demonstrating interest and competence for this position
2. **Full curriculum vitae** (including contact details -email address and phone number)
3. Scanned copies of relevant degrees and transcripts
4. **Names and contact details** (email addresses and telephone numbers) of two persons at least one of which should be an academic, from whom a **reference letter** may be requested

Interviews of at least three (3) best qualified for this position candidates, will be held on **Monday 22 March 2021 (provisional date)** by a 3-member academic Committee.

For further information on the specific position please contact *Dr Konstantinos Tsinas* at [tsinas.konstantinos@ucy.ac.cy](mailto:tsinas.konstantinos@ucy.ac.cy) or at +35722892968.

Candidates shall be informed of the result of their application by the relevant entity.

The University of Cyprus shall collect and process your personal data according to the provisions of the General Regulation on Personal Data 2016/679 (EU).