Sat Pal Khattar Professor of Tax Law
Call for Applications — Deadline 30 June 2017

Characterised by a global outlook and by the cutting-edge teaching and research activity to be expected in a global top-25 university, the National University of Singapore Faculty of Law is widely regarded as Asia’s leading law school. The Faculty now seeks to appoint a distinguished legal scholar to be the inaugural Sat Pal Khattar Professor of Tax Law. The successful applicant for this tenured, full-time appointment will be an internationally renowned professor with particular expertise within the field of taxation, broadly construed.

The Chair is generously supported by Sat Pal Khattar ’66, LL.M. ’71. Mr Khattar, an alumnus of NUS Law, had a distinguished career in the civil service, in private practice, and in his contributions to the community. He started his career in the legal service, moving quickly into the Inland Revenue Department (now the Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore), where he rose to the position of Senior Legal Officer and was awarded the Public Administration Medal (Silver) in 1972. He then moved into private practice, establishing the law firm that is now KhattarWong and recently entered a formal law alliance with the international firm Withers. Throughout this period, including since his retirement from the firm in 2000, Mr Khattar has been deeply engaged in many civic roles, including serving as Chairman of the Singapore Business Federation, member of the President Council for Minority Rights, and life trustee of the Singapore Indian Development Association.

Duties & Responsibilities

The successful candidate will be expected:

- to maintain a profile as a world-leading authority within the candidate’s specialist taxation field, pursuing a programme of high-quality research in internationally-recognised publications;

- to contribute to the development of university and faculty strategy within the context of an international, research-led university, especially with respect to the candidate’s own field of research;

- to provide high-quality postgraduate supervision and attract research students to the university; and

- to play a key role in the mentoring and informal leadership of junior colleagues within the Faculty.
Qualities

Strong candidates for the position will:

• be a leading authority in the area of tax law and policy;
• have a sustained track record of generating research outputs of internationally excellent quality, including single or main author of refereed publications;
• be capable of mentoring junior colleagues and have strong experience of doing so;
• be capable of providing informal leadership within the Faculty and have excellent leadership and management skills;
• have a clear research agenda that complements and/or adds to the research strengths of colleagues within the Faculty;
• have a high-level of interpersonal and communication skills, including writing skills and the ability to communicate effectively to an academic audience and other stakeholders as appropriate;
• have strong experience of high-quality teaching and PhD supervision;
• bring a capacity to enthuse and work successfully with colleagues.

Terms of Appointment

The Sat Pal Khattar Professor of Tax Law is a tenured full-time position. The appointee will be offered internationally competitive compensation and benefits, commensurate with qualifications and experience. The appointee would be expected to take up the position as soon as contractual obligations and personal circumstances allow.

Application Procedure

Applicants should provide full details for an academic appointment as outlined on the NUS Law website. A cover letter should indicate clearly that the application is for the position of Sat Pal Khattar Professor of Tax Law. Applications should be submitted by email to lawfsc@nus.edu.sg by the deadline of 30 June 2017. Shortlisted candidates will be invited for a campus visit.

Inquiries may be directed to Professor Alan Tan, Chair of the Faculty’s Search Committee, at lawfsc@nus.edu.sg.