

Canon Law Lecturer

Organization: Catholic Theological Institute

Date posted: 3rd March, 2026

City: Bomana (suburb of Port Moresby in the National Capital District)

Country: Papua New Guinea

Primary category: Teacher/Instructor of Canon Law

Salary: Minimum PGK 10,600, up to PGK 20,200, depending on qualifications

Type of position: Full-Time, mid-May through mid-November (may be renewable)

Education requirement: JCL

Description & details

Canon Law Lecturer or Senior Lecturer

Location: Papua New Guinea

The Catholic Theological Institute (CTI) is seeking a lecturer in Canon Law to provide intellectual formation for seminarians from 19 dioceses across PNG and 9 religious congregations, as well as for some lay theologians.

Why Join Us?

- Immediate impact: Invest your expertise in a region with limited access to strong educational institutions, helping to form future indigenous priests, bishops, and lay leaders.
- Novel challenges: Apply your knowledge of the law to new cultural settings and help indigenous students think through gospel inculturation.
- Missionary service: Serve a diverse community where your willingness meets the students' direct needs.
- Collaborative environment: Join a dedicated team of co-labourers, where your contributions are uniquely valued.

Primary Responsibilities

- Teach the whole Canon Law curriculum (5 courses over two trimesters), with the possibility of one additional philosophy or theology course, as appropriate.
- Serve as an examiner for the graduating students' Comprehensive Exams.
- Provide academic mentorship to indigenous future clergy and lay theologians.
- Engage in the community life of a small, university-level seminary environment, including monthly faculty meetings and, if appropriate, spiritual direction for diocesan seminarians.

What We're Looking For

- Someone with a committed Catholic faith, looking to serve the global Church.
- Missionary mindset: High tolerance for uncertainty, decent physical fitness, and comfort with learning on the job.
- Academic background: Must have completed at least a Licentiate in Canon Law.
- Resilience and humor: Ability to thrive in an environment where utilities (power/water) may be interrupted, but the capital city is just 20 minutes away.

- Flexibility: Willingness to take up new tasks and adapt teaching styles to a cross-cultural setting.
- Communication: Strong interpersonal skills and a desire to work closely with local Papua New Guinean staff and students.

Benefits

- Housing: Provided on-site.
- Travel: Paid airfare to and from Papua New Guinea at the beginning and end of the contract.
- Health insurance: In-country coverage provided for lay lecturers; a small stipend provided for priests, whose bishops remain responsible for significant healthcare costs.
- Transportation: Access to shared vehicles for local use.
- Recreation: Access to outdoor athletic facilities (basketball, volleyball, tennis, and a field) and proximity to beaches, rivers, and lush mountains.
- Cultural experience: Get to know a beautiful part of the world with a great variety of indigenous cultures and languages.

How to Apply / Contact

- Application Instructions: Please send your application or enquiry to: Dr. Will Britt, Dean of Studies (dean@cti.ac.pg)
- Required Documents: Please send a curriculum vitae, official transcripts from graduate studies, and an explanation of why you might want to teach in the South Pacific.
- Application Deadline: rolling
- Anticipated Start Date: mid-May 2026