

Each year, SEALS hosts a **Prospective Law Teachers Workshop (PLTW)**, which provides intensive opportunities for VAPs, fellows, and practitioners to network and participate in mock interviews and mock job talks—prior to the actual teaching market. The Workshop also includes a luncheon (separate ticket purchase required) and 1-on-1 sessions for candidates to receive faculty feedback on their CVs and FAR forms. This year’s Prospective Law Teachers Workshop will be held at The Marriott Harbor Beach Resort & Spa in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. The Workshop will begin at 8:00 am on Monday, July 22, 2024, and end on Wednesday, July 24, 2024. We highly recommend arriving on July 21, 2024.

If you are interested in participating specifically in the Prospective Law Teachers Workshop, please send your CV, and a brief statement explaining your interest, to Professors Shakira D. Pleasant, [spleasan@uic.edu](mailto:spleasan@uic.edu), and Carla L. Reyes, [carla.reyes@smu.edu](mailto:carla.reyes@smu.edu). Please also confirm that you are planning on entering the teaching market in August 2024. **Applications are due by March 31, 2024, with decisions made no later than April 2. SEALS registration opens April 2.** Past PLTW participants have secured tenure-track appointments at an impressive array of law schools.

Separate and apart from the PLTW, SEALS also offers a workshop that is broader programming for anyone considering academia—even if one is earlier in the process. The **Aspiring Law Teachers Workshop (ALTW)** includes sessions on designing your teaching package, navigating the market as a nontraditional candidate, mapping academic opportunities, what’s in a job talk, crafting scholarship goals, the art of self-promotion, as well as a luncheon (separate ticket purchase required). You can peruse the programming, which will take place between Sunday, July 21, through Wednesday, July 24, by searching “aspiring law teachers workshop” at the following link: <https://sealslawschools.org/submissions/schedule.php?year=2024>.

The goal of these two workshops is, in tandem, to provide robust opportunities for those who hope to one day enter legal academia.

### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

*They both sound great. What exactly is the difference?*

The Prospective Workshop is designed for those who are going on the market this fall (and will be submitting their [FAR](#) form), in 2024, and desiring a chance to moot job talks and interviews in advance of that time. The Aspiring Workshop is designed for anyone considering academia, including those who may not yet be ready to moot a job talk in the summer. Participation in the Prospective Workshop is by acceptance-only while the Aspiring Workshop is open to everyone.

*Can I attend both workshops?*

Possibly. Some of the times conflict, but the Aspiring Law Teachers Workshop will be generally open to anyone wishing to attend. Attendance in the Prospective Workshop is in contrast only by acceptance through our competitive selection process.

*Is this workshop related to SEALS’ new Faculty Hiring Portal?*

No, this workshop is separate from the hiring platform. SEALS’ new hiring platform is underway. That platform has three components: (1) [a list of job announcements](#), (2) [a visiting professor portal](#), and (3) a candidate portal (which is still under construction). For more information, you can access the Faculty Hiring Portal [committee webpage](#). Watch for more announcements from the Faculty Hiring Portal Committee about the opening of the candidate portal.