

Each year, SEALS hosts a **Prospective Law Teachers Workshop (PLTW)**, which provides intensive opportunities for VAPs, fellows, and practitioners who plan on entering the teaching market in August 2025. During PLTW, selected participants complete mock interviews and a mock job talk. Selected PLTW participants also attend a luncheon (separate ticket purchase required) and 1-on-1 sessions to receive faculty feedback on some of their materials (i.e., CVs and [FAR](#) or NEAR forms)—prior to the actual teaching market.

This year's Prospective Law Teachers Workshop will be held at the Omni Amelia Island Resort in Fernandina Beach, Florida. The Workshop will begin at 8:00 am on Monday, July 28, 2025, and end on Wednesday, July 30, 2025. PLTW participants must arrive the day before the workshop begins and can stay the entire conference (for networking) or depart the day after the workshop ends.

If you are interested in participating in the Prospective Law Teachers Workshop, please complete this [application form](#), and attach a copy of your CV, and a brief statement explaining your interest. Any questions about PLTW should be directed to Professors Shakira D. Pleasant, [spleasant@uic.edu](mailto:spleasant@uic.edu), and John Rice, [john.rice@lmunet.edu](mailto:john.rice@lmunet.edu). **Applications are due by March 30, 2025, with decisions made no later than April 2. SEALS registration opens the week of April 1<sup>st</sup>.** Please note that past PLTW participants have secured tenure-track appointments at an impressive array of law schools.

Separate and apart from PLTW, SEALS also offers a workshop that is broader programming for anyone considering academia—even if one is earlier in the process. The goal of these two workshops is, in tandem, to provide robust opportunities for those who hope to one day enter legal academia. The **Aspiring Law Teachers Workshop (ALTW)** includes informational 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). To learn more about ALTW, you can peruse the 2024 programming by searching “aspiring law teachers workshop” at the following link: <https://sealslawschools.org/submissions/schedule.php?year=2024>.

### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

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

Participation in PLTW is by acceptance-only while ALTW is open to everyone. The programming may overlap, but the design and function of the workshops are distinct. The PLTW is designed for those who are going on the market in August 2025 (and will be submitting their [FAR](#) form), and desire a chance to moot job talks and interviews in advance of that time. The ALTW is designed for anyone considering academia, including those who may not yet be ready to moot a job talk in the summer.

*Can I attend both workshops?*

Possibly, depending on the session. All the ALTW sessions will be open to anyone wishing to attend. The Navigating the Hiring Process panel, which is part of PLTW, is also open for anyone to attend. Other PLTW sessions are reserved for the participants accepted through our competitive selection process.

*Is this the new faculty recruitment initiative that I heard SEALS has put together?*

No, PLTW is separate from the hiring platform. SEALS' new hiring platform has three components: (1) [a list of job announcements](#), (2) [a visiting professor portal](#), and (3) [a candidate portal](#). For more information, read this [blog post](#) from the Faculty Hiring Portal Committee.