Research Assistant/ Research Associate/Research Fellow/Post-Doctoral Fellow/Visiting Research Fellow

The Centre for Asian Legal Studies (CALS) at the Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore, is inviting applications from suitable candidates in the field of Asian legal studies to carry out research relevant to our programmes and remit, and to help with the work of the centre.

For information about CALS please visit http://law.nus.edu.sg/cals/.

The areas of legal study in which we are active or we seek to establish programmes are:

i) Legal reform in Myanmar, with special reference to constitutionalism, legal education/profession, economic law, and minorities.
ii) Socio-legal issues in SE Asia, with special reference to legal pluralism, law and religion, legal personality and status, social movements and legal activism, and legal professions.
iii) State capitalism in East Asia.
iv) Law and society in urban Asia, with special reference to industrial change, urbanisation and the interface of urban and legal systems.
v) Asia’s civil law systems: historical, comparative and doctrinal analysis.
vi) Corporate law and governance* in Asia

Appointments are not confined to these areas and strong applications in other areas of Asia legal study will be seriously considered.

Duties

- Subject to the standard NUS terms as to annual leave, appointed candidates will be expected to be in residence throughout the term of their appointments.

- An appointee will be expected to develop a research agenda related to or adjacent to one of the above themes, including undertaking substantial research projects leading to publication during the term of the appointment. Such research may include, but is not limited to, the writing of articles for publication in refereed journals, contributing to book chapters in edited collections, and preparing a monograph or other book for publication. An appointee will also be expected to assist in other CALS research projects and initiatives as assigned by the Centre Director.

- He or she will be required to present his or her ongoing research, and to participate in and contribute to CALS events.

Requirements

1. An ideal candidate would be of exceptional calibre, have attained an Honours degree (or equivalent), a Masters degree, or a PhD in a relevant area of law.

2. The principal selection criterion will be the applicant's potential for excellence in research. Existing research work in CALS-related areas will be considered favourably. The applicant should submit a proposed research plan for consideration.

3. The candidate should be exceptionally organized and have an eye for detail. In addition to scholarship, which is a high priority for the position, there will also be administrative responsibilities related to the work of the centre. A strong command of the English language is required.
Application procedure

Applications should be sent by email to cals@nus.edu.sg. These must comprise:

- a cover letter explaining your interest in the position
- a curriculum vitae
- a list of publications, if any
- a writing sample
- academic transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate studies (if studying for a current degree, please include a list of current courses)
- at least two referees who may be contacted for a reference
- research plans for the next one to two years