

Research Assistant / Research Associate / Research Fellow

The new-established Centre for Maritime Law (CML) at the Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore, launched on 3 September 2015, focuses broadly on international trade, transport and shipping law related issues. It produces research and hosts events of scholarly value to academics, professionals, and government institutions with the objective of enhancing the development of commercial maritime law in Singapore, the region, and further afield.

The Director of CML is Professor Stephen Girvin, MPA Professor of Maritime Law, and the Deputy-Director is Associate Professor Paul Myburgh.

The Centre is inviting further applications from suitable candidates in the field of maritime law to conduct research and to participate in the work of the Centre. Suitable applicants will, depending on qualifications, background and expertise, be appointed to the position of **Research Assistant, Research Associate, Research Fellow**, in CML. An appointment as a **Research Assistant** may be offered to an applicant who has a Bachelor's degree in law and/or has just graduated with an LLM (Maritime Law) while an appointment as a **Research Associate** may be offered to an applicant who has an LLM (Maritime Law) degree and a minimum of two years' post-graduation experience. An appointment as a **Research Fellow** may be offered to an applicant who has just obtained a PhD degree in maritime law.

Benefits

The position(s) will carry the following benefits:

1. Employment on a full-time contract at NUS Law for **one year**, renewable for a second year, subject to satisfactory performance.
2. A remuneration package, commensurate with qualifications and experience.
3. Eligibility to apply for research and conference fund allowances from CML to support attendance at academic conferences and to conduct field research, where required.
4. Allocation of a lockable workstation within the research space of the Faculty of Law.

Duties

The duties associated with the position(s) are as follows:

1. The successful applicant will be expected to be in residence throughout the term of his or her appointment, subject to the standard NUS terms as to annual leave.
2. The successful applicant will be expected to develop his or her own research agenda, including undertaking research projects on maritime law, leading to publication during his or her term of 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.

3. The successful candidate will also be required to present his or her research and to participate in and contribute to CML seminars and reading groups.
4. The successful candidate will be expected to perform work of an editorial nature, including (i) helping with the substantive content of CML events and assisting with publications associated with events; (ii) producing CML working papers and reports, including managing manuscripts, liaising with authors, ensuring compliance with house style, and doing basic editing.
5. The successful candidate will be expected to assist in CML's research projects and initiatives, as assigned by the Director of CML.

Requirements

The selection committee will consider the following criteria in making an appointment for the position of **Research Assistant**, **Research Associate**, or **Research Fellow** in CML:

1. The candidate will be of exceptional calibre and have attained an Honours degree (or equivalent) in law or preferably a postgraduate degree in maritime law (or an interest in pursuing such a degree) or demonstrate an interest in maritime law. Applications are sought from those with interests in any branch of commercial maritime or shipping law or admiralty law or marine insurance law, including the international sale of goods carried by sea, maritime conflict of laws, maritime dispute resolution, and offshore oil and gas law. (Applications are not, however, sought from those whose primary interests fall within the international law of the sea, ocean law and policy, or international environmental law as these areas within the remit of other research centres in the Faculty of Law.)
2. The principal selection criterion will be the applicant's potential for excellence in research and a demonstrated ability and passion in assisting in the ongoing development of CML. The applicant should therefore submit a proposed research plan for consideration. The selection committee will consider the alignment of the proposed research with CML's research strengths and priorities.
3. The applicant should be exceptionally organized and have an eye for detail. A strong command of the English language is absolutely essential.

Application procedure

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

1. Covering letter

This should, inter alia, explain the reason for your interest in the position. Note that you need not identify a preference for any one of the specific listed positions; this will be determined solely on qualifications, background, and expertise.

2. Application Form and NUS Personal Data Consent for Job Applications

The application form and NUS Personal Data Consent for Job Applications should be completed and submitted together with the other required documents. Applicants may download the:

- Application form [HERE](#)
- Personal Data Consent for Job Application form [HERE](#).

3. Curriculum Vitae

A detailed curriculum vitae should be submitted containing complete and detailed information on academic institutions, honors, awards, all publications to date, and all professional experience (current and previous, including dates of employment and job descriptions).

4. Writing sample

As the successful applicant is expected to develop his or her own research agenda, to publishable standard, a writing sample (which should ideally be on some aspect of maritime law) must be included with the application. The sample **must** be submitted in Word format only.

5. Research Proposal

A detailed research proposal outlining the research plans for the next year including the expected results of the work should be submitted.

6. Letters of Recommendation

The application must be supported by two references from **academic referees**. Applicants must arrange for their referees to send their references to the address below by the closing date.

7. Submission of Application Materials

All correspondence should be addressed to:

Mr Arian
Faculty of Law
National University of Singapore
Email: lawresearchappt@nus.edu.sg

8. Closing Date

Applications will be considered, on a rolling basis, throughout 2016.

9. Shortlisting and Interview

Shortlisted applicants should expect to be interviewed in Singapore (local applicants) or via Skype (foreign applicants).