Senior 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 applications from well-qualified established candidates in the field of maritime law to conduct advanced research and to participate in the work of the Centre. Applicants for the position of Senior Research Fellow in CML should have a PhD degree in maritime law and a minimum of three years post-doctoral experience.

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 assist in CML’s research projects and initiatives, as assigned by the Director of CML.

5. The successful candidate may 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.

Requirements

The selection committee will consider the following criteria in making an appointment for the position of Senior Research Fellow in CML:

1. The candidate will be of exceptional calibre and have a PhD degree in maritime law, a minimum of three years post-doctoral experience, and a published research output commensurate with this level of expertise. 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.

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 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 **by email** directly 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).