

Research Assistant / Research Associate / Research Fellow

The 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.

CML is inviting applications from suitable candidates, who are at the beginning of their professional careers, to conduct research and to participate in the work of CML. Suitable applicants will, depending on qualifications, background and expertise, be appointed to the position of **Research Assistant**, **Research Associate**, or **Research Fellow**, in CML. The successful applicant will join our current full-time and Adjunct research staff (see <https://law.nus.edu.sg/cml/researchers.html>).

An appointment as a **Research Assistant** may be offered to an applicant who has a Bachelor's degree in law and/or has recently graduated with an LLM (Maritime Law). 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 recently 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 designated workspace within CML.

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 normal 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. This research may include, but is not limited to, the writing of comments or articles for publication in refereed journals, AND writing working papers for publication in the CML Working Paper Series (<https://law.nus.edu.sg/cml/wps.html>).
3. The successful applicant will also be required to present his or her research and to participate in and contribute to CML seminars.
4. The successful applicant will be expected to assist in CML's research projects and initiatives, including the CML CMI Database, *Judicial Decisions on International Conventions* (<https://law.nus.edu.sg/cmlcmidatabase>).
5. The successful applicant will be expected act as research assistant to the Director or Deputy Director of CML, 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 successful applicant will be of exceptional calibre. For appointment as a **Research Assistant**, the successful applicant will have attained an Honours degree (or equivalent) in law, preferably with a postgraduate degree in maritime law (or an interest in pursuing such a degree), or demonstrate an interest in maritime law. For appointment as a **Research Associate**, applicants must hold a postgraduate (LLM) degree, preferably with relevant experience in maritime law. For appointment as a **Research Fellow**, a doctoral degree (PhD or equivalent) is essential.
2. 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 because these areas fall within the remit of the Centre for International Law (CIL), and the Asia-Pacific Centre for Environmental Law (APCEL) in the Faculty of Law.**)
3. The principal selection criterion will be the applicant's potential for excellence in research and a demonstrated ability and passion in assisting in the continuing development of CML. The selection committee will consider the alignment of the applicant's research plans with CML's research strengths and priorities.
4. 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 and address your ability to perform each of the duties listed above. Note that you need not identify a preference for 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. Research Proposal

A detailed research proposal outlining the applicant's research plans for the next year, including the expected results of such work, should be submitted.

5. 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.

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: lawresearchppt@nus.edu.sg

8. Closing Date

The closing date for the receipt of applications and references is **Friday, 20 July 2018**. Late applications cannot be considered.

9. Shortlisting and Interview

Shortlisted applicants should expect to be interviewed in Singapore (local applicants) or via Skype (foreign applicants) by **end-July 2018**. Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted concerning the status of their application.