Research Assistant / Research Associate / Research Fellow

The Centre for Technology, Robotics, Artificial Intelligence & the Law (TRAIL) at the Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore seeks to inform the debate on the legal, ethical, policy, philosophical and regulatory questions associated with the use and development of information technology in general and AI, data analytics and robotics in particular, through our contributions by way of original thinking, research, writing and publication. It also aims to actively collaborate with like-minded researchers to further the inter-disciplinary research and work in this area.

BENEFITS

1. A chance to work on cutting edge information technology issues and participate in their research with the leading minds and experts in the area, both in Singapore and overseas.
2. Employment on a full-time renewable contract at NUS Law for one or two years, subject to satisfactory performance.
3. A competitive remuneration package, commensurate with qualifications and experience.
4. Eligibility to apply for research and conference fund allowances from TRAIL to support attendance at academic conferences and to conduct your own research under the supervision of TRAIL.
5. Allocation of a workstation and access to other TRAIL resources.

DUTIES

1. Generally support the work, organisation and administration of TRAIL.
2. Assist with and contribute to the planning, organisation and administration of TRAIL events.
3. Provide support for and help to administer TRAIL research projects and initiatives.
4. Under the guidance of TRAIL supervisors, develop and pursue your own research agenda, including:
   a. undertake and complete one or more research projects on information technology law, robotics law, data analytics and artificial intelligence law, and
   b. present your work-in-progress at TRAIL research seminars with a view to refining it for publication in working papers, suitable journals, edited volumes, reputable blogs or other appropriate media.
5. You are expected to be in residence throughout the term of your appointment, subject to the standard NUS terms for annual leave.
REQUIREMENTS
In addition to having a real interest in and a sound knowledge of information technology, the applicant must be an independent worker, have good organizational skills, be self-motivated, diligent, have an eye for detail and an ability to meet deadlines. A strong command, oral and written, of the English language, is essential. Knowledge of statistics and mainstream programming languages like R, Python, Java or C++ are also prerequisites. Database management skills, robust programming experience and experience with application of empirical legal analysis or econometrics are bonuses, as will be any other relevant multidisciplinary skills. The required academic qualifications are as follows:

Research Assistant
An appointment as a Research Assistant may be offered to an applicant who has a Bachelor’s degree in law and/or who has recently graduated with an LLB (Hons) with at least a good Lower Second-Class Honours (or equivalent) in law.

Research Associate
An appointment as a Research Associate may be offered to an applicant who has an LLM (Hons) degree and a further minimum of two years’ post-graduation experience.

Research Fellow
An appointment as a Research Fellow may be offered to an applicant who has recently obtained a Ph.D. degree in law.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE
Applications should be sent by email to Mr Arian, Faculty of Law at: lawresearchappt@nus.edu.sg. The application must comprise:

1. Covering Letter
   This should, inter alia, explain the reason(s) 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 the basis of your qualifications, background, and expertise.

2. Application Form and NUS Personal Data Consent for Job Applications
   The downloaded forms should be completed and submitted together with the other required documents. We regret that incomplete applications will not be considered. Applicants may download the:
   - Application form here.
   - Personal Data Consent for Job Application form here.

3. Curriculum Vitae
   A curriculum vitae should be submitted containing complete and detailed information on your academic institutions, honors, awards, all publications to date, and all academic, research and 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 to a publishable standard, a writing sample (which should ideally be on some aspect related to your proposed research) must be included with the application. The sample must be submitted in Word format only.

5. **Letters of Recommendation**  
The application must be supported by three references, with at least two references from academic referees. Applicants must arrange for their referees to send their references to lawresearchppt@nus.edu.sg by the closing date.

6. **Closing Date**  
The closing date for the receipt of applications is **15 April 2019**.

7. **Shortlisting and Interview**  
Shortlisted applicants should expect to be interviewed in Singapore (local applicants) or via Skype (foreign applicants) on a date to be arranged. All applicants will be notified within two months from the closing date on the status of their application.