Research Assistant / Research Associate / Research Fellow / Senior Research Fellow

The new-established Centre for Maritime Law (CML) at the Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore, 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 maritime law in Singapore, the region, and further afield.

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

Having made a number of new appointments in the past six months, the Centre is now 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, or Senior 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. (A Senior Research Fellow appointment may, exceptionally, be offered to an experienced applicant with 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 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 / Research Fellow / Senior Research Fellow in CML:

1. The candidate will be of exceptional calibre and have attained an Honours degree (or equivalent) in law and 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.

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 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 listed positions; this will be determined solely on your qualifications, background, and expertise.

2. **Application form**

   The downloaded application form 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](#).

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 may be work, ideally 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 and the projected contribution 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  
   469G Bukit Timah Road, Eu Tong Sen Building  
   Singapore 259776  
   Email: [lawresearchappt@nus.edu.sg](mailto:lawresearchappt@nus.edu.sg)
8. **Closing Date**

The closing date for the receipt of applications and references is **Tuesday, 16 June 2015**. Late applications will **not** be considered.

9. **Shortlisting and Interview**

Shortlisted applicants should expect to be interviewed in Singapore (local applicants) or via Skype (foreign applicants) by the end of June 2015. All applicants will be notified within two months from the closing date on the status of their application.