

Post-Doctoral Fellowship

The 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 Centre is located in its own designated research facility in the Faculty of Law.

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

The Centre now invites applications from suitable candidates in the field of maritime law for a Post-Doctoral Fellowship position. The successful applicant will join our existing full-time research staff, Dr Víctor Chacón (Senior Research Fellow), Dr Wang Feng (Research Fellow), Ms Luci Carey and Mr Elson Ong (Research Associates), and Mr Leung Liwen (Research Assistant).

Successful applicants will commence their Fellowships at a date to be arranged and will conclude them one year later. Subject to funding, it may be possible to renew the appointment for an additional year.

Benefits

The position(s) will carry the following benefits:

1. Employment on a full-time contract at NUS Law for one year, possibly renewable for a second year, subject to satisfactory performance.
2. A fixed remuneration package of **S\$78,000**. This all-in sum is inclusive of stipends for housing and living expenses.
3. Reimbursement of a return **economy class** airfare (by the most economical and direct route) up to a maximum of S\$2,000 to and from Singapore (for foreign applicants).
4. Eligibility to apply for research and conference fund allowances from CML to support attendance at academic conferences and to conduct field research, where required.
5. Allocation of a lockable workstation within CML.
6. The opportunity to present his or her research in seminars hosted by CML.

Duties

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

1. Subject to the normal NUS terms as to annual leave, the Post-Doctoral Fellow will be expected to be in residence throughout the term of their appointment and to work within CML on a daily basis.
2. The Post-Doctoral Fellow will be required to conduct his or her own research during the term of their appointment. Such research may include the writing of articles for publication in refereed journals, contributing to book chapters in edited collections, or preparing a monograph or other monograph for publication.
3. The Post-Doctoral Fellow will be expected to contribute to our cutting-edge CML Working Paper Series, <https://law.nus.edu.sg/cml/publications/>.
4. The Post-Doctoral Fellow will be expected to assist in editing and digesting cases for the database, *Judicial Decisions on International Conventions*, <https://www.cmlcmidatabase.org/>, hosted by CML in collaboration with the Comité Maritime International (CMI).
5. The successful Post-Doctoral Fellow will be required to present his or her research and to participate in and contribute to CML seminars.
6. The Post-Doctoral Fellow may be expected to assist in the organization of colloquia, seminars, or other events for CML, as assigned by the Director of CML.

Selection criteria

The selection committee will consider the following criteria in making an appointment for the position of Post-Doctoral Fellow at CML:

1. The applicant must be of exceptional calibre, having attained a doctoral degree in maritime law which must have been successfully completed and examined during the period 1 May 2019 to 30 April 2021. Successful candidates must hold a doctoral degree in maritime law by the date of assumption of duty.
2. The principal selection criterion will be the applicant's potential for excellence in research and the proposed programme of research of the applicant. An existing record of publication, such as a book proposal, published work in relevant journals, or participation in research projects, are examples of evidence of such potential.
3. The applicant must demonstrate an ability to work with, and get on with, other people.
4. 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 (including maritime arbitration), and offshore oil and gas law. **(Applications are NOT 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 fall, respectively, within the remit of the Centre for International Law (CIL) and the Asia-Pacific Centre for Environmental Law (APCEL) in the Faculty of Law.)**
5. The candidate should be exceptionally well-organised 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

The downloaded application form should be completed and submitted together with the other required documents. We regret that incomplete applications will not be considered. You **MUST** enclose a copy of your Doctoral Degree Certificate or Status Letter from your University with your application.

Applicants may download the application form [HERE](#).

3. NUS Personal Data Consent for Job Applications

You may download the form [HERE](#).

4. Curriculum Vitae

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

5. 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.

6. Research Proposal

It is essential to provide a detailed research proposal outlining your research plans for the next year, including the expected results of the work, and the projected contribution to the field of inquiry.

6. Letters of Recommendation

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

7. Submission of Application Materials

All application materials are to be submitted by email at lawresearchappt@nus.edu.sg with attention to Mr Arian Liu.

8. Closing Date

The closing date for the receipt of applications and references is **31 January 2021**. Late applications will not be considered.

9. Shortlisting and Interview

Shortlisted applicants should expect to be interviewed in Singapore (local applicants) or via Zoom (foreign applicants) by the end of **February 2021**. All applicants will be notified within two months from the closing date on the status of their application.