

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

The Centre for Maritime Law (CML) at the Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore, was launched on 3 September 2015 and focuses broadly on international trade, transport and shipping law-related issues. It undertakes 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. CML's continuing achievements include a highly-regarded *Working Paper Series (WPS)*, available at <https://law.nus.edu.sg/cml/publications/>, and the CML CMI Database, *Judicial Decisions on International Conventions*, available at <https://cmlcmidatabase.org/>.

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. Depending on qualifications, background and expertise, suitable applicants will be appointed as a **Research Assistant**, **Research Associate**, **Research Fellow**, or **Senior Research Fellow** in CML.

The successful applicant will join CML's existing **full-time** and Adjunct research staff (see <https://law.nus.edu.sg/cml/personnel/>).

Benefits

The position(s) will carry the following benefits:

1. Employment on a full-time contract at NUS Law for **one year** and, subject to satisfactory performance, may be renewable for a second year.
2. A remuneration package, commensurate with qualifications and experience.
3. 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. Depending on experience, the successful applicant will be expected to develop his or her own research agenda, including undertaking research projects on maritime law, leading to publication in English-language refereed journals, during his or her term of appointment. The proposed research agenda **MUST** also include writing working papers for publication in the CML Working Paper Series (<https://law.nus.edu.sg/cml/publications/>).

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 is expected to assist in CML's research projects and initiatives, including the CML CMI Database, *Judicial Decisions on International Conventions* (<https://www.cmlcmidatabase.org/>).
5. The successful applicant may be asked to 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**, **Research Fellow**, or **Senior Research Fellow** in CML:

1. The successful applicant will be of exceptional calibre.
2. For appointment as a **Research Assistant**, the successful applicant must have obtained 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 a strong interest in maritime law.
3. For appointment as a **Research Associate**, the successful applicant must hold a postgraduate (LLM) degree and have relevant experience in maritime law.
4. For appointment as a **Research Fellow**, a doctoral degree (PhD or equivalent) is essential.
5. For appointment as a **Senior Research Fellow**, a doctoral degree (PhD or equivalent) and post-doctoral experience are essential, as is demonstrated capability to achieve research excellence.
6. Applications are invited 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, especially in Asia), and offshore oil and gas law. A demonstrated passion for contemporary research on maritime law (such as autonomous shipping, the impact of COVID-19 on the maritime sector, ship finance in the 21st century, and decarbonisation and the shipping industry) may be an advantage.
7. 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 fall within the general remit of the Centre for International Law (CIL), and the Asia-Pacific Centre for Environmental Law (APCEL) in the Faculty of Law.

Application procedure

Applications should be sent by email to lawresearchappt@nus.edu.sg. These must comprise:

1. Covering letter

This should explain the reason for your interest in the position and address your ability to perform the duties listed above.

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, honours, awards, all publications to date, and all professional experience (current and previous, including dates of employment and job descriptions).

4. 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.

5. Submission of Application Materials

All correspondence should be addressed to lawresearchappt@nus.edu.sg

6. Closing Date

The closing date for the receipt of applications and references is **30 April 2021**. Late applications cannot be considered.

7. Shortlisting and Interview

Shortlisted applicants should expect to be interviewed latest by **mid-May 2021**. Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted concerning the status of their application.