

NUS Centre for International Law (CIL) has an available Research Position

Research Associate/Fellow (CIL's Oceans Law and Policy Programme)

The NUS Centre for International Law (CIL) is accepting applications for the above position. Applications open 15 June 2021 and close on 30 August 2021.

CIL is seeking applications from candidates with both an advanced degree in international law (PhD or LL.M) and a demonstrable interest in the law of the sea, marine environmental law or the international regulation of shipping. Candidates with a particular interest in Southeast Asia and its regional institutions are strongly encouraged to apply.

Members of CIL's Ocean Law & Policy team currently conduct research on a broad range of ocean law and policy issues of interest to Singapore, the region and the international community. For example, several members of its team are currently examining global and regional efforts to combat pollution of the marine environment from plastics, including the problem of marine plastic debris.

In 2019 CIL received a new three-year grant from the Singapore Maritime Institute (SMI), which has enabled it to expand its ocean law and policy programme, especially in areas relating to the international regulation of shipping and the protection and preservation of the marine environment, including the impact of COVID-19 and maritime autonomous surface ships (MASS). The ideal candidate would be interested in conducting research under both the SMI grant and broader topical issues relating to the oceans, such as piracy and international maritime crimes, IUU fishing, or slavery aboard fishing vessels. CIL encourages its research staff to develop independent and joint research trajectories within its areas of expertise.

CIL provides opportunities for its research staff to engage in joint research as well as individual research. CIL also provides opportunities for its junior research staff to attend regional and international conferences, workshops and symposiums, including the Rhodes Academy of Oceans Law and Policy.

In addition to conducting research, members of the research team are expected to assist in planning and organising international and regional conferences, workshops and training courses for government officials. Research members are involved in drafting background papers and reports for such events.

About the Centre

The Centre for International Law (CIL) was established in 2009 as a university-level research institute at National University of Singapore (NUS). It is located on the Bukit Timah Campus of NUS, together with the Faculty of Law. Ocean Law & Policy is one of CIL's core programme areas. As a university-level research institute, CIL is expected to engage in multi-disciplinary research as well as legal research.

The Ocean Law & Policy Programme at CIL is headed by Robert Beckman, who was the founding director of CIL. For further information on the members of the Ocean Law and Policy team and their projects, events and publications, please visit <https://cil.nus.edu.sg/>.

Application Procedure

Interested applicants are invited to apply [online](#) or email to Ms Tan Cher Ling (cherling@nus.edu.sg) with the following by **30 August 2021**:

- a covering letter,
- a short statement of research interests, a detailed curriculum vita,
- 2 samples of written work,
- names/contact information of two referees,

For more information, please visit: <https://cil.nus.edu.sg/research/ocean-law-policy/>

Please note that only short-listed candidates will be contacted no later than 15 September 2021.