



British Institute of
International and
Comparative Law

Arthur Watts Senior Research Fellow in Public International Law

Background

1. The British Institute of International and Comparative Law (BIICL) is one of the leading independent research centres for international and comparative law in the world. Our research, events, training and publications are grounded in deep scholarly knowledge and strong practical experience that can be applied to many situations. We seek to make an impact on law and policy around the world.
2. We are looking to appoint a strong candidate to the Arthur Watts Senior Research Fellowship in Public International Law to build on BIICL's pre-eminence in this area. Public international law helps to address fundamental challenges facing individuals, businesses and governments, including international trade, investment, business, peace and security, armed conflict, terrorism and counter-terrorism, human rights, taxation, communications and the environment.
3. The Fellowship and its activities are funded through the Arthur Watts Appeal, in memory of the late Sir Arthur Watts QC, one of the leading international lawyers of his generation. The Fellowship's purpose is to ensure that the practical application of public international law remains securely at the heart of BIICL's work. The Appeal is an active fundraising campaign led by Sir Frank Berman, KCMG, QC and Chair of BIICL's Board of Trustees. Further details on the Appeal are available at: www.biicl.org/arthurwattsappeal.
4. This is an exciting opportunity to hold one of the highest profile public international law positions in the UK and to demonstrate scholarly and practical leadership in this field. The position is a research post with no teaching duties, and includes extensive engagement with a broad network of scholars, practitioners, judges, arbitrators, government officials, international institutions and others. The Fellow will work with the other Senior Research Fellow in Public International Law at BIICL to lead and develop research, training, publications and events within this broad area.

Job Description

5. The Senior Research Fellow in Public International Law will be expected to undertake the following:
 - Lead, manage and develop the research, training and events programme in public international law;
 - Undertake and publish high quality research;
 - Develop and manage research projects effectively and efficiently;
 - Seek and obtain research and other funding from funding bodies, firms and other donors;
 - Maintain and develop existing partnerships (such as with Melbourne Law School) and foster new ones;
 - Supervise the work of research fellows, research assistants, volunteer interns and Visiting Fellows;
 - Engage appropriately and well with practitioners and others working in the field of public international law, including with BIICL's Public International Law Advisory Panel;



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- Direct and coordinate events in public international law, speak and chair events as necessary, and obtain sponsorship for events;
 - Be a public advocate for BIICL;
 - Assist in a collegial way with the outreach and administrative activities of BIICL;
 - Advise and support the Director of BIICL.
6. This is a full-time post, although consideration will be given to a slightly less than full-time role, if requested. Secondments will also be considered. A salary package of £50,000 - £55,000 pa is expected, depending on qualifications and experience. It is hoped that the person appointed will commence as soon as possible.

Person Specification

7. The successful applicant will demonstrate the following mix of experience, skills and attributes:
- A record of outstanding published research in public international law;
 - A good degree in a relevant field, with a PhD being an advantage;
 - Practical expertise, with substantial relevant experience in the application of public international law in practice being an advantage;
 - Leadership and co-ordination of research activity;
 - A track record in seeking, obtaining and managing research funding;
 - A record of interacting appropriately with others, including scholars, practitioners, civil society, policy-makers and external organisations;
 - An ability to lead, organise and manage seminars, conferences, training and other events to a high standard and to speak at, and chair, events;
 - Experience of supervising more junior researchers and assisting in their career development;
 - Evidence of highly effective communication skills in disseminating research findings and other activities to a wide community;
 - Self-starting and self-sufficient, and able to deal efficiently and effectively with administrative responsibilities; and
 - An ability and willingness to work collaboratively and collegially with colleagues.

Application Process

8. The deadline for applications is **11 November 2016**. Applicants should send the following by email to ArthurwattsSRF@BIICL.org
- A completed BIICL application cover form (available at www.biicl.org/vacancies) including the names and addresses of three referees (two of whom can be contacted prior to interview);
 - A full curriculum vitae; and
 - A covering letter setting out their reasons for applying and how they consider that they meet the person specification for this post.
9. Informal enquiries may be addressed to the Director of BIICL, Professor Robert McCorquodale at r.mccorquodale@biicl.org.
10. Applicants are encouraged to find out more about BIICL its members of staff and activities at <http://www.biicl.org>.
11. It is expected that interviews will take place in the end of November 2016.



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12. To be considered for this role, all applicants must currently have the right to work in the UK or will have the right to work in the UK by the date of commencement of employment.
13. We regret that we are unable to acknowledge receipt of applications personally, as we are a charitable organization with limited funds. If you do not hear from us regarding interviews within four weeks of the closing date, your application has been unsuccessful.