



**British Institute of
International and
Comparative Law**

Research Assistant in Environmental and Climate Change Law
Job description and person specification

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Salary: London Living Wage
Location: Remote
Term: 9 months
Hours: 17.5 per week

Background

1. The British Institute of International and Comparative Law (BIICL) is looking to appoint a Research Assistant to help on a project on Climate Change Litigation.
2. BIICL is a leading independent research organisation for international and comparative law. 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 a lasting impact on law and policy around the world.
3. We are looking to appoint a strong candidate to support the implementation of a project on climate change litigation – with a focus on the separation of powers. The project will involve the convening of a high-level conference on climate change litigation focusing on the question of separation of powers and executive discretion in the context of climate change. The appointed candidate will work primarily on this project but will be expected to contribute to BIICL's broader work on environmental and climate change law.

Job Description

4. The Research Assistant in Environmental and Climate Change Law will be expected to undertake the following:
 - Undertake high quality research on the themes of the project;
 - Convene and coordinate events as part of the project;
 - Engage appropriately and well with practitioners and others working in the field;
 - Be a public advocate for BIICL and the project; and
 - Assist in a collegial way with the outreach and administrative activities of BIICL;
5. This is a part-time post (0.5 FTE), initially for 9 months, but with the possibility of extension. The role will be paid at the London Living Wage. It is hoped that the person appointed will commence as soon as possible.
6. We are actively hiring during the Covid-19 pandemic and support remote working throughout this time.

Person Specification

7. The successful applicant will demonstrate the following mix of experience, skills and attributes:



- Expertise in environmental and climate change law and recent research or other relevant experience in relation to the area;
- A good degree in a relevant field, with a PhD being an advantage;
- Experience interacting appropriately with others, including scholars, practitioners, civil society, policy-makers and external organisations;
- An ability to and interest convening events including coordinating with all parties involved;
- Evidence of effective communication skills;
- An ability 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 **Sunday 28 March 2021 at 23.59GMT**. Applicants should send the following by email to jobs@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. Please ensure that you put the **full title of the role** you are applying for in the **email subject line**.
10. Informal enquiries may be addressed to the Arthur Watts Senior Research Fellow in Public International Law, Dr Jean-Pierre Gauci, on j.gauci@biicl.org or the Arthur Watts Research Fellow on Environmental and Climate Change Law, Ivano Alogna on i.alogna@biicl.org
11. Applicants are encouraged to find out more about BIICL its members of staff and activities at <http://www.biicl.org>.
12. It is expected that interviews will take place in the **week commencing 5 April**.
13. To be considered for this role, all applicants must currently have the right to work in the UK or will have secured the right to work in the UK by the date of commencement of employment.
14. BIICL is an equal opportunities employer and encourages applications from communities and groups which are under-represented in the legal community.