Research Fellow in Anti-Trafficking Law and Policy

Salary: £27,000-£29,000 pa (pro rata)
Location: some remote working is possible
Term: 6 months
Hours: 17.5 hours (0.5 FTE)

Summary

The British Institute of International and Comparative Law is the foremost independent research and discussion body in the United Kingdom and one of the leading such bodies in the world. The Institute is seeking to appoint a Research Fellow to work on a new research project entitled: ‘Access to Legal Advice for Survivors of Modern Slavery’. The project is funded by the Policy and Evidence Centre (PEC) on Modern Slavery and Human Rights.

The project seeks to assess the multi-dimensional impacts of the (in)ability for people with lived experiences of modern slavery to access adequate and timely legal advice – including as regards entering the NRM, outcomes of the same, compensation, and other legal claims (e.g., housing, immigration, asylum); to assess the impact on people with lived experiences of modern slavery of being (un)able to access adequate and timely legal advice on recovery and wellbeing; and to identify promising practices promoting access to legal advice for people with lived experiences of modern slavery.

The Research Fellow will be required to:
1. Undertake high quality research efficiently and on time;
2. Undertake empirical research through interviews and focus groups;
3. Draft significant portions of the project’s outputs including final report and academic article;
4. Communicate effectively with the project partner (UNSEEN UK), external stakeholders and BIICL colleagues;
5. Assist in the management of the research project;
6. Contribute to the development of BIICL’s research in anti-trafficking, migration and related fields.

Some remote working is possible.

Person Specification

It is expected that the successful applicant will demonstrate, and have evidence of, all of the following:

- A Doctoral degree or equivalent experience in a related field (including but not limited to: anti-trafficking; legal assistance; access to justice and human rights);
- An understanding of legal and policy structures and practice in areas of relevance to the project. Experience in legal practice is desirable;
- A reputation as a high quality legal scholar in the field of anti-trafficking or modern slavery;
- An ability to co-ordinate research activity in this area, with experience in empirical research being an advantage;
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- A willingness to interact appropriately with stakeholders, people with lived experience of modern slavery, legal practitioners, services providers, researchers and others working in the area;
- An ability to organise and deal efficiently with administrative matters; and
- An ability and willingness to work collaboratively and collegially with colleagues.

This is a fixed-term (6 month) research post on a 0.5 FTE basis. A salary package of £27,000-£29 000 pa (pro rata) is expected, depending on qualifications and experience. It is hoped that the person appointed will commence as soon as possible.

Informal enquiries may be addressed to Dr Jean-Pierre Gauci, Arthur Watts Senior Research Fellow in Public International Law and Director of Teaching and Training (Principal Investigator) on j.gauci@biicl.org and/or Dr Noemi Magugliani, Research Fellow in Anti-Trafficking Law and Policy (Co-Investigator) on n.magugliani@biicl.org

Applicants should send the following by email to jobs@biicl.org by 23:59 on Sunday 27th March 2022:

- The BIICL application cover form (available at www.biicl.org/vacancies) including the names and addresses of three referees (one of whom can be contacted prior to interview);
- A full curriculum vitae, including publications list;
- A covering letter setting out their reasons for applying and how they consider that they meet the person specification for this post.
- A completed Equality Monitoring Form (optional) (available at www.biicl.org/vacancies)

Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Interviews are expected to take place on Wednesday, 30th March 2022. Shortlisted candidates will be contacted by lunchtime on Tuesday, 29th March 2022. Interviews will take place via Zoom.

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.

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.

Applicants are encouraged to find out more about BIICL and its members of staff and activities at: http://www.biicl.org.

BIICL is an equal opportunities employer and we encourage applications regardless of race, gender, disability, religionbelief, sexual orientation or age.
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