British Institute of International and Comparative Law

Research Assistant in Public International Law

0.6 FTE (3 days per week) for 6 months (with possibility of extension)

Background

1. The British Institute of International and Comparative Law (BIICL) is one of the leading independent research centres for international and comparative law, and the rule of 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 continue to make an impact on law and policy around the world.
2. BIICL has developed considerable expertise in migration law and policy and is furthering this work through a project entitled: The Role of Private Vessels in Maritime Search and Rescue.
3. The project critically assess the obligations and implications for private vessels when rescuing migrants and refugees at sea, addressing both the human rights and commercial implications. The Mirpuri Foundation is funding this research. More information about the project is available at: https://www.biicl.org/maritime-search-rescue

Job Description

4. BIICL is seeking to appoint a strong candidate as a Research Assistant to be part of its research team for this project.
5. The Research Assistant will be expected to undertake the following:
    - Produce high quality research on international law (including human rights law, migration law, maritime law) and practice pertaining to the protection of education efficiently and on time;
    - Produce regular draft reports and briefings
    - Support the drafting of reports, articles and other publications;
    - Support the convening of meetings, workshops and conferences;
    - Support the development of project proposals on relevant issues;
    - Work in a team with other researchers, including volunteers and pro bono supporters.
6. This is a 0.6 full-time equivalent (3 days per week), fixed term post for a 6 month period, with no teaching duties. Secondments for this period may also be considered. The post holder will be based at BIICL's office in London.

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7. The post will be paid at the London Living Wage. It is hoped that the person appointed will commence as soon as possible.

Person Specification

8. The successful applicant will have the following mix of experience, skills and attributes:

- A Masters or PhD in law (ideally public international law)
- An in-depth understanding of international law, in particular of maritime and/or human rights / migration/refugee law.
- A record of research activity in this field, with experience in empirical research being an advantage;
- Effective communication skills in disseminating research findings and other activities to a diverse international community;
- Experience of interacting with practitioners, non-governmental organisations, academics, policy-makers and others in this field;
- An ability to be self-starting and self-sufficient, and to manage with minimal administrative support and supervision; and
- An ability and willingness to work collaboratively and collegially with colleagues.

Application Process

9. Applicants should send the following by email to RFPIL@biicl.org.
    - The BIICL application cover form (available at www.biicl.org/vacancies) including the names and addresses of three referees (two of whom may be contacted prior to interview);
    - A full curriculum vitae;
    - A covering letter setting out their reasons for applying and how they consider that they meet the person specification for this post.
10. The deadline for applications is **Sunday 16 December 2018**. Interviews are expected to take place in early January.
11. To be considered for this short-term role, **all applicants must currently have the right to work in the UK.**
12. 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.
13. Applicants are encouraged to find out more about BIICL, its members of staff and activities at http://www.biicl.org.