Arthur Watts Research Fellow in Environmental and Climate Change Law

Background

1. The British Institute of International and Comparative Law (BIICL) is looking to appoint a Research Fellow to help with its current and upcoming work in relation to environmental and climate change law.

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 a new post that is being created to enable BIICL to respond to the legal questions arising from climate change and the ever-evolving legal landscape in the area. This is an exciting opportunity to demonstrate both scholarly and practical leadership in this field, and to have an impact on legal and policy developments.

Job Description

4. The Arthur Watts Research fellow in Environmental and Climate Change Law will be expected to undertake the following:
   - Develop, in consultation with other BIICL staff members a programme of work on environmental and climate change law;
   - Undertake and publish high quality research;
   - Convene and coordinate events in relation to climate change, and to speak and chair events as necessary;
   - Provide training and capacity building in relation to climate change law;
   - Develop, obtain funding for and manage projects effectively and efficiently;
   - Develop and maintain partnerships with key organisations;
   - Supervise the work of researchers;
   - Engage appropriately and well with practitioners and others working in the field;
   - Be a public advocate for BIICL and the Arthur Watts Fellowship; and
   - Assist in a collegial way with the outreach and administrative activities of BIICL;

5. This is a part-time post (0.6 FTE), initially for one year, but with the possibility of extension. Consideration will be given to secondments or a slightly less than 0.6 FTE, if requested. A salary package of between £28,000 and £30,000 pa (pro rata) is expected, depending on qualifications and experience. It is hoped that the person appointed will commence as soon as possible.

Person Specification

6. 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;
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- A good degree in a relevant field, with a PhD being an advantage;
- A reputation as a high quality legal scholar in the field of environmental and climate change law;
- An ability to engage in inter-disciplinary work in the area;
- A track record in and willingness to seek, obtain and manage research funding;
- A record of interacting appropriately with others, including scholars, practitioners, civil society, policy-makers and external organisations;
- An ability to convene, lead and manage seminars, conferences, training and other events to a high standard and to speak at, and chair, events as necessary;
- Evidence of effective communication skills in disseminating research findings and other activities to both a legal and non-legal community and to both academic and non-academic audiences;
- An ability to deal efficiently and effectively with administrative responsibilities; and
- An ability and willingness to work collaboratively and collegially with colleagues.

Application Process

7. The deadline for applications is Sunday 18 August 2019. 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.

8. Please ensure that you put the full title of the role you are applying for in the email subject line.

9. 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.

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 week commencing 26 August 2019.

12. 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.

13. BIICL is an equal opportunities employer and welcome applications regardless of race, sex, disability, religion/belief, sexual orientation or age.