



Position Open for Research Fellowship To Support PCRC Polar Legal Research in 2020-21

Application deadline: 30 July 2020

PCRC is looking for a research fellow who can support the Centre's polar legal research. The fellow must stay at the Centre in Kobe, Japan, during the fellowship. This position will be available for a maximum of three months stay in Kobe during the period of mid-October 2020 to the end of March 2021 (the fellowship ends at the end of March). The prospective applicants should monitor the immigration restrictions of your own country as well as Japanese national and local governments' policies regarding COVID-19. Kobe PCRC will assist the successful applicant to prepare the necessary documents for an appropriate visa, but the final decision to issue a visa to enter Japan remains in the hands of immigration office. Kobe PCRC will not take any responsibility for the eventual cancellation of your visit to Kobe due to those governmental restrictions as well as the availability of travel means to come to Kobe.

The specific topic/type of work for the fellow will be agreed upon with the applicant, taking into account her/his interests, capabilities and expertise, but may include the following:

- (1) General research on Arctic and Antarctic legal issues;
- (2) Support organising and executing the 13th Polar Law Symposium Special Online Session (October to December);
- (3) Support the editorial work for the Yearbook of Polar Law and/or a book on Antarctic Treaty System (January to March); and
- (4) Support the Centre's day-to-day work, etc.

The candidate should be at the graduate or postdoctoral level, with sufficient experience in legal research and writing. The candidate should have demonstrable fluency in spoken and written English. The candidate should be proactive in being a part of the Arctic/Antarctic legal studies at Kobe and be eager to interact with other Japanese and international researchers at the Centre and international law students at GSICS, Kobe University. Finally, the ability to adapt to different cultures in order to enjoy living in Japan is an asset.

Depending on her/his performance and working hours, the fellow will receive a remuneration of around 250,000 JPY/month, with commuter allowance. However, PCRC will not be able to bear the international travel expenses for her/his arrival to and departure from Kobe, Japan. It is the applicant's own responsibility to arrange being in Japan by the starting date with appropriate visa and to have an address in the vicinity of the university (university housing is not available).

Application Documents:

- (1) Detailed CV, including list of publications, academic activities, international experiences, and/or other notable qualities of the candidate
- (2) One most relevant academic work/publication in English for this particular application
- (3) A statement of purpose on why you would like to conduct Arctic/Antarctic legal research at PCRC in Kobe. (up to 2000 words). In this statement, please state clearly the preferred term and length of your fellowship.
- (4) A recommendation from a person who can testify your academic capabilities and personal characteristics

Please send these documents by e-mail to: <pcrc-kobe [at] bear.kobe-u.ac.jp >.

The PCRC will inform its decisions at the latest by **31 August 2020**.