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Research Assistant/ Research Associate / Research Fellow

The Centre is inviting applications from suitable candidates to carry out research on intellectual property law, particularly on patents.

Duties

• Subject to the standard NUS terms as to annual leave, the appointed candidate will be expected to be in residence throughout the term of his or her appointment.

• The appointed candidate will be expected to develop his or her research on patents, leading to publications during his or her term of appointment. Such research may include, but is not limited to, the writing of articles for publication in refereed journals, contributing to book chapters in edited collections, and preparing a monograph or other book for publication.

• The appointed candidate will also be expected to assist in other research projects in the subject area and initiatives as assigned by the Director of IP Programme. These may include incidental work of an administrative and editorial nature, including some or all of the following: (i) helping with the substantive content of events and assisting with publications associated with the events; (ii) producing working papers, articles and reports, including managing the manuscripts, liaising with authors, ensuring compliance with house style, and doing basic editing.

Requirements

1. An ideal candidate would be of exceptional calibre, have attained an Honours degree (or equivalent), a Master degree or a doctoral degree in Intellectual Property law.

2. The principal selection criterion will be the applicant’s potential for excellence in research and the proposed programme of research of the applicant. An existing record of publication (if available) or participation in research projects are examples of evidence of such potential. Existing research work in intellectual property law, particularly Patents, will be considered favourably. The applicant should submit a proposed research plan for consideration.

3. The candidate should be exceptionally organized and have an eye for detail. A strong command of the English language is required.
Benefits

The position will have the following privileges:

1. The appointed candidate will be posted to the full-time position of Research Assistant / Associate / Fellow depending on the candidate’s background and expertise. The appointed candidate will be an employee at NUS Law on a one-year extendable contract. Remuneration will be commensurate with the qualifications and experience of the appointee.

2. The appointed candidate will be eligible to apply for research and conference fund allowances from the Centre to support attendance at academic conferences and field research which would lead to the delivery of published works.

3. The appointed candidate will be allocated a workstation within the premises of the Centre.

Application procedure

Applications should be sent by email to lawresearchappt@nus.edu.sg. These must comprise:

- a cover letter explaining your interest in the position
- a curriculum vitae
- a list of publications, if any
- a writing sample
- academic transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate studies (these may be unofficial and, if studying for a current degree, please include a list of current courses)
- at least two academic referees who may be contacted for a reference
- research plans for the next one to two years

The deadline for receipt of applications and supporting documents is 1 December 2014. Applicants will be notified within two months of the deadline on the status of their applications.