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POSITION DESCRIPTION

Post-Doctoral Research Fellow

Position Level	B
Faculty/Division	Law
Position Number	ADMIN ONLY
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Position Summary

The Postdoctoral Research Fellow will be working with SHARP Professor Natalie Klein on research projects that complement her research on informal lawmaking, the law of the sea, maritime security, state responsibility and international dispute settlement. The Postdoctoral Research Fellow will provide high level research and administrative support, as well as undertake independent research and writing for the Fellow's own projects. The Postdoctoral Fellow will be encouraged to collaborate with other international law colleagues within the Faculty of Law in furtherance of research projects of mutual interest.

The role of Postdoctoral Fellow reports to Professor Natalie Klein and has no direct reports.

Accountabilities

Specific accountabilities for this role include:

- Conduct research in the area of public international law, preferably with a focus on the law of the sea or international dispute settlement.
- Conduct literature reviews and analysis and contribute to high quality academic and legal profession publications.
- Prepare and submit manuscripts, abstracts and grant applications to external bodies.
- Dissemination of research findings in newsletters, refereed academic publications, reports, submissions and at major national and international conferences.
- Design and develop innovative concepts and ideas for further research.
- Participate in the definition of research directions and actively contribute to the coordination of research and research outputs to meet project milestones.

- Undertake administrative duties associated with the research as required, including assisting in reporting to UNSW and attend meetings associated with the research.
- Develop effective working relationships with all relevant academic and support areas of the Faculty and University.
- Working with industry or other external partners, seek and apply for external funding opportunities to grow and enhance research projects.
- Align with and actively demonstrate the [UNSW Values in Action: Our Behaviours](#) and the [UNSW Code of Conduct](#).
- Cooperate with all health and safety policies and procedures of the university and take all reasonable care to ensure that your actions or omissions do not impact on the health and safety of yourself or others.

Skills and Experience

- A PhD in law, awarded in 2017 or later.
- Experience in public international law, preferably law of the sea or international dispute settlement.
- Strong track record of high-quality publications and conference presentations in public international law.
- Ability to maintain a sound governance framework for research activities and ensure appropriate ethics approval, reporting and documentation of research outcomes.
- Demonstrated ability to undertake independent research and to devise and execute a research plan that aligns with the duration of the Fellowship.
- Strong organisational and project management skills including the capacity to coordinate the day to day aspects of a research project and the ability to meet deadlines.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills with the ability to write for both legal and non-legal audiences.
- Demonstrated capacity to collaborate with academics, legal practitioners and others and build and maintain effective relationships.
- Demonstrated ability to work independently as well as work effectively as a member of a team.
- An understanding of and commitment to UNSW's aims, objectives and values in action, together with relevant policies and guidelines.
- Knowledge of health and safety responsibilities and commitment to attending relevant health and safety training

Pre Employment Checks required for this position

- Verification of Qualifications

About this document

This Position Description outlines the objectives, desired outcomes, key responsibilities, accountabilities, required skills, experience and desired behaviours required to successfully perform the role.

This template is not intended to limit the scope or accountabilities of the position. Characteristics of the position may be altered in accordance with the changing requirements of the role.