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SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOW

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ASIA RESEARCH INSTITUTE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

INVITATION TO APPLY

The Asia Research Institute (ARI), National University of Singapore (NUS), invites applications for the **full-time position** of **Senior Research Fellow** to work on a SSRC-funded research project entitled *Sustainable Governance of Transboundary Environmental Commons in Southeast Asia*. The position will be based in Singapore with an intended start date of **January 2018**, or as soon as possible thereafter, for a period of **two years** in the first instance, renewable on satisfactory review for a **further two years** (four years in total).

The project is being funded through a S\$2.579 million grant from the Ministry of Education (MoE) and the Social Sciences Research Council (SSRC) of Singapore.

ABOUT THE RESEARCH PROJECT

As a small, island city-state, Singapore is closely interconnected, economically, environmentally and politically, with regional neighbours in Southeast Asia. The resilience and reliability of these interconnections have facilitated economic growth, regional stability and cordial diplomatic relations. Development benefits in the region have not come without costs, however; rising living standards are associated with increasing rates of resource extraction, reduced environmental quality and impoverishment of biodiversity that have negative ramifications for exposed population groups.

In light of the above challenges, and focusing on water, hydropower and fisheries in the Mekong and peatlands, fire and plantations in Indonesia, this project seeks to: first, identify the drivers and impacts associated with two major transboundary environmental challenges impacting land, water and atmosphere in Southeast Asia i.e. biomass burning and haze, and hydropower development and water resources; second, to examine these transboundary challenges in the context of the governance of transboundary environmental commons, or common pool resources, within the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), as well as the identification of relevant best practices worldwide; and third, to develop the concept of transboundary environmental commons within ASEAN.

The project also aims to contribute to environmental sustainability within ASEAN, as well as provide an evidence-based foundation for policy-making and implementation at both national and ASEAN levels that enhances Singapore's reputation as a responsible neighbour and a leader in sustainability sciences.

THE SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOW ROLE

The Senior Research Fellow will have expertise in working on environment and development issues at the policy-academic interface. S/he will be responsible for the overall coordination of the project, including overseeing the implementation of the project work plan, as well as

being the lead researcher on Work Package 3, 'Governing a sustainable transboundary environmental commons in Southeast Asia'. In addition, the SRF will also coordinate the work of the postdoctoral fellows and ensure that project milestones are met.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Interested applicants must have a PhD from a reputable university and with a strong publication record, preferably in English Language.
2. Only candidates with more than 5 years of research experience after their PhD may apply.

TERMS OF APPOINTMENT

1. The appointment will be tenable for a period of four years.
2. The Senior Research Fellowship comes with competitive remuneration and, for overseas applicants, subsidized university housing.
3. Travel assistance will be provided to eligible candidates.
4. Singapore citizens and permanent residents are eligible for provident fund benefits.
5. All salary and benefits-in-kind are subjected to taxation in accordance with local tax laws.
6. There is support for research fieldwork and conference attendance (on application and subject to approval).
7. Research staff at ARI should participate actively in research activities including attendance at seminars, conferences and ARI social events.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Interested scholars should submit the following via email by **1st August 2017**

- Letter of application
- Curriculum vitae, with complete list of publications
- Academic certificates and transcripts
- At least one sample of their published work
- A write-up, of no more than 800 words, explaining the candidate's past research experience and aptitude in relation to the research project

In addition, please arrange for **THREE referees** to submit a **confidential** report on their academic standing and research directly to joinari@nus.edu.sg. In the **subject line** of the email please type *Transboundary commons grant – SRF application*. The referee reports should also reach us by **1 August 2017**.

Please email your application and associated documents to joinari@nus.edu.sg by **1 August 2017**. Shortlisted candidates may be called for interview, either in person or by Skype, as appropriate.