

RESEARCH CONSULTANT

The Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights provides postgraduate education, conducts academic legal research and policy studies, and organizes training courses and expert meetings. We concentrate on branches of international law that relate to situations of armed conflict, protracted violence and protection of human rights. Our scientific research focuses on clarifying IHL, strengthening human rights protection, and developing the areas of complementarity between IHL and international human rights law. In these areas, the Geneva Academy makes a specific contribution to policy development and debate, in government and among scholars and practitioners.

We are recruiting a research consultant to support our work on implementing the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment. **The position would suit a PhD candidate or masters graduate conducting research in this field.**

Duration of consultancy: 6 months (starting as soon as possible) 80-100 percent (negotiable), with possibility of extension.

Reports to: Geneva Academy Head of Research and Policy Studies

Education: Masters or PhD in human rights law, international environmental law or a related legal field. **PhD students are strongly encouraged to apply**

Thematic knowledge: Advanced knowledge in international human rights law and thematic knowledge in one or more of the following areas: environmental good governance, climate action, environmental policy making.

Experience: 5-10 years of experience working in a research or related function, including for academic, policy or international organizations, preferably with an emphasis on environmental good governance, climate change, adaptation, resilience, DRR etc.

Languages: Excellent oral and written skills in English, with preference for a second language in French.

Key skills: Highly organized with top rate project coordination and communication skills being able to manage multiple and diverse projects working to different deadlines and with potentially multiple partners. Exceptional research abilities including academic databases, jurisprudence, and online resources. Excellent oral and written skills in English, proficiency in MS Office applications; and adaptable, patient and kind interpersonal skills are required. Highly desirable skills and attributes include resourcefulness, curiosity, upward management, flexibility, multi-tasking, transdisciplinary thinking, thought innovation, adherence to deadlines.

Application: Apply before 30 April by sending a CV (including links to relevant publications) and cover letter to: research.ga@geneva-academy.ch Applicants must reference Environment in the email subject box.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Coordination and research support to the Geneva Academy's project on the human right to a healthy environment:

- Contribution to the research agenda to ensure progress and completion of projects and tasks against workplans, including externally imposed fixed deadlines, by maintaining an easily accessible results-database and calendar of events, key dates and project monitoring.
- Coordinating and conducting cutting edge primary and secondary research to support the preparation of reports, special reports, commentary on legislative reforms, and for identifying global and regional trends.
- Finalizing reports, articles and papers (footnoting, double checking sources, updating, formatting).
- Coordinating and organizing events and consultations, including preparing concept notes, background research papers, liaising with partners and invitees and securing attendance, writing speeches, note-taking, report-writing, liaising with media and press, as required.
- Supporting the visibility of the project through producing materials for the press and social media. Contributing interesting, unique and engaging content for web-based and social media platforms.
- Ensuring timely and accurate financial and project reporting;
- Identifying and pursuing new sources of funding, including grant writing and concept notes.