



Research Assistant Position Description (Malaysia)

Application Closing Date: 22 September 2023, 17:00 CET

Location: Remote

Type: Research Assistant (15 hours/week for 7 months)

Starting Date: October 2023

End Date: 30 April 2024

Remuneration: 700 USD per month

The Asia Justice Coalition (AJC or the Coalition) is a network of organizations whose purpose is to promote justice and accountability for gross violations of international human rights law and serious violations of international humanitarian law, in Myanmar and subsequently in Asia, and to contribute to the fulfilment of the rights of victims and their families. The Coalition's secretariat supports the Coalition's work.

In partnership with AJC member the Centre for Peace and Justice, BRAC University, the AJC secretariat engaged in a project entitled 'Understanding State "Values" and "Interests" in Pursuing Justice and Accountability'.

The project is focused on the reasoning and language used in domestic and foreign policy decisions regarding justice and accountability for atrocity crimes, with particular reference to international crimes committed against the Rohingya people in Myanmar. The project takes an iterative, staged approach and examines Bangladesh, Malaysia, and Indonesia as case study jurisdictions. Through qualitative interviews and desk research, the project will assist in identifying potential pathways to pursue justice and accountability within the available policy options for responding to protracted crises. Its findings will help to inform advocacy approaches for centring justice and accountability in domestic and regional policy discussions and facilitate the process of political will to fight against impunity.

To assist with this research, the Coalition secretariat seeks one (1) research assistant for a period of 7 months beginning in October 2023 to focus on Malaysia.

Duties:

- Conduct desk research on language used in relation to international accountability in domestic policy-making and public statements;
- Assist in an actor-mapping exercise to identify domestic policy development and implementation responsibilities regarding international justice and accountability;
- Participate in designing and conducting project interviews; and
- Draft portions of the final project report.

Qualifications

- An undergraduate or graduate-level academic qualification in public policy, social science, or law;
- Strong familiarity with domestic public policy and law-making within Malaysia;
- Strong familiarity with international justice concepts;
- Demonstrated experience in desk-based research in public policy or social science;
- Excellent communication skills and ability to liaise with multiple stakeholders, from local civil society and high-level partners;
- Excellent organisational, time management, and prioritisation skills, including in self-directed work;
- Strong interpersonal skills and ability to deal effectively in situations of high pressure or political sensitivities; and
- Strong command of both English and Bahasa Malaysia.



The researcher will report to the Senior Law and Policy Advisor of the Asia Justice Coalition secretariat. The successful candidates will be based in Malaysia and will work remotely.

Position Expectation:

The successful candidate will be expected to contribute 15 hours per week over 7 months. Working hours would be flexible unless stated otherwise. The candidate would be expected to meet (online) with their supervisor(s) at least once a week and maintain continuous contact throughout the period of employment.

Deadline and Application Instructions:

Interested candidates must send their applications by 22 September 2023, 17:00 CET with the following:

- A curriculum-vitae; and
- A one-page cover letter addressing the Qualifications listed above.

The application must be sent to asiajusticecoalition@protonmail.com with the subject 'AJC Research Assistant – Malaysia'.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis; only short-listed individuals will be invited for an interview.