

11. What are you hoping to contribute to the work of the CISDL (will you undertake a specific research project in consultation with lead counsel, prepare a paper for publication, organize a workshop, other)?

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12. What do you expect from CISDL?

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CISDL Conditions of a Legal Research Fellowship:

The Centre for International Sustainable Development Law (CISDL)

The mission of the Centre for International Sustainable Development Law (CISDL) is to promote sustainable societies and the protection of ecosystems by advancing the understanding, development and implementation of international sustainable development law. The CISDL is an independent legal research centre, which collaborates with the McGill Law Faculty in engaging students and interested faculty members in sustainable development law research and scholarly initiatives. The CISDL also works in cooperation with a network of developing country faculties of law, and is developing closer ties with the Oxford University Faculty of Law and the Université de Montreal, as well as the Yale Law School and the Cambridge University Faculty of Law. It is a federally incorporated not-for-profit organisation of Canada, governed by a Board of Governors chaired by Hon. Judge Charles D. Gonthier, Senior Wainwright Research Fellow, McGill Faculty of Law. With two Directors and eight Lead Counsels in charge of six cutting-edge research programmes, as a result of its ongoing legal scholarship and research, the CISDL publishes books, articles, working papers and legal briefs in English, Spanish and French. The CISDL hosts academic workshops, dialogue sessions, legal expert panels parallel to international negotiations, law courses and seminars, and conferences to further its legal research agenda. It provides instructors, lecturers and capacity-building materials for developing country governments and international organisations in national and international law in the field of sustainable development, and works with countries to develop national laws to implement international treaties. CISDL members include learned jurists and scholars from all regions of the world and a diversity of legal traditions. It has guidance from the three Montreal-based multilateral treaty secretariats, the World Bank Legal Vice-Presidency, the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Development Programme, and a memorandum of understanding with the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD). Upon selection, you become a member of small community of sustainable development lawyers, as one of the few Legal Research Fellows that we are able to appoint each year. We will ask that you familiarize yourself immediately with the CISDL's mission, principles, objectives, annual research strategies, publications and research programme agendas, by consulting the documents online at www.cisdll.org.

Selection of a CISDL Legal Research Fellow:

Legal Research Fellow positions are normally two years in duration, and are awarded through a competitive selection process based on CISDL priorities and the candidates academic and professional qualifications. Research fellowships are renewable. Preference is given to applications from research fellows presently based in Montreal or in the country of a CISDL Lead Counsel.

Privileges of a CISDL Legal Research Fellow:

A CISDL Research Fellowship grants the selected fellow limited access to an academic work station at the McGill Law Faculty, computer access, library access, meeting space, research assistance and other privileges as resources permit. CISDL will facilitate consultations with CISDL lead counsel, and will grant Research Fellows access to an extended network of international advisors, academics and legal experts in the area of international sustainable development law. No financial remuneration can be provided by CISDL for research fellows at the present time, so fellows have to obtain funds from elsewhere if their work is to be sponsored.

Contributions Expected from a CISDL Legal Research Fellow:

The CISDL will expect a Research Fellow to take part in the research and activities of the Centre. CISDL will also expect you to demonstrate respect for the mission, principles and objectives of the CISDL, including its policies and decision-making structure. In addition, a Research Fellow should involve law and other students in their work where this is relevant and helpful to the Fellow's research interests, to acknowledge their fellowship in any communications or publications related to the work they undertake while based at the CISDL, and to undertake minimum cooperative obligations that are involved in sharing an office with other scholars and sustainable development lawyers.

Please send completed applications forms, with CV and cover letter, to the CISDL Research Fellowship Selection Committee, c/o Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger or Ashfaq Khalfan, CISDL Directors, mcsegger@cisdll.org or akhalfan@cisdll.org, by 01 October or 01 February of each academic year.