

Vacancy Notice:

Research Associate (Project Position)

WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute

Job title: Research Associate

Duty Station: Malmö, Sweden

Duration of contract: 12-month fixed-term contract which may be renewed for a further period subject to satisfactory performance

1. Organisational setting

The World Maritime University (WMU) is established by the International Maritime Organization. WMU's mission is to be the world centre of excellence in postgraduate maritime and ocean education, professional training and research, while building global capacity and promoting sustainable development. With the University's new strategic directions, specifically expansion of its mandate to include ocean-related matters, and strengthening ocean research, WMU is well positioned for this collaborative partnership with the Nippon Foundation.

The WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute (WMU-GOI) has partnered with the University of Gothenburg, Sweden, as well as Swedish academic institutions, Swedish government agencies and administrations, as well as primary stakeholders in MISTRA's C2B2 Project.

Funded by MISTRA, WMU is offering a Research Associate position to support the project team, with a particular focus on multifunctional ocean governance and sustainable blue economy under the auspices of the C2B2 programme. The aim of this programme is:

- To analyse the current state-of-affairs in ocean governance at multiple levels;
- To identify crucial international marine spatial planning out-of-the-box tools;
- To co-create transition scenarios for a better blue that are adapted to the Swedish context; and
- To generate recommendations for the future governance of the blue economy in a changing climate.

2. Main purpose

The Research Associate will work under the supervision and guidance of the Principal Investigator and will undertake research assigned by the Director of Research as a part of the research team supporting MISTRAS C2B2 project through research, education and capacity building at the GOI, hosted at the World Maritime University in Malmö, Sweden.

3. Duties, responsibilities

The successful candidate will be expected to demonstrate capacity for high impact, and ideally interdisciplinary research activity both within and across groups in academic and/or industry settings. The candidate must have a research profile as evidenced by publications in leading journals in the field, presentations at significant conferences on research findings and strong endorsements by referees.

At WMU, the candidate should expect to:

- **Principal Duties:** Undertake and contribute to research by undertaking the following tasks:
 - Participate in C2B2 activities;
 - Engage with WMU Principal Investigators (PIs) and researchers for advancing WMU's task in relation to "ocean governance and adaptive management";
 - Work in close collaboration with C2B2 project partners and work package leaders to assist in work pertaining to the co-creation of a blue economy in Sweden;
 - Publish high-impact, peer-reviewed scholarly articles; and
 - Establish an international high-level task force and ensure adequate interface with C2B2 partners, and liaise as per PIs' instructions;
- **Supervisory Duties:** Supervise and or support Principal Investigators in supervisory duties;
- **Event Organisation Duties:** Assist the organisation of project-related workshops, events and outreach activities from inception to implementation;
- **Reporting Duties:** Create materials for circulation, and develop project workshop and event reports;
- **Other Duties:** Undertake any other duties as may be assigned by Principal Investigator, Programme and Operations Manager, and Director of GOI.

4. Minimum requirements – education, experience and language skills

Education

Essential

- The successful candidate will have a doctoral degree in any of the following fields:
 - Stakeholder Engagement;
 - Adaptive Ocean Governance & Blue Economy;
 - Multifunctional and Sustainable Blue Economy;
 - Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) and Coastal Management;
 - Ecosystem-based Management & Sustainability; and
 - Participatory Ocean Governance.

Experience

Essential

- A minimum of 3 years experience in working in the higher education or related sectors in the field of ocean governance;
- A strong record of internationally recognised research and publication in relevant peer-reviewed publications;
- Demonstrated ability to use established, appropriate research methodologies and create high-level stakeholder groups;
- Familiarity with United Nations (UN) Decade of Ecosystem Restoration and the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development;
- Knowledge of UN institutions and other international organisations with the delivery of ocean science-related mandates, and international ocean organisations, their aims, objectives and activities.

Languages

Essential

- Strong language proficiency in English and Swedish is essential. Applicants must be fluent in Swedish and English reading, writing and speaking.

Desirable

- Knowledge of another UN language would be an added advantage.

Desirable Qualifications, Competencies and Professional Experience

- Candidates with academic and professional experience of the conduct of marine science and/or ocean science governance would be advantageous.
- An understanding of International Maritime Organisation (IMO) as well as WMU and its mission, and strong commitment to the delivery of the highest practicable standards in pursuing its mandate;
- Excellent communication skills;
- Good networking experience, especially with Swedish stakeholders;
- Good computer literacy.

5. Terms and Conditions

This vacancy is open to eligible candidates that satisfy the education, experience and language criteria noted above, and Swedish nationals are highly encouraged to apply.

WMU is committed to creating a diverse and inclusive environment of mutual respect. WMU recruits and employs staff regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation, race, religious, cultural and ethnic backgrounds or disabilities.

Application

The position offers a monthly stipend of 32,000 SEK free of income tax in Sweden and medical, life and accident insurance coverage by Cigna International.

Applicants must apply by sending their complete application including all documentation below to Head of Human Resources Mr. Marco Batista on mb@wmu.se with copy to goisecretariat@wmu.se.

Following documentation shall be submitted via email with subject line **WMU Research Associate Application: MISTRA Co-Creating Better Blue (C2B2) Programme 2023**

1. Updated CV and [UN Personal History form P11](#)
2. A brief Motivational letter (1 page)
3. A 2000-word (maximum) research proposal covering the following:
 - a. *A brief statement on how to assess preparedness of Sweden's ocean governance to climate and earth system change*
 - b. *A brief statement on how to explore the governance and legal framework for multifunctional ocean governance*
 - c. *A brief statement on the scenario approaches for transitioning towards a multifunctional and sustainable blue economy*
4. Two Academic/Professional Letters of Reference

Deadline for Applications: **31 May 2023, 23:59 CET.**

Desired Start Date: **1 September 2023**