

Vacancy Notice:
Post-Doctoral Fellowship
WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute

Job title: Post-Doctoral Fellow

Duty Station: Malmö, Sweden

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

1. Organizational 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, the WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute (GOI) was established to become a world-leading centre of excellence for ocean research, dialogue, capacity building and policy support in ocean affairs. Please visit <https://www.wmu.se/goi>.

With a view to addressing pressing environmental, societal and stakeholder issues, the GOI with the generous support of The Nippon Foundation is implementing the "Closing the Circle" Programme: *Exploring challenges and advancing potential solutions to marine debris, Sargassum threats and Marine Spatial Planning in Small Island Developing States* with a particular focus on the Eastern Caribbean region. The three-year research project aims to develop practical solutions to the challenges posed by marine debris, Sargassum and marine spatial planning (MSP) in the region and to the member states of the Organization of the Eastern Caribbean (OECS).

2. Main purpose

The Post-doctoral Fellow/Researcher will work with the Principle Investigator (PI) and will undertake research and capacity-building initiatives assigned by the PI, Director and the Head of Research at the World Maritime University in Malmö, Sweden, as well as in the field in the Eastern Caribbean.

Kindly find the link for the [Closing the Circle Programme Brochure](#)¹ to familiarize with the programme information and thematic areas, and the website www.closing-the-circle.wmu.se.

3. Duties, responsibilities

The successful candidate will have expertise in MSP, 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 in MSP evidenced by publications in leading journals in the field, presentations at international conferences and strong endorsements by referees.

¹ <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fvp0oHlxl-x4TEEkYmKOWVJ9fXnLsHHw/view>

At WMU, the candidate should expect to:

- Lead and co-supervise the research undertaken within the project, particularly relating to MSP in the context of the Eastern Caribbean Region for:
 - *Internal purposes (guidance for overall strategic direction of the project's research, guidance for PhD candidates)*
 - *External purpose (partake in outreach activities, such as partnership meetings, conferences and online learning activities)*
- Develop and partake in science communication and publishing endeavours of the project team;
- Develop the relevant content of an online learning and knowledge management platform, in particular relating to the design of e-lessons and webinars, curricula, related to MSP to serve the needs of a diverse set of stakeholders;
- Publish high-impact, peer-reviewed scholarly articles;
- Perform any other tasks relating to research, education or capacity building as may be required;
- Undertake special projects and other duties as may be assigned by the PI and the Head of Research.

4. Minimum requirements – education, experience and language skills

Education

Essential

- The successful candidate will have a doctoral degree in a maritime related discipline and an advanced university degree in ocean science, marine spatial planning, ocean law, governance, policy, or related fields.
- In lieu of a doctoral degree, five years of relevant professional experience in MSP.

Experience

Essential

- Experience in working with MSP, in particular in the Caribbean region;
- Experience in outreach, scientific research presentation and communications to a broad set of stakeholders; including government officials, research institutions and civil society organizations;
- A strong record of internationally recognised research and publication in relevant fields of scholarship;
- Demonstrated ability to use established, appropriate research methodologies and deliver critical policy-relevant analyses;
- An interest in a broad set of questions relating to ocean governance and in interdisciplinary training and research is desirable;
- Familiarity with ocean-related 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals and with the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030);

Desirable

- Candidates with academic and professional experience of the conduct of marine science and/or ocean science governance would be advantageous, as well as experience with gender studies and women empowerment initiatives.

Languages

Essential

- Language proficiency in English is essential.
- Knowledge of another UN language would be an advantage.

Desirable Qualifications, Competencies and Professional Experience

- Some working experience, especially at the international level and in connection with ocean governance capacity-building activities;
- Solutions and goal oriented mind-set;
- Displays cultural, gender, religion, race, nationality and age sensitivity and adaptability;
- Maintain a high level of confidentiality and professionalism;
- Be proactive, have the ability to work effectively and accurately with the team and independently;
- Excellent communication skills;
- Demonstrate flexibility, motivation, enthusiasm and tact;
- Strong IT skills;
- Computer literacy.

5. Terms and Conditions

This fellowship is open to all eligible candidates. WMU seeks to increase the number of women at all levels and, therefore, qualified women are particularly encouraged to apply. Female applicants especially from Small Island Developing Countries (SIDS), developing countries and least developed countries are strongly encouraged to apply. WMU will make every effort to facilitate the employment of persons with disabilities.

Application

The full-time position offers a stipend of SEK 32,000 per month free of income tax in Sweden. A part-time and remote working arrangement may be considered, in which case, the monthly stipend shall be *pro rata*.

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

Following documentation shall be submitted via email with subject line **Post-doctoral Fellowship Application: The NF-WMU Closing the Circle Programme**

1. Current CV and UN Personal History form P11 (including contact to three referees)
2. A statement of purpose/contribution
3. Certified copies of degree certificates and transcripts
4. Copy of passport (data page, only for internal record)

Deadline for Applications: **21 March 2021, 23:59 CET**