

United Nations - The Nippon Foundation Sustainable Ocean Programme Critical Needs Fellowship

Call for applications for the 2019 session of the Critical Needs Fellowship

The Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea of the Office of Legal Affairs (“OLA/DOALOS”) is now accepting applications for the 2019 session of the United Nations – The Nippon Foundation Critical Needs Fellowship. The deadline for the submission of applications is 05 October 2018.

The Critical Needs Fellowship was established in 2017 as one of three core activities under the United Nations - Nippon Foundation Sustainable Ocean Programme. In 2018, the first four awards under the Fellowship Programme were made to nationals of the following four developing States: Cambodia, Guyana, Papua New Guinea and Senegal.

The Fellowship aims at assisting developing States, particularly least developed countries, small island developing States and landlocked developing countries to address identified critical needs in the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and related instruments, as well as Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 14 and other related SDGs. The Fellowship is targeted at Government officials with limited background in ocean affairs and the law of the sea who are filling key positions in their Administration and who are tasked to address the critical needs referred to above.

The Fellowship consists of a four-month training programme at the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. Depending on the identified needs, Fellows may, during the four-month training programme, undertake a learning placement with either a Department of the United Nations Secretariat, a Specialized Agency, or an organization affiliated with the United Nations or other relevant organization.

To qualify, candidates must: (i) be between the ages of 25 and 40, (ii) possess at least a first university degree or equivalent, and (iii) be Government officials dealing directly with critical issues related to sustainable development of oceans and seas (e.g. the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; national and/or regional ocean policy; the establishment of maritime zones and/or the delimitation of maritime boundaries; coastal zone management; conservation and management of marine living resources; maritime transport and shipping; maritime security; the protection and preservation of the marine environment; and marine science).

Candidates must use the application package posted on the following webpage. <http://www.un.org/Depts/los/critical/index.htm>. Complete application packages must be transmitted to OLA/DOALOS no later than 05 October 2018, at the following email address: doalos@un.org.

Awards will be made in November 2018 and successful candidates will begin the Programme in March/April 2019.

OLA/DOALOS would appreciate it if this notification could be widely disseminated through relevant networks to ensure a large and diverse pool of candidates from developing States, giving due regard to gender balance. To this end women candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.