



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES
MONA CAMPUS, JAMAICA, WEST INDIES

SECOND CALL for CV's: Senior Research Assistant Independent Contract for research services (Part-time)

Institution: Sir Arthur Lewis Institute for Social and Economic Studies, The University of the West Indies, Mona

Project: *Disaster Capitalism in the Caribbean Region: Networking, Sharing and Learning from Community Responses*

Grant Agency: Open Society Foundations **Reference #:** OSF 2022-86498

Deadline: January 30, 2023.

The University of the West Indies, The UWI, is the region's premier higher educational institution, with faculties offering a wide range of undergraduate, masters and doctoral programmes in Humanities and Education, Science and Technology, Science and Agriculture, Engineering, Law, Medical Sciences and Social Sciences. The UWI is internationally recognized as a centre of excellence in research, knowledge creation and innovation on matters related to the Caribbean and small island states. The Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies (SALISES) requires to contract the services of a **Senior Graduate Research Assistant** to support the implementation of a research and advocacy project on *Disaster Capitalism in the Caribbean Region: Networking, Sharing and Learning from Community Responses, funded by the Open Society Foundations, September 2022- February 2024.*

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- MSc, MPhil or PhD in Human Geography, Political Ecology, Development Studies, Caribbean Studies or in the Social Sciences with research Interests in climate change adaptation and mitigation, preferably from a University in the Caribbean.- Fluency in English plus at least one other language relevant for the Caribbean (French, Creole, Spanish)- Experience with qualitative research and semi structured interviews- 5 years of graduate research and/or community activity experience- Proven writing skills in English
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ADVOCACY SKILLS & WORK REQUIREMENTS: Experience with social movements (direct or research work); Good organizational skills; Willing to experiment with podcasts and innovative ways of communication; Available to spend at least 3 days in Jamaica at the beginning and end of the project, otherwise telework possible.

Interested applicants should send their CV and a short motivation letter that reflects on the title of the project, and a one page statement on methodology, how they would organize the work and what they think the main challenges would be. Applicants are also required to submit, the names and addresses of two (2) referees and copies of academic qualifications. This should be sent to: **Dr. Patricia Northover** Senior Fellow Sir Arthur Lewis Institute for Social and Economic Studies, SALISES, UWI, Mona, citing the reference # **OSF 2022-86498**. Email: salises@uwimona.edu.jm

APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 30th, 2023. Shortlisted candidates will be notified by February 6,2023.

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UWI-SALISES Profile:

The Mission Statement of the UWI is to advance learning, create knowledge and foster innovation for the positive transformation of the Caribbean and the wider world https://www.uwi.edu/featured-story/triple_firsts.asp. The UWI has, as part of this mission recently signed, in September 2020, a landmark Memorandum of Understanding with the Open Society Foundations, to advance the work on climate change, racial justice and a deepening of democracy.

The Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies (SALISES) is a Research Centre of The University of the West Indies (UWI). SALISES was founded in 2000 through the merger of the Institute of Social and Economic Studies (ISER) and the Consortium Graduate School of Graduate Studies (CGSS). Since its inception as ISER in 1948, SALISES has developed and maintained a strong culture of quality research that has been used throughout Jamaica and the Caribbean for program and policy development. Research fellows trained in research, policy formulation and analysis are employed by the Institute. The Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies (SALISES) requires to contract the services of a Post Doctoral Research Assistant to support the implementation of a research and advocacy project on ***Disaster Capitalism in the Caribbean Region: Networking, Sharing and Learning from Community Responses, funded by the Open Society Foundations, September 2022- February 2024***

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project identifies, maps and brings together (digitally and in presence) Caribbean communities, associations, NGOs and activists groups that have been organizing and resisting against the expansion of disaster capitalism in the region. In particular, it relies on four pillars: identification, communication, visibility and construction of stronger and long-lasting networks. After 18 months, the project will have identified at least twenty different actors across the region, promoted at least 15 collective online meetings to share their stories and experiences, made them visible on easily accessible and dynamic open access platforms, and organized the first collective regional workshop of actors at the frontline of the fight against disaster capitalism. This project will thus reinforce already existing processes, establish solid and long-lasting regional networks and conversations, increase mutual learning, facilitate knowledge transfer and experience sharing. In coordination with the work proposed by Global Legal Action Network (GLAN) and Climate Litigation Accelerator (CLX), DisCC will also promote the access to local realities by international actors operating in the area of legal advocacy and legal support and offer a unique form of support in the unfolding and reproduction of legal and non-legal strategies at the local, national, regional and international level.

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DATE: Application period	December 2022 to January 30, 2023
TITLE OF VACANT POSITIONS	Senior Research Assistant
NO. OF VACANCIE(S)	1
DURATION: Full-time/Permanent/Part-time/Temporary	Temporary- February 14, 2023, to Feb 28, 2024
RATE OF PAY	3 - 4 days per week. Workload and remuneration to be defined according to the experience and profile of the selected candidate Pay scale range from US \$1600 to US\$1900 per month
DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Map existing and past relevant struggles for territorial and climate justice in the Caribbean and the organizations, indigenous people, individuals, etc. who were behind them - Establish contact with these organizations and involve them in the network; - Establish a relationship of trust with the current five local partners of the GCRF project and the partners in Haiti and Grenada, so to leverage their knowledge and experience to best define the next steps of the project; - Gather, systematize and upload information coming from the new members of the network and assist the web-developer in populating the website and gathering the relevant information to appear on it; - Organize at least one interaction per month of all members of the network and a system of online safe repositories to share documents, information, etc.; - Maintain the connections with GLAN, CLX and the other partners that will be involved in the process for legal advocacy and legal education. The intermediation by the regional post-doc research will make sure that international organizations do not bypass the horizontal structure of the network and that all parties feel equally involved. - Invite academics and international partners (legal and non-legal) to participate in ad hoc meetings with the network to provide further support around specific themes, issues and strategies; - Organize at least one online conference/workshop every six months in order to give further visibility to the network and what it is achieving; - Draft reports of the interactions, to be shared with all participants;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organize one two-day in person workshop in Jamaica to be held in the last quarter of the project. One representative per organization/actor will be invited to the workshop, the first of its kind, along with representatives of the international organizations providing legal support and selected environmental lawyers (see below for further details). This three day workshop will provide participants with the opportunity to meet, strengthen personal connections, facilitate the exchange of information, intensify their legal knowledge and education, think collectively about regional actions and strategies, and identify joint pathways for the longer term. - Draft a report on the workshop highlighting procedure, findings, dynamics, etc. - Draft a policy brief containing the most relevant proposals coming from the monthly interactions and the workshop. - Provide communication support to project involving community partners - Support with interpretation during online consortium meetings (not at professional level) - Feeding social media (Twitter and Facebook); blogposts
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