

THE OPPORTUNITY

We are looking for Experts and Associates to join our fast-moving and ambitious 'Polar Regions' think-tank based in London, UK. We have positions open across the board. Please get in touch if your interests fall within the scope of our work in any of our units.

ABOUT US

Launched in February 2016, Polar Research and Policy Initiative (PRPI) is a non-governmental, non-partisan, international think-tank envisaged as the UK's first think-tank dedicated exclusively to Arctic and Antarctic issues. Based in London, PRPI seeks to facilitate both within the UK and across the Commonwealth a crucial, sustained, high-level and high-impact dialogue between scholars, policymakers, explorers, community stakeholders, the media, and the public, private and third sectors about the Polar Regions. The aim of PRPI is to:

- Raise the profile and understanding of the Polar Regions in the UK and across the Commonwealth;
- Support the UK and Commonwealth researchers in increasing the visibility, impact and reach of their research;
- Increase and sustain the scholarly, cultural, political and commercial engagement of the UK and relevant Commonwealth member states with the Polar Regions;
- Help address some of the toughest political, social, economic and environmental challenges facing polar peoples and places.

To fulfil its mission, PRPI is structured into:

Theme-specific Units

- Natural Environment
- Maritime Environment
- Built Environment
- Indigenous People
- Arts, Culture and Heritage
- Defence and Security

Industry-specific Units

- Energy
- Mining
- Shipping
- Fisheries
- Tourism
- ICT

We have positions open in all of the above-mentioned units.

Positions

Experts and Associates must have demonstrable knowledge of the rationale and mechanisms behind international policy making; a thorough understanding of the Polar Regions (Arctic and/or Antarctic) or the relevant industry sectors; and a keen interest both in recent developments of relevance to their unit and their wider implications.

Expert:

Experts must have at least 3-5 years of professional experience, either within think-tanks, academia, the media, government bodies, international organisations or NGOs. Membership of professional associations and/or learned societies would be highly advantageous. An academic background at post-graduate level, relevant to the topic, would be desirable. Experts will play a leading role in shaping the direction of the unit in collaboration with PRPI Directors, developing PRPI's portfolio of research in their areas, managing projects, and representing the organisation externally. In addition, experts will be encouraged to provide analysis and commentary to the media, with institutional support. They will also assist with fundraising and staff recruitment, whenever there is need.

Associate:

Associates may be recent graduates with some relevant experience, preferably with a demonstrable interest in and commitment to the Polar Regions. Associates will be asked to contribute to PRPI's portfolio of research in their areas, participate in PRPI projects and activities, and assist with organising events and fundraising. Associates will be welcome to represent PRPI at events and conferences. Providing support to experts is encouraged.

The ability to motivate oneself, be flexible, be organised, work with discipline and within a team are essential qualities for these roles. A visible track record of producing material to a publishable standard (perhaps via a news outlet, academic journal or personal blog/website) is strongly preferred, but not essential.

At present, all positions are voluntary, non-residential and non-stipendiary, but promising candidates will be given preference for paid assignments and jobs when these arise. Candidates are asked to commit at least 10 hours per week for a period of 3 months to the role. Applicants do not have to be based in London, and international applicants are welcome.

How to Apply

Please send your application to Christophe Milhères, c.milheres@polarconnection.org, including the following documents in a single PDF file:



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Board of Directors

Dr. Dwayne Ryan Menezes
Mr. Christophe Milhères

- Resume/CV
- Short cover letter/personal statement articulating your interest in working with PRPI
- Writing sample (no longer than one page)

Please contact Christophe Milhères, should you have any questions about the role or application and interview process.