



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

QANITTAQ CLEAN ARCTIC SHIPPING INITIATIVE

Position: LLM Project: Impact Assessment

Project background

The Qanittaq Clean Arctic Shipping Initiative (www.qanittaq.ca) is a partnership between academic and Inuit organizations to address and respond to concerns about the growth in Arctic shipping and related environmental impacts on Northern communities. The Marine & Environmental Law Institute ([MELAW](#)), Schulich School of Law, at Dalhousie University is a key partner in the Qanittaq Initiative, led by Memorial University and the Inuit Circumpolar Council (Canada). Researchers at MELAW and the Department of Industrial Engineering (Faculty of Engineering), will focus on multidisciplinary issues of shipping, ocean, maritime and environmental law, and Indigenous and Aboriginal law in the Arctic context.

Impact assessment has become a major decision support tool guided by international and national rules, standards, and processes. To date, shipping per se has not usually been subject to impact assessment processes except when part of a major project, such as port and mining development. The aim of this project is to explore how impact assessment processes, such as environmental impact assessment, strategic environmental assessment, human rights impact assessment, and Indigenous-led impact assessment, could be applied to polar shipping in the designation of low impact shipping corridors, when considering cumulative impacts including climate change, as well as impacts on human rights and especially Indigenous rights, and as guided by the SDGs.

Terms of reference for LLM

Term: 1 year [September 1, 2024 – August 31, 2025]

Role and tasks in the project: to complete an LLM thesis designed to clarify existing law in relation to a specific to-be-determined aspect of the impact assessment project; participation in Qanittaq-related project activities is expected.

Qualifications: JD, with optional specialization in marine, environmental or Indigenous law

Remuneration: \$35,000 scholarship

Supervision

The successful applicant to this position will work under the supervision of Professors Sara L Seck [Sara.Seck@dal.ca] and Patricia Galvão-Ferreira [Patricia.Galvao@dal.ca]

Where to apply and by when

ALL of the following documents, as per the [How to Apply](#) webpage, should be received by Shannon Langton (lawgrad@dal.ca) no later than May 3rd to be considered for the project:

- All post-secondary transcripts (virtual is acceptable)
- 2 letters of reference, must be sent by the referee
- Curriculum Vitae
- Motivation letter, stating why you are interested in the Schulich School of Law and how you hope your work will impact the Qanittaq Clean Arctic Shipping Initiative
- Written thesis proposal (please visit webpage for additional details)

Only those applicants who are able to study in Canada, and able to relocate to Halifax, NS for September will be considered. The successful applicant will be required to officially apply online and pay the \$115 application fee before admission can be processed.

Dalhousie University commits to achieving inclusive excellence through continually championing equity, diversity, inclusion, and accessibility. The university encourages applications from Indigenous persons (especially Mi'kmaq), persons of Black/African descent (especially African Nova Scotians), and members of other racialized groups, persons with disabilities, women, and persons identifying as members of 2SLGBTQ+ communities, and all candidates who would contribute to the diversity of our community. The Qanittaq project especially encourages applications from Inuit persons. For more information, please visit www.dal.ca/hiringfordiversity and <https://www.qanittaq.ca/>.