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APPLY NOW: US-Asia Partnerships now accepting applications for Spring 2018 Research Associates – Federal Work Study Positions

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Dear VLS Students:

The US-Asia Partnerships for Environmental Law (PEL) is now accepting applications for Research Associates to work with us during the 2018 spring semester. PEL partners with universities, NGOs, and governmental entities in China and throughout Southeast Asia on a variety of projects designed to advance environmental governance in the region. Research Associates working with us will have the unique opportunity to be involved in current projects on cutting edge real-world issues concerning development and its environmental impacts in perhaps the fastest growing region in the world.

This position is structured as an opportunity for students who wish to learn more and contribute to advanced scholarship in this field. Research Associates will be expected to use the semester to produce a research paper on a topic of their choosing relevant to environmental governance in Asia, along with a series of communication pieces. The position also will be called upon to provide crucial research support on issues that may include:

- Developing environmental public interest litigation in China, including issues such as attorneys' fees, damage assessment, supplemental environmental projects and settlement, etc.;
- Cambodia' environmental protection legal framework;
- Legal mechanisms to mitigate the environmental and social impacts of foreign investment in the lower Mekong region;

The application for the Research Associate position consists of a current resume, cover letter, and 250-word research topic proposal. Qualified applicants are those eligible for federal work study assistance. Foreign language ability is not a requirement, although it may be helpful depending on research topic. Applications should demonstrate strong legal writing skills, an ability to successfully conduct thorough research as proposed, as well as any other work or educational experience that applicants believe may be relevant to the position. Due to the nature of the work, we will give preference to students who have taken Environmental Law or have a background in environmental law and policy.

Successful candidates are those who propose research topics that closely align with PEL program interests, and who demonstrate interest in environmental governance challenges in Asia. If you would like to learn more about our work please check out our [blog](#) and [website](#), and follow us on [Facebook](#).

Research Associates should be prepared to commit 10 hours per week over 10 weeks during the spring semester, although in certain cases this may be flexible.

Applications will be due **December 1, 2017** after which PEL will invite favorable candidates for an interview. Please forward your applications, or questions, to PEL Program Coordinator Gianna Petito (gpetito@vermontlaw.edu)