

Director, International Cooperation Group

The National Judicial Institute (NJI) is a judge-led, independent, bilingual, not-for-profit institution committed to building better justice through leadership in the education of judges in Canada and internationally. The NJI is an acknowledged world leader in the design and delivery of judicial education recognized for offering innovative, dynamic, and relevant education to judges across Canada and internationally. The Institute is governed by a Board of Governors chaired by the Chief Justice of Canada.

Based in Ottawa, NJI offers over 70 in-person and online judicial education seminars each year across Canada. It provides a wide range of educational resources to members of the judiciary, including Electronic Bench Books, e-Letters on legal developments and publications on subjects of interest to the judiciary. The NJI fosters interactive, skills-based learning consistent with adult education principles and integrates law, judge craft and social context into its programs and resources.

In its international work, the Institute's International Cooperation Group (NJI/ICG) contributes to strengthening the rule of law in a sustainable way through judicial education and judicial reform; having gained international experience over more than fifteen years working in common and civil law jurisdictions in Asia, Africa, South and Central America, Europe and the Maghreb. Judicial education is an integral companion to effective and sustainable judicial reform.

Working closely with partners in Canada and abroad, NJI's International Cooperation Group responds to requests from around the world for judicial expertise. The NJI/ICG's contribution focuses on the design and delivery of judicial education and reform projects, including capacity building of judicial education and justice institutions. It is in the judicial (judge to judge) projects and initiatives where NJI/ICG has a comparative advantage.

The Institute maintains overseas relationships with judiciaries, Supreme Courts and judicial institutions often welcoming their delegations to Canada. The NJI/ICG also manages conference and "one-off" education initiatives.

The Institute is currently recruiting for a Director of the International Cooperation Group for a one-year (renewable) contract. The Director, who will be based in Ottawa, is one of NJI's seven member senior management team. The current Director will retire in December 2020; however, to support a strong knowledge transfer approach, has agreed to serve in an advisory role until that time.

The new Director will require a keen sense of judgement and the ability to think strategically given the judicial environment in which NJI operates.

The Director will oversee the programs and small teams in Canada and Ukraine. As such, excellent people management and project management skills are essential. NJI/ICG has been working in Ukraine for over eight years on projects focused on supporting judicial reform. Funding for these projects, like most NJI projects, is from Global Affairs Canada. Experience managing and implementing medium-sized contribution agreements would be beneficial. NJI's international program also includes several smaller projects such as one in Uzbekistan, in partnership with the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, and another in Malta, in partnership with the International Institute for Justice and the Rule of Law. NJI is also currently developing a number of projects in the justice sector in several other countries.

The NJI/ICG operates on a project cost recovery basis; therefore, the Director must have demonstrated experience in project proposals and business development and possess strong financial management skills.

The ideal candidate will also have experience living abroad and working internationally in an international organization. It is also important that the candidate understand how the federal government and other funding organizations function. Although not essential, legal training would be a significant asset. The Director should expect to be on travel status approximately 25 percent of the time.

Salary and benefits information can be provided upon request to interested candidates.

To be considered for this exciting opportunity, please submit your CV and cover letter to cv@nji-inm.ca by **November 26, 2019**.