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A Guide to Select
Opportunities with
International Tribunals,
Foreign Courts and
International
Organizations

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PREFACE

This document was prepared as an initial reference for Columbia Law School students exploring the options for a temporary, post-graduate clerkship or similar position with a foreign court, international tribunal or international organization.

Two of the opportunities – the Parker Fellowship at the International Court of Justice (which is a paid position) and the Dean Acheson Legal Stage Program (which is not) - are facilitated by Columbia Law School. For additional information on these, please contact the Office of International Programs at internationalprograms@law.columbia.edu.

Information about other opportunities is not meant to be exhaustive, either with regard to any particular position or the organizations where such positions may be available. It has been drawn from the listed entities' websites, and is accurate as of the date listed below. This document will periodically be revised as new information becomes available.

It is important to note that there is no single definition of an “international clerkship”; accordingly, the opportunities listed here vary tremendously. They go by a number of names, including clerkships, traineeships, internships, and stages. While some offer compensation, most do not. The duration of some may be as little as three months, while others may last for nine months or longer.

In some cases, these positions are open only to applicants from a particular state or group of states. Some require multiple languages, while others require only English. And some are focused on a particular field of law, while others are more general.

One very important distinction, at the outset, is that some positions are embedded within highly structured institutional settings and have well-defined processes for applying. Others should perhaps not necessarily be considered fixed positions at all, but rather leads to courts, tribunals or other organizations that may be open to a compelling inquiry from an entrepreneurially minded student.

The unifying theme throughout is that all of these listings point current students and recent graduates towards the possibility of a short-term professional experience, working in an adjudicatory setting outside the U.S. legal, professional and cultural context of Columbia Law School.

Parker Fellowship at the International Court of Justice

Location: The Hague, The Netherlands

Areas of Legal Practice: International law

Background

The [International Court of Justice \(ICJ\)](#), based in The Hague, is the primary court of the United Nations. Established in 1945, it reviews cases submitted by UN member states and gives advisory opinions submitted by authorized UN agencies and other entities.



Opportunities

Clerkships, Traineeships, and Internships

Columbia Law School has for many years successfully placed recent graduates in the ICJ's prestigious 10-month "traineeship" program. Trainees assist members of the court in their tasks, including carrying out research, preparing case files and drafting various types of documents.

Columbia Law School nominates students for the traineeship, but the ICJ makes the final decision whether or not to invite a student to participate in the traineeship. There is no guarantee in any given year that the ICJ will select a student from Columbia Law School. Students who are selected by the ICJ will receive the title of "Parker Fellow" from the Law School, in recognition of the Parker School of Foreign and Comparative Law, and receive an award of approximately \$40,000 to cover health insurance, travel, and other living costs.

A committee headed by Professor Lori Damrosch will review the applications and forward Columbia's nominations to the Court for final selection. Participants are assigned to work for one judge for a ten-month period starting the following September

Language Requirements

The working languages of the ICJ are French and English, though a good working knowledge of another language is also desirable.

Immigration Requirements

Upon successful hire, candidates without European Union and/or Swiss citizenship will be furnished with the appropriate documents to obtain either a working visa for The Netherlands, a United Nations Certificate, or a United Nations Laissez Passer.

Contact Information

For further information, please see the [Office of International Programs](#) website or contact the Office of International Programs at internationalprograms@law.columbia.edu.

Dean Acheson Legal Scholars Program at the Court of Justice of the European Union



Location: Luxembourg

Areas of Legal Practice: European civil and criminal law

Background

The Dean Acheson Legal Scholars program promotes mutual understanding between the peoples of the United States and the European Union. It places recent U.S. law graduates as clerks at the European Court of Justice, the highest court in the EU. Candidates are nominated by Columbia Law, and then presented by the U.S. Embassy in Luxembourg for consideration by the Court of Justice of the European Union. The positions are unpaid, and last for up to three months during either the Fall or the Spring.

Opportunities:

With a Judge of the Court of Justice

The Dean Acheson scholar works in the Chambers of a Judge of the Court of Justice in association with their *referendaires* (law clerks). The participant is expected to assist the Judge and their *referendaires* as required. This experience offers an unparalleled opportunity to gain insight into a judicial process characteristic of the European Court, but very different from the American approach, involving a high degree of intellectual teamwork. A good knowledge of French is desirable.

With an Advocate General of the Court of Justice

The Dean Acheson scholar works in the Chambers of an Advocate General of the Court of Justice in association with their *referendaires*. The scholar takes part in the research and writing of the Advocate General's opinions, an experience most akin to a traditional U.S. judicial clerking experience. Advocates General usually prepare their opinions in their native language. The participant therefore needs to have the language skills appropriate to the Advocate General who selects them. A good knowledge of French is desirable.

With a Judge of the General Court

The Dean Acheson scholar works in the Chambers of a Judge of the General Court in association with their *referendaires* (law clerks). The visitor is expected to assist the Judge and their *referendaires* as needed. The tasks are varied and include case law research, scholarly writings analysis, brief production and issue discussions. The cases mainly concern applications by legal or natural persons against EU actions or inactions. A good knowledge of French is desirable.

There are two possible periods each year:

Fall term (mid-September to early December) less than 90 days

Spring term (beginning of March to mid-May) less than 90 days

Language Requirements

Some knowledge of French is required, varying with the type of stage. Knowledge of an E.U. language other than French and English is an advantage, and generally necessary for a stage with an Advocate General.

Immigration Requirements

The Dean Acheson Legal Stage is open to American citizens and legal permanent residents only.
Contact Information

For further information, please see the [Office of International Programs](#) website or contact the Office of International Programs at internationalprograms@law.columbia.edu.

Inquiries about traineeships outside of this program may be sent directly to the Public Affairs Office of the U.S. Embassy Luxembourg at LuxembourgPublicAffairs@state.gov

Commission for Environmental Cooperation



Background

Operated by the governments of the United States, Mexico and Canada, the Commission for Environmental Cooperation is a multilateral agency tasked with harmonizing environmental policy for North America. Law graduates with a strong interest in hands-on experience in formulating and implementing international environmental policy would gain valuable experience in their work for the CEC.

Opportunities

Clerkships, Traineeships, and Internships

CEC offers internships in its legal affairs and Submissions on Enforcement Matters (SEM) Unit to students from its Member Countries' universities for periods of twelve weeks or longer. The CEC will provide a stipend between CAD\$1,200 and CAD\$2,500 to successful candidates, depending on the duration, modality (distance or in-person) and the weekly schedule.

Consulting

The CEC offers consulting opportunities to graduates with strong research and technical backgrounds. As consultants are hired on a rolling basis, candidates are encouraged to check the website regularly.

Language Requirements

Applicants should have working proficiency in at least two of the three CEC official languages (English and/or Spanish and/or French). Applicants must be residents of Canada, Mexico, or the United States.

Immigration Requirements

Upon hire, candidates from the United States and Mexico will be furnished with the appropriate documents to obtain a Canadian working visa.

Contact Information

All queries regarding opportunities at the CEC should be sent to Doris Millan, Assistant to the Director of Legal Affairs and SEM, at dmillan@cec.org

Constitutional Court of South Africa

Location: Johannesburg, South Africa

Areas of Legal Practice: All areas of practice

Background

Composed of eleven justices, the Constitutional Court of South Africa was established in 1994. As South Africa's highest court, it hears cases on all matters related to South African interpretations of common law.



Opportunities

Clerkships, Traineeships, Internships

Paid, one-year clerkships at the Constitutional Court of South Africa are offered to South African citizens only. Though there is no firm cut-off, foreign applicants should preferably also submit applications by 31 March of each year. It is advisable to apply well in advance of the desired start date. South African law clerks receive a uniform salary of about R300 000 a year. No further benefits are included.

Foreign law clerks are not remunerated. They have to seek their own funding to cover all their expenses, including food, accommodation, travel to South Africa, visas, private telephone calls at the Court and travel to and from work. .

Language Requirements

The official languages of South Africa are Afrikaans, English, Ndebele, Northern Sotho, Sotho, Swazi, Tsonga, Tswana, Venda, Xhosa, and Zulu. Candidates should speak English, though knowledge of additional languages, especially Afrikaans, is an advantage.

Immigration Requirements

Candidates must hold South African citizenship.

Contact Information

Completed applications from South African applicants should be submitted via email to applications@concourt.org.za . All enquiries should be directed to the Office of the Chief Justice: Human Resources Department at 010 493 2500 / 2533 / 2531/ 2528. Attention to Mses. C Gideon and S Tshidino or Mr K Mphela). A full list of the Justices and their contact information can be found [here](#).

For information on Columbia Law School contacts related to the Court, please contact internationalprograms@law.columbia.edu

East African Court of Justice

Location:

Arusha, Tanzania

Areas of Legal Practice:

Civil and commercial law, international treaty adjudication

Background

The East African Court of Justice is divided into two divisions that are responsible for adjudicating conflicts that may arise between individuals, corporations and member states within the East African Community

**Opportunities**

Clerkships, Traineeships, and Internships

While no formal trainee and/or clerkship program exists with the East African Court of Justice, candidates interested in ad hoc positions may contact individual justices on the Court or check the vacancies page [here](#).

Language Requirements

The official language of the court is English, though interested candidates should have an excellent command of both English and French. Working knowledge of one or several other African Union working languages is an advantage.

Immigration Requirements

Employment with the East African Court of Justice is limited to nationals from East African Community members.

Contact Information

All queries regarding employment should be directed to eacj@eachq.org or to the contact person listed on an individual employment query, as some posts advertised with the East African Court of Justice are coterminous with opportunities at the African Union.

Economic Community of West African States Community Court of Justice

**Location:**

Abuja, Nigeria

Areas of Legal Practice:

International law, human rights

Background

ECOWAS is an international regional body charged with overseeing the economic, political and human development affairs of a number of African nations. Its Community Court of Justice is the final appellate court for six other regional bodies in Africa: the South African Development Community, the Economic Community of Central African States, the West African Economic and Monetary Union, the Organization for the Harmonization of African Business Law, and the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights.

Opportunities

Clerkships, Traineeships, Internships

ECOWAS does not have a structured trainee or internship program for the Community Court of Justice. Students seeking similar positions on an ad hoc basis may wish to contact the organization and express interest.

Language Requirements

The official languages of ECOWAS are French, English and Portuguese. Candidates must be fluent in at least one of the three languages of ECOWAS, though having a working knowledge of two languages is an advantage.

Immigration Requirements

All candidates must be members of an ECOWAS state.

Contact Information

General Contact email: info@courtecowas.org.

European Court of Human Rights

**Location:**

Strasbourg, France

Areas of Legal Practice:

Human rights law

Background

The European Court of Human Rights, established in 1959, is charged with adjudicating matters related to the European Convention on Human Rights and laws concerning freedom and privacy throughout the European Union. Since 2013, the Court has also taken on an advisory role to supreme national courts within the EU on matters related to the Convention.

Opportunities

Clerkships, Traineeships, and Internships

The ECHR offers legal graduates [unpaid traineeships](#) of between eight weeks to five months with cohorts commencing their work in March and October of each year. The traineeship can be taken up in Strasbourg or one of the ECHR's field offices.

Other Information

The Assistant Lawyers' Scheme is a competitive program open to nationals from Council of Europe countries for graduates with a university degree in law obtained in a Council of Europe country. The program requires a sufficient command of French or English and offers a one to four-year contract with the European Court of Human Rights. Participation in the scheme is by examination only.

Language Requirements

Successful candidates will have spoken and written fluency in one of the two Council of Europe languages, English and French. Good knowledge of the other is appreciated.

Immigration Requirements

Generally speaking, candidates for ECHR traineeships and employment must be nationals of a Council of Europe Member State.

Contact Information

Queries regarding traineeship programs at the ECHR should be directed to the Council of Europe via recruitment@coe.int.

Questions can also be sent through the [contact form](#). Tel : +33 (0)3 88 41 20 18

European Free Trade Agreement Court

Location:

Luxembourg

Areas of Legal Practice:

European/international trade

**Background**

The European Free Trade Agreement Court operates to facilitate and enforce the European Economic Area (EEA) with respect to states that participate in the EEA but are not formally part of the European Union — Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein. To that end, the EFTA Court operates in parallel to the European Court of Justice and is the final arbiter on matters that come before it as relates to the aforementioned non-EU states.

Opportunities

Clerkships, Traineeships, and Internships

The EFTA Court operates a [paid trainee scheme](#), offering places for up to eight (8) graduates or individuals in the final stages of a law degree with a background in EU/EEA law. As a rule, traineeships are offered for between two and four months beginning in mid-January and mid-September, with applications due annually in mid-November for the former period and 1 July for the latter.

Language Requirements

Fluency in English is required. Good working knowledge of French, Norwegian, Icelandic and German is an asset.

Immigration Requirements

Preference will be given to candidates from EEA countries between equally qualified candidates .

Contact Information

All queries regarding employment should be directed to eftacourt@eftacourt.int

Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia

**Location:**

Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Areas of Legal Practice:

Human rights, grave violations of national and international crimes

Background

The Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia were established in 2001 following a request from the Cambodian Parliament to the United Nations for special assistance in adjudicating matters related to the Khmer Rouge and the 1.7 million+ Cambodians killed during its reign. Opportunities for internships and legal consultancies are available to law students with a strong interest in human rights law and the prevention and/or adjudication of matters related to atrocity crimes.

Opportunities

Clerkships, Traineeships, and Internships

[Unpaid internships](#) are available for law students and graduates providing opportunities to engage with the entirety of the Court's work, particularly in judicial work, public outreach, victim support, and archives. Internships are for a period of approximately three months, with standardized cohorts running year-round. Applications are due approximately four months before the intended start date.

Consulting

Paid consulting opportunities are available for law graduates who wish to work for the Court. As consulting opportunities are issued on an ad hoc basis, interested candidates are encouraged to consult the United Nations Assistance to the Khmer Rouge Trials recruitment website.

Language Requirements

Successful applicants should speak fluent French and English. A working knowledge of Khmer is also useful, but not necessary.

Immigration Requirements

Upon successful hire, candidates will be provided with the necessary documentation to secure either a United Nations Certificate or a United Nations Laissez Passer, which allow the bearer visa-free employment for the duration of their time with the Tribunal.

Contact Information

For questions related to internships, please contact unakrti@un.org. For queries related to consulting opportunities please contact the Task Team Leader (TTL) listed on the Terms of Reference and/or email info@unakrt-online.org

Federal Court of Australia

**Location:**

Canberra, Australia

Areas of Legal Practice:

Australian national law, Commonwealth law

Background

The Federal Court of Australia has jurisdiction to deal with most civil disputes governed by federal law, along with some summary criminal matters.

Opportunities

Clerkships, Traineeships, and Internships

The Federal Court as well as the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia both offer a number of paid, year-long [“associate” positions](#) to recent law graduates seeking formal training. For these opportunities, graduates are required to submit their covering letter, CV, transcripts and other application materials directly to the judge they wish to work with specific application instructions and information can be found under the profile of the judge a prospective associate hopes to work with, all of which are listed here.

Language Requirements

All applicants for positions with the Federal Court of Australia must speak fluent English. Extraordinary language requirements may exist for some international judicial reform opportunities led by the Federal Court.

Immigration Requirements

The Federal Court considers non-Australian citizens on a case-by-case basis. Applicants must be eligible to work in Australia; the Court will generally not sponsor working visas.

Contact Information

Candidates interested in working with the Federal Court of Australia can find a full list of judges [here](#). Any additional queries can be answered by emailing query@fedcourt.gov.au

Federal Court of Canada

**Location:**

Ottawa, Canada

Areas of Legal Practice:

Canadian law, Commonwealth law

Background

Established in 1971, the Federal Court of Canada is the successor to the Exchequer Court of Canada, which was established in 1875. In 2003, the Federal Court of Canada became two separate entities: the Federal Court of Appeal and the Federal Court. Though first preference is given to Canadian citizens, avenues exist by which those who are not citizens can begin a successful legal career in Canada. Opportunities with the Federal Court of Canada will introduce successful applicants to all aspects of Canadian law, from commerce to criminal, terrorism to security.

Opportunities

Clerkships, Traineeships, and Internships

Fifty-six salaried opportunities exist to clerk within the Federal Court of Canada: seventeen within the Federal Court of Appeal, thirty-eight positions within the Federal Court, and one position within the Court Martial Appeal Court of Canada. All applications are considered for both courts unless otherwise indicated, with positions commencing each year in August with the start of the law calendar. Opportunities within the Federal Courts of Canada also pay benefits; applications are generally due annually in mid-January and should be completed through the online system, available here during the application period.

Other Information

For non-Canadians wishing to work for the Federal Court in Canada without a valid working visa, the fastest route to a clerkship is to complete a post-graduate certificate in a legal subject from a Canadian university. This will satisfy the Court's requirement that interested candidates be both resident in Canada and aware of the differences between Canadian and American law.

Language Requirements

The official languages of Canada are English and French. Successful applicants will be fluent in at least one, though some positions will require fluency in both.

Immigration Requirements

Opportunities with the Canadian Federal Courts are typically open to Canadian citizens living abroad as well as residents of Canada.

Contact Information

All queries should be directed to <mailto:clerkship-clericulture@cas-satj.gc.ca>

High Court of Australia



Location: Canberra, Australia

Areas of Legal Practice:

Australian national law, Commonwealth law

Background

Established in 1901, the High Court of Australia is composed of seven justices and its current bench hears and decides cases related to Australian and international law. Situated in Canberra, the Court offers Australian citizens who are recent legal graduates the opportunity to build successful legal careers within the Australian legal enterprise.

Opportunities

Clerkships, Traineeships, and Internships

Australian citizens interested in working for a judge of the High Court are encouraged to [apply in their 1L year](#), as Australian High Court judges typically fill their “associateships” two to three years in advance.

Other Information

The High Court of Australia hires a number of Legal Research Officers for a period of up to one year. Legal Research Officers do not work directly for a judge as Associates do. Instead, they work for the Library of the High Court of Australia under the Senior Executive Deputy Registrar. Interested candidates are encouraged to consult the website of the High Court or contact Ben Wickham, ben.wickham@hcourt.gov.au, for further information about this role. Application opportunities are released directly to the site, usually due in early October.

Language Requirements

All successful candidates must be fluent in English.

Immigration Requirements

Applicants to work for the High Court of Australia must be Australian citizens.

Contact Information

Further information regarding opportunities at the High Court of Australia can be found online. For queries related to associateships, please contact enquiries@hcourt.gov.au.

Inter-American Court of Human Rights

**Location:**

San Jose, Costa Rica

Areas of Legal Practice:

Human rights

Background

The Inter-American Court of Human Rights was established in 1979 by the Organization of American States. Its jurisdiction is primarily limited to OAS member states in Central and South America, as well as a handful of Caribbean states. It is supported by the Inter-American Institute for Human Rights, an academic research center also located in Costa Rica with a focus on resolving human rights issues that fit squarely within the framework of jurisprudence on the American continents.

Opportunities

Clerkships, Traineeships, and Internships

The Inter-American Court of Human Rights offers unpaid internships of approximately three months to current law students and graduate students alike from OAS countries. Interns start in January, June, or September; candidates should refer to the website for specific [application deadlines](#). Those successful in their application should be able to finance their own accommodations while in Costa Rica.

Language Requirements

The official languages of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights are English, Spanish, Portuguese and French. Successful candidates should speak Spanish and at least one other official language.

Immigration Requirements

Successful candidates should consult the nearest Costa Rican Consulate with regard to the requirements for obtaining an entry visa for Costa Rica and the vaccinations required for entry into Costa Rica.

Contact Information

All queries and application materials should be directed to corteidh@corteidh.or.cr

T: +506 2527 160

International Atomic Energy Agency

**Location:**

Vienna, Austria

Areas of Legal Practice:

Nuclear non- proliferation

Background

In addition to administering nuclear policy for United Nations signatories and monitoring the use of nuclear technology, the IAEA is also responsible for adjudicating conflicts that arise between states over the development, implementation and use of their nuclear programs.

Opportunities

Clerkships, Traineeships, and Internships

Internships with the IAEA's legal office are generally offered for periods of between three months and one year. The IAEA provides a modest monthly stipend of EUR 1000 to assist with basic subsistence costs during the internship period. . Applications are posted here.

Language Requirements

A working (oral and written) knowledge of English is essential. Knowledge of other official IAEA languages (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian, or Spanish) is an asset.

Immigration Requirements

Upon successful hire, candidates without European Union and/or Swiss citizenship will be furnished with the paperwork to obtain an Austrian working visa, a United Nations Certificate or a United Nations Laissez Passer.

Contact Information

All recruiting queries regarding opportunities to work for the IAEA should be directed to the [contact form](#) or phone number +43 (1) 2600-0.

International Criminal Court

Location: The Hague, The Netherlands

Areas of Legal Practice:

Genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity, and crimes of aggression



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Criminal
Court**

Background

The International Criminal Court (ICC) is a treaty-based, international criminal court that investigates the gravest crimes committed by individuals to ensure that they are held responsible for their actions. It addresses issues like genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity, and the crime of aggression and is governed by the Rome Statute.

Opportunities

Clerkships, Traineeships, and Internships

The ICC offers internships that last between three and six months. More information and internship postings can be found on the [Jobs Page of the ICC website](#).

Language Requirements

Proficiency in one of the working languages of the Court, French or English, is required. Working knowledge of the other is desirable. Knowledge of another official language of the Court (Arabic, Chinese, Russian and Spanish) is an asset.

Immigration Requirements

Upon successful hire, candidates without European Union and/or Swiss citizenship will be furnished with the appropriate documents to either obtain a working visa for The Netherlands, a United Nations Certificate, or a United Nations Laissez Passer.

Contact Information

Email: applications@icc-cpi.int

Phone: +31 (0)70 515 92 94

International Monetary Fund



Location: Washington, DC

Areas of Legal Practice:
Monetary policy

Background

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) was created in 1945 and has a membership of 189 countries. It works to foster global monetary cooperation, secure financial stability, facilitate international trade, promote high employment and sustainable economic growth, and reduce poverty around the world.

Opportunities

Clerkships, Traineeships, and Internships

Internships last between 10-12 weeks, generally between May and October. Interns work within one of the units of the Legal Department on a project agreed upon with a supervisor to align with the department's work program. In the past, projects have included analysis of the legal framework for capital controls under the European Economic Area, research on the insolvency of non-bank financial institutions, and research on the legal mandate of the IMF in financial regulation.

Candidates should be within one or two years of completing their LLM, JD, or equivalent degree in law and should normally not exceed 32 years of age.

Language Requirements

Candidates must have an excellent command of English (both written and oral).

Immigration Requirements

Upon successful hire, candidates without American citizenship will be furnished with the paperwork necessary to obtain a G4 visa.

Contact Information

See the [IMF Internship Program and Frequently Asked Questions page](#)

International Organization for Migration



Location: Geneva, Switzerland

Areas of Legal Practice:

International migration

Background

The International Organization for Migration was founded in 1951 and works with governmental, intergovernmental, and non-governmental partners to provide services and advice concerning migration to internally displaced persons, refugees, and migrant workers.

Opportunities

Internships

The [IOM Internship Programme](#) helps students learn about a broad range of migration technical areas and disciplines. Candidates should be between 19 and 36 years old.

Internships last from two to six months (preference is for interns who can commit to at least six months), with a maximum duration of nine months.

Language Requirements

Interns should have a working knowledge (both oral and written) of at least one of IOM's official languages (English, French or Spanish).

Immigration Requirements

Upon successful hire, candidate without European Union and/or Swiss citizenship can receive a visa support letter, but it will be the applicant's responsibility to arrange for travel and their Visa application.

Contact Information

All questions concerning e-recruitment must be addressed to support-ict@iom.int and talentpool@iom.int for general inquiries regarding recruitment.

Telephone: +41.22.717 9111

International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea



Location: Hamburg, Germany

Areas of Legal Practice:
Maritime law

Background

The International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea is an independent judicial body created by the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea to decide disputes arising out of the interpretation and application of the Convention. The Tribunal is made of 21 independent members who are chosen for their reputation of having the highest competence in law and a reputation for fairness and integrity. It has jurisdiction over any dispute concerning the interpretation or application of the Convention, and over all matters specifically provided for in any other agreement that confers jurisdiction on the Tribunal.

Opportunities

Clerkships, Traineeships, and Internships

[Interns](#) conduct research on various legal issues and prepare memoranda and reports as well as present research on a specific topic of their choice through an oral presentation to the Legal Office. Internships last three months during one of the following time periods: January to March, April to June, July to September, or October to December.

Language Requirements

Have a good command of English and/or French.

Immigration Requirements

Interns are responsible for obtaining and financing the necessary visas for Germany. Assistance with the procedure for securing a visa is provided by the internship coordinator where necessary.

Contact Information

The Internship Coordinator

International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea Am Internationalen Seegerichtshof 1

22609 Hamburg Germany

Tel.: (49) 40 35607-227/181

Email: press@itlos.org

INTERPOL

Location: Lyon, France

Areas of Legal Practice:

International criminal justice



Background

Founded in 1923, the idea for INTERPOL began with the first International Criminal Police Congress of 1914, held in Monaco. The organization's work is grounded in the 12 wishes, principles that shape the institution's response to the needs of Member Countries.

Opportunities

Clerkships, Traineeships, and Internships

Internships with INTERPOL are modestly remunerated and, for the most part, based at Secretariat Headquarters in Lyon, France. Internship lengths vary from a minimum of six to a maximum of eleven months. All costs related to travel, insurance, accommodation, and living expenses must be borne by the intern.

Language Requirements

The official languages of INTERPOL are English, French, Spanish and Arabic. Fluency in English is required for most posts, though a working knowledge of at least one other INTERPOL official language and the local language of one's duty station is recommended.

Immigration Requirements

Upon successful hire, candidates will be furnished with the appropriate documents to obtain a working visa for France. Interns are responsible for obtaining and financing the relevant Visas.

Contact Information

All queries regarding INTERPOL recruitment should be furnished through [INTERPOL's website](#).

Organization of American States

Location: Washington, D.C.

Areas of Legal Practice:

International trade, human rights, public health, security, development

Background

The Organization of American States dates its founding, through antecedent institutions, to the 19th century. It includes divisions covering American legal affairs, development, human rights, trade, cooperative security and regional integration.



Opportunities

Clerkships, Traineeships, and Internships

Internships with OAS are unpaid and typically last three months or more, and may be located at Headquarters in Washington or in the organization's country offices. Accepted interns are required to provide proof of medical insurance at the time of hire. [More information can be found here.](#)

Consulting

OAS offers graduates paid opportunities to work on a short or long-term contractual basis on a number of issues. Interested candidates should consult the [OAS website for a list of current opportunities](#) and apply directly based on the application instructions included in the consulting contract's Terms of Reference.

Language Requirements

Applicants must have knowledge of at least two of the four official languages of the Organization (English, Spanish, French and Portuguese). However, most of the activities/ meetings are conducted in English or Spanish.

Immigration Requirements

Nationals of all countries are eligible to participate in OAS internship and consulting opportunities. Those applying to work at OAS headquarters in Washington will need to secure a visa to enter the US, or be lawful American citizens and/or Permanent Residents without a criminal record. Those applying to work in OAS country offices will also need to either hold citizenship in the respective application country or apply for the necessary country visa to enter and legally work.

Contact Information

E-mail : internships@oas.org

Phone: +1 (202) 370-5000

Candidates with queries about consulting for OAS should email the hiring manager listed on the consulting opportunity's Terms of Reference.

Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

Location: Paris, France

Areas of Legal Practice:

International economic law



Background

The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development was founded in 1961 and has 35 member countries. It works to stimulate economic progress and world trade by providing a forum where governments can work together to find solutions shared issues.

Opportunities

Clerkships, Traineeships, and Internships

Internships at the OECD last from one to six months and are full-time positions. There are two intakes per year, for a Winter Programme (January-June) and a Summer Programme (July-December). Interns participate in study preparation and documents in the fields relevant to the competence of the Directorate concerned, conduct research and analysis, and gather, organize and evaluate statistical information.

Language Requirements

Must have a mastery of English or French, and the ability to draft in one of these languages. Interns should also have a knowledge, or willingness to learn the other .

Immigration Requirements

Upon successful hire, candidates without European Union and/or Swiss citizenship will be furnished with the appropriate documents to either obtain a working visa for France.

Contact Information

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Permanent Court of Arbitration

Location: The Hague, The Netherlands

Areas of Legal Practice:

Arbitration, mediation, other forms of ADR

Background

The PCA works with combinations of states, state entities, international organizations, and private parties to peacefully resolve international disputes through mediation, arbitration, conciliation, and other forms of ADR. The Court has, for example, worked on disputes in the fields of energy law, environmental law, law of the sea, and transactional disputes.

Opportunities

Clerkships, Traineeships, and Internships

PCA Internships last for three months and start at the beginning of January, April, July, and October. Positions offer a balance of legal and administrative assignments, allowing interns to gain insight into both the legal and practical aspects of international arbitration.

While Columbia does not have an institutional partnership with the PCA, and thus does not nominate candidates, in the past students have been successful applying on an individual basis. For further information, contact the Office of International Programs at internationalprograms@law.columbia.edu.

Language Requirements

Fluency in either French or English is essential. Additional language skills are a strong advantage, especially Arabic, Chinese, Russian and Spanish.

Immigration Requirements

If you are selected and you require a travel visa to take up the internship, the PCA will provide documentation in support of your application.

Contact Information

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Supreme Court of Israel

Location:

Jerusalem, Israel

Areas of Legal Practice:

Israeli law

Background

The Supreme Court of Israel is the highest court in Israel. It sits as the High Court of Justice, with original jurisdiction to hear petitions for judicial review against the legislative and executive branches. It is also the top appellate court, hearing both "appeals as of right" and "appeals with leave" in criminal, civil and administrative matters. The Court often refers to jurisprudence from American, Commonwealth and European legal systems in its decisions.

**Opportunities**

Clerkships, Traineeships, and Internships

Through the Court's [Foreign Clerkship Program](#), law graduates from outside of Israel work as unpaid clerks for a minimum period of three months, but longer durations are also available. Foreign clerks work with a specific Justice, and often work on comparative legal issues and draft memoranda on legal questions. Clerks often work across several different legal fields, such as public international law, criminal law, civil law, and constitutional law.

Language Requirements

Foreign law clerks complete their assignments in English and knowledge of Hebrew is not required (although it is helpful). Knowledge of other languages is an advantage.

Immigration Requirements

Upon successful hire, candidates will be furnished with the appropriate documentation to obtain an Israeli working visa.

Contact Information

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World Trade Organization Appellate Body

Location: Geneva, Switzerland

Areas of Legal Practice:

International trade



Background

The World Trade Organization (WTO) is the only global international organization dealing with the rules of trade between nations. Its Appellate Body is responsible for adjudicating trade disputes between nations, and can uphold, modify or reverse the legal findings and conclusions of a panel.

Opportunities

Clerkships, Traineeships, and Internships

The [WTO Internship Programme](#) provides an opportunity for post-graduate students from WTO member and observer countries to gain experience from working on trade law issues. Graduates interested in beginning a career with the WTO are encouraged to apply for the Organization's highly competitive paid internship program which last up to 6 months . Interns receive a modest daily allowance including weekends and official holidays.

Other Information

The WTO manages the LDCs and Accessions Internship program specifically for nationals of Less Developed Countries that are already WTO members, and for nationals of countries or customs territories undergoing the WTO accession process. It is sponsored by the Chinese government. Interns are paid a modest daily allowance, including weekends and official holidays, and travel expenses to and from Geneva are paid for by the WTO. It lasts up to 10 months.

Language Requirements

The working languages of the WTO are French and English. Fluency in both is required for a successful candidacy.

Immigration Requirements

Upon successful hire, candidates without European Union and/or Swiss citizenship will be furnished with the appropriate documents to either obtain a working visa for Switzerland, a United Nations Certificate, or a United Nations Laissez Passer.

Contact Information

All queries regarding recruitment should be submitted through the E-Recruitment Administrator portal on the WTO's website or to e-recruitment@wto.org. Other questions can be referred to the WTO at:

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