



Penn Law

Judicial Fellows Programme of the International Court of Justice

APPLICATION FOR 2020-21 ICJ PROGRAM

DEADLINE: JANUARY 17, 2020

The Judicial Fellows Programme of the International Court of Justice is intended to give recent law graduates experience working as a clerk at the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in The Hague. The program is highly selective and is awarded to a few of the most outstanding legal scholars worldwide. Candidates are nominated by Penn Law in February of each year and are selected by the Court on a competitive basis.

If selected by the Court, the clerk is assigned to work for one Judge for the duration of ten months, September 1st to June 30th the following year. During this period, participants can expect to attend the Court's public hearings, to research and write memoranda to the Judge on legal questions or factual aspects of pending cases, and to have involvement in the work of the Court.

Penn Law JD and LL.M graduates may apply for this Fellowship in their last year of law school, or within three years of their law school graduation (2017, 2018, 2019).

A selection committee comprised of Penn Law faculty will make the decision about nominations. The Court makes the final selection from the nominees of all the schools. Applications are reviewed by all members of the Court, and the trainees are selected by consensus. The Court accepts up to 15 trainees per year, and no more than one trainee from each nominating institution. For more information about the International Court of Justice, see www.icj-cij.org.

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Applications must be received no later than **January 17, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. EST**. Please submit application materials electronically to International_Fellowship@law.upenn.edu and include "ICJ Application for (full name)" or "ICJ Recommendation for (full name)" in the Subject line. Please cc Caroline Ruhle at cruble@law.upenn.edu.

APPLICATION MATERIALS

1. Cover letter/statement of interest, including a description of your academic and other experience in public international law .
2. Resume
3. Copy of Official Law School transcript
4. Current course list, if a student (also identifying professors)
5. Two recommendation letters addressing your credentials in the field of international law. Letters may be sent via email from referees directly to International_Fellowship@law.upenn.edu and please cc Caroline Ruhle - cruble@law.upenn.edu. Cover letters and recommendation letters should be addressed to Mr. Philippe Gautier, Registrar, International Court of Justice, Peace Palace, Carnegieplein 2, 2517 KJ The Hague, The Netherlands.
6. Writing sample (no more than 15 typewritten pages)

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure his or her application is complete by the January 17 deadline. Because of the ICJ's submission deadline, we are unable to extend our deadline or wait for incomplete applications. A Law School selection committee will determine who will be designated nominees to the ICJ and will notify candidates by January 27. Nominees will be provided a link to the ICJ application form and summary table, these forms must be submitted to Penn Law by February 7. The Court's deadline to receive nominations from the Law School is February 14. The Court is expected to reach its final decision in March/April 2020. Nominating universities will be notified accordingly.

FUNDING

The ICJ does not have funding for University Traineeships. One Penn Law graduate selected by the ICJ as a trainee will receive a stipend of \$50,000 to assist with travel and living expenses. The trainee will be responsible for the remainder of his or her expenses. Practical arrangements such as travel, visa, accommodation, obtaining medical and other insurance, and living expenses are the responsibility of the trainee.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Court accepts no responsibility for medical insurance of trainees or costs arising from accident or illness during the traineeship. Nor will the Court be liable for compensation claims by third parties in respect of any loss or damage to their property, or death or personal injury, caused by the action or omission of trainees during their traineeship.

Trainees will be expected to observe all applicable rules, regulations and directions of the Court. Trainees will be bound by the obligation towards the court of loyalty, discretion and confidentiality, and will be required to make a declaration to that effect.

If you have any questions, please contact Caroline Ruhle, Associate Director for Int'l and LL.M Counseling at cruble@law.upenn.edu.