International Clerkships

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 9-month “traineeship” program. Trainees assist members of the court in their tasks, including inter alia, 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 expenses related to the traineeship.

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 between 1 September and 30 June.

**Language Requirements**
The working languages of the ICJ are French and English, though a good working knowledge of Dutch 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 Stage 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 Stage program promotes mutual understanding between the peoples of the United States and the European Union. It places recent U.S. law graduates as stagiaires (interns) at the European Court of Justice, the highest court in the EU. Candidates are nominated by Columbia, 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 stagiaire assists the Judge and his or her referendaires (clerks) in a judicial process that is very different from the American approach. A high degree of teamwork is required, and strong French language skills are essential.

**With an Advocate General of the Court of Justice**  
A stagiaire working for an Advocate General assists with research and opinion writing in a manner similar to that of a U.S. judicial clerk. A stagiaire must be fluent in the native language of the Advocate General who selects him or her, and have a reading knowledge of French.

**With a Judge of the Court of First Instance**  
The stagiaire works in the Chambers of a Judge of the Court of First Instance (CFI), assisting him or her in connection with cases before the CFI. Candidates for this stage should have a strong background in antitrust/competition law. A reading knowledge of French is required.

**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 Court at stages.service@curia.europa.eu or via the contact form.
Commission for Environmental Cooperation

Location: Quebec, Canada
Areas of Legal Practice: Environmental law

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 via the CEC STEP Program to students from its Member Countries’ universities for twelve-week periods. While the positions are unpaid, travel expenses and accommodations can be reimbursed.

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
The official languages of the CEC are English, French and Spanish. However, the working language of the CEC is English and, given its location, serious candidates will have a strong command of French as well.

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 Stéphane Beaulieu, Human Resources Coordinator, at sbeaulieu@cec.org or on +1 514 350 4320.
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 nationals only. Nationals from other countries may apply for clerkships last from six to 12 months, but these positions are unpaid and participants are required to finance their entire program independently. Applications are considered on a rolling basis, but foreign clerks are encouraged to submit applications by March 31 each year.

**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 for clerkships may come from any country. Those who do not hold South African citizenship will need to apply for a visa upon acceptance by the Court.

**Contact Information**  
Completed applications from South African applicants should be submitted via email to applications@concourt.org.za (Tel: +27 11 359 7460). Foreign applicants should write to Ms. Elizabeth Moloto at moloto@concourt.org.za (Tel: +27 11 359 7414). 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.

Language Requirements
Interested candidates should have an excellent command of 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 a second is an advantage.

**Immigration Requirements**  
All candidates must be members of an ECOWAS state.

**Contact Information**  
General Contact form: [http://www.ecowas.int/copyright/contact-us-2/](http://www.ecowas.int/copyright/contact-us-2/)

Albert Siaw-Boateng, Acting Director of Human Resources  
info@ecowas.int or admin@ecowas.int
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 September of each year.

Other Information
The Assistant Lawyers' Scheme is a competitive program open to nationals from Council of Europe countries for legal studies graduates that 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, with a good knowledge of the other.

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 Lichtenstein. 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 with a background in European Community law. Applicants without a JD or LLM may also apply for trainee positions with the Court's Registry. 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. Fluency in French, Norwegian, Icelandic and German is an asset.

Immigration Requirements
Preference will be given to candidates from EEA countries, though non-EEA/EU candidates may be hired when a compelling reason for training at the EFTA court is made as part of an application.

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 over 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 in the offices of prosecutors, defense and judges. Internships are for a minimum period of two months and no longer than six months, with start dates to be determined by the individual mandate of the internship listing and its Terms of Reference.

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 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 offers 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.

Typically, applicants for positions with the Federal Court of Australia must also be Australian citizens. However, the Federal Courts operate a number of international judicial reform programs with countries in Asia and the Asia-Pacific region that may offer graduates whose home country falls within one of its mandates the opportunity to work with the Federal Court in some capacity. Interested non-Australian graduates are encouraged to reach out to the Federal Court directly for further information.

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
Australian citizenship is required of all associates and job seekers at the Federal Court of Australia. However, candidates interested in working on one of the Federal Court’s judicial reform projects in the Asia-Pacific region are encouraged to reach out to the Court directly.

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-five salaried opportunities exist to clerk within the Federal Court of Appeal or Federal Court, forty with the former and fifteen with the latter. 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 by the end of January and should be completed through the online system.

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 those who are already resident in Canada as students or with a valid work permit. Interested candidates can also apply for the Government of Canada’s fast track visa program, which authorizes qualified high skilled workers to emigrate more quickly via a points-based system.

Contact Information
All queries should be directed to clerkship-clericate@cas-satj.gc.ca.

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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” up 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. Interested candidates are encouraged to consult the website of the High Court for further information about this role.

**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.  
Phone within Australia, switchboard: (02) 6270 6811  
Phone from overseas: +61 2 6270 6811
**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 at least three months (applicants available for longer than this are encouraged) to current law students and graduate students alike from OAS countries. Interns start in January, May, 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 1600
International Atomic Energy Agency

Location: Vienna, Austria
Areas of Legal Practice: Nuclear non-proliferation

**Background**
In addition to administrating 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 stipend to interns who do not receive financial support from an institution, university or other source, and an additional EUR 500 is offered to interns who pay for their own accommodation to a non-family third party.

**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

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
Oude Waalsdorperweg 10, 2597 AK The Hague, The Netherlands
Email: PublicAffairs.Unit@icc-cpi.int
Phone: + 31 (0)70 515 8515
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 the Legal Department on a project agreed upon with a supervisor. 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 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 Frequently Asked Questions page or use the general telephone number (+1 (202) 623-7000).
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 will be furnished with the appropriate documents to obtain a Swiss working visa, a United Nations Certificate, or a United Nations Laissez Passer.

Contact Information
All questions concerning e-recruitment must be addressed to applications@iom.int.
Telephone:
+41.22.717 9111
+41.22.798 6150
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 and present their work 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, and October to December.

Language Requirements
Have a good command of English and/or French.

Immigration Requirements
Candidates from countries with visa-free access to Germany will, upon successful hire and arrival in Germany, be furnished with the paperwork to obtain a German working visa, a United Nations Certificate or a United Nations Laissez Passer. All other candidates, except those with European Union and/or Swiss citizenship, will need to obtain a visa for transit to Germany before any additional immigration paperwork can be processed.

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.

Contact Information
All queries regarding INTERPOL recruitment should be furnished either through INTERPOL’s website or in writing to:

INTERPOL
General Secretariat
200, quai Charles de Gaulle
69006 Lyon
France
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.

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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 up 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.

Other Information
The Yong Professionals (YP) Programme lasts two years during which YPs work with experienced and enthusiastic people, representative of a rich diversity of cultures, languages and professional backgrounds. Candidates should have an advanced academic degree in a subject of relevance to the OECD's work, a minimum of two years' full time professional experience in related fields for candidates with Master's degree(s), and knowledge of country policies and institutions and an understanding of political and reform processes.

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 of the other language. Knowledge of other languages used at the OECD would be an advantage.

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.

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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.

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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
jobs@court.gov.il
Special Tribunal for Lebanon

Location: Leidschendam, The Netherlands
Areas of Legal Practice: Terrorism and related crimes

Background
The Special Tribunal for Lebanon was created in 2009 to hold trials for those accused of the 14 February 2005 attack which claimed the life of the former prime minister of Lebanon, Rafik Hariri, and 21 other people.

Opportunities

Clerkships, Traineeships, and Internships
The Tribunal offers a practical internship program that hires recent legal graduates and others to assist the staff of the STL in discharging their duties. Positions generally last three to six months. Practical experience is not an essential prerequisite for selection, but relevant expertise may be considered an asset.

Other Information
Internship applications may be submitted at any time during the year, but at least four months prior to the proposed start date.

Language Requirements
The STL has three official languages (English, French and Arabic) and two working languages (English and French). Unless specific language skills are stated as a requirement by the participating Sections of the STL, good oral communication and drafting skills in at least one of the working languages of the STL are required.

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
All queries regarding applications to the Tribunal should be sent to stl-internship@un.org.
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 usually lasts 24 weeks. 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. Phone: +41 (0)22 739 51 11 Email: enquiries@wto.org.

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