

PURSUING AN INTEREST AND/OR A CAREER IN INTERNATIONAL LAW AND/OR INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

Those of you who cultivate a particular interest in public/private international law and/or international human rights law may wish to consider the following opportunities available to you at the University of Sydney Faculty of Law and beyond.

TAKING COURSES WITH AN INTERNATIONAL/COMPARATIVE FOCUS

There are several elective subjects in the undergraduate and postgraduate program at the University of Sydney that allow students to pursue an interest in international law and politics in greater depth. Most electives are on a rolling program, so particular courses may not be offered every year. However, a glance at the handbook will acquaint you with those on offer in any one year. Undergraduates should plan your elective course load carefully in the final two years to ensure an opportunity to take those subjects in which you are most interested.

Furthermore, the Faculty offers a Masters of International Law, Masters of International Business Law, Masters of International Taxation, Graduate Diploma in International Law, and Graduate Diploma in International Business Law for both part-time and full-time postgraduate students. The Doctorate of Philosophy (PhD), Doctorate of Juridical Studies (SJD) and Masters of Laws (LLM) by Research programs within the Faculty also permit eligible students to pursue advanced study in the field of international law and/or international human rights law.

You might also consider pursuing graduate study in international law abroad. Information about Master of Laws (LL.M) programs worldwide may be accessed through <http://www.llm-guide.com/> and, with respect to those in the United States in particular, through <http://www.ilrg.com/lsahq/usllm.html>.

TAKING A CLINICAL COURSE (AT THE UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL)

If you identify an organisation in or near Sydney with which you would like to volunteer and you are an undergraduate student at the University of Sydney Faculty of Law, you might consider enrolling in a course that allows you to gain academic credit for the work that you do there. The undergraduate subject “Practising in the Public Interest” (Laws 3071), for example, enables students to gain credit for time spent working at an approved public interest site. Students wishing to enrol in this subject take the initiative to identify a public interest site at which they would like to work, subject to approval for purposes of the program. The Faculty will then support such students in arranging a volunteer placement at that site and in designing a project to be undertaken over the course of the semester at that site. Students are required to participate in an initial, five-day intensive course and a weekly seminar relating to issues arising and skills required in the practice of law in the public interest. Interested students should refer to the Law Faculty Handbook for further details.

The undergraduate “External Placement Program” (Laws 3025) similarly enables final-year undergraduate students to gain credit for volunteer work undertaken at an established public interest placement site, alongside which students undertake a research assignment and participate in a seminar allowing them to reflect upon their volunteer experience. Sites with which the Faculty has existing placement arrangements under this program include: Amnesty International (engaged with issues of international human rights law, international humanitarian law and related policy concerns), the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission (concerned, in part, with the implementation and enforcement of international human rights law in Australia) and the Public Interest Advocacy Centre (undertaking research and advocacy work on international fair trade and human rights issues). Interested students should refer to the Law Faculty Handbook for further details.

UNDERTAKING VOLUNTEER WORK AND/OR PURSUING INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Those of you who wish to gain a working knowledge of international law may wish to undertake volunteer work with Australian-based organisations engaged with issues of international law and policy. You may, for example, consider contacting one of the following organisations in Sydney (or, in the case of ANZSIL and Reprise Australia, in Canberra and Melbourne/the US, respectively) to determine their current volunteer needs:

- The Human Rights Council of Australia (<http://www.hrca.org.au/>)
- The Refugee Advice and Casework Service (<http://www.racs.org.au>) and the Surry Hills Immigration Advice and Rights Centre (<http://www.iarc.asn.au>) (see generally <http://www.refugeesaustralia.org/> [no longer being maintained since 2005])
- The Australian and New Zealand Society of International Law (ANZSIL) (<http://law.anu.edu.au/anzsil/>)
- Australian Lawyers for Human Rights (<http://www.alhr.asn.au/>)
- The Public Interest Advocacy Centre (<http://www.piac.asn.au/>)
- Amnesty International (<http://www.amnesty.org.au/>)
- New South Wales Council for Civil Liberties (<http://www.nswccl.org.au/>)
- Reprise Australia (<http://www.reprise.org.au>)
- A range of internship opportunities, including some open to undergraduates, are described on the website of the Castan Centre for Human Rights Law. These include an internship with the Australian Delegation to the UN Commission on Human Rights (for undergraduate students - not limited to Monash students). See: <http://www.law.monash.edu.au/castancentre/internships/internships.html>

In addition, a number of internship programs have been established in the past for Sydney University Faculty of Law students, enabling students to undertake work experience with Australian embassies abroad. Details of these opportunities and the relevant application process will be posted, as they arise, on the Careers Noticeboard on Level 4 in the Law School building.

Furthermore, from time to time, members of the Faculty engaged in academic research and writing in the international legal field may require research assistance on particular projects. Students interested in applying for such (paid) positions should keep an eye on noticeboards in the Faculty foyer or may contact members of the Faculty in advance to indicate their interest in such positions, should they arise.

Regarding opportunities outside Australia, most international organisations offer internship programs at their head offices around the world (most of these require self-funding, but not all). You might consider applying for an internship through one of these programs, with a view to taking up a position either during the holidays between academic years or after graduation. Some of these are accessible to undergraduate students, while others are available to post-graduates only. Refer, for example, to the following websites:

- The United Nations Headquarters (New York, NY, USA) (<http://www.un.org/Depts/OHRM/sds/internsh/index.htm>)
- The United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) (Vienna, Austria) (<http://www.unido.org/es/doc/3611>)
- The United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) (Paris, France) <http://www.unesco.org/>
- The United Nations High Commission for Refugees (Geneva, Switzerland) (<http://www.unhcr.ch>) - under "Administration" – "Quick Find" – "Internships")
- The American Society of International Law (Washington, D.C., USA) (<http://www.asil.org/careers/internships.html>)
- The World Bank (Washington, D.C., USA) (<http://wbln1028.worldbank.org/hrs/careers.nsf>)
- The United Nations Development Program (New York, NY, USA, with country offices around the world) (<http://www.undp.org/internships/>)

- The World Trade Organization (Geneva, Switzerland)
(http://www.wto.org/english/thewto_e/vacan_e/intern_e.htm)
- The International Labor Organization (Geneva, Switzerland)
(<http://www.ilo.org/public/english/bureau/pers/vacancy/intern.htm>)
- The International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (The Hague, The Netherlands)
(<http://www.un.org/icty/practical-e/intern/internindex.htm>)
- The International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (Arusha, Tanzania)
(<http://www.ictr.org/> or <http://69.94.11.53/ENGLISH/opportunities/internship/index.htm>)
- The Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia
(http://www.eccc.gov.kh/english/job_opportunity.aspx)
- The Special Court for Sierra Leone (Freetown, Sierra Leone)
(<http://www.sc-sl.org/internships.html>)
- The Permanent Court of Arbitration (The Hague, The Netherlands)
(http://www.pca-cpa.org/showpage.asp?pag_id=1047)
- The International Criminal Court (The Hague, The Netherlands)
(<http://www.icc-cpi.int/recruitment/cc1g.html>)
- NGO Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC)
(http://www.iccnw.org/contactinfo/employment_intern.html) [wouldn't load but I have seen the site working recently]
- The International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (Hamburg, Germany)
(http://www.itlos.org/start2_en.html)
- The International Atomic Energy Agency (Vienna, Austria)
(<http://iaeainternship.bnl.gov/Internship/Home>)
- The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (Washington D.C.)
(<http://www.cidh.oas.org/intership.eng.htm>)
- The International Centre for the Legal Protection of Human Rights (London, UK)
(<http://www.interights.org/>) [could not access internship page, but main page working]
- The Inter-American Court of Human Rights – for Spanish-speakers only (San José, Costa Rica)
(<http://www.corteidh.or.cr/>)
- The European Commission (a small number of traineeships are available to graduates from non-members states) (http://europa.eu.int/comm/index_en.htm under “Traineeships”); for internship (“stage”) opportunities within other European Union institutions, see http://europa.eu.int/epso/working/training_en.htm
- The European Commission for Refugees and Exiles (<http://www.ecre.org/involved/interns.shtml>)
- The Center for Economic & Social Rights (Brooklyn, NY, USA)
(<http://cesr.org/node/535>)
- The Center for Human Rights and the Environment (Córdoba, Argentina)
(<http://www.cedha.org.ar/en/internships/>)
- Human Rights Watch (New York, NY, L.A., California and Washington, D.C., USA)
(<http://www.hrw.org/about/Intship1.htm> and <http://www.hrw.org/about/info/fellows.html>)
- Japanese-US Community Education and Exchange – links to non-profit organisations and volunteer networks in Japan (www.jucee.org)
- Princeton In Asia, teaching and workplace internships in Asia (not limited to Princeton graduates)
(<http://www.princeton.edu/~pia/index.html>)
- The International Organisation for Migration (Geneva, Switzerland)
(http://www.iom.int/en/who/main_vacancies_internship.shtml)
- The Southern Center for Human Rights (Atlanta, Georgia, USA)
(<http://schr.org/aboutthecenter/internships.html>)
- The Center for Constitutional Rights (New York, NY, USA)
(<http://www.ccr-ny.org/v2/about/jobs/contents.asp>)

FUNDING AN INTERNSHIP AND OTHER LOGISTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

Applicants for internships – particularly those outside Australia – need to be mindful of the cost involved. Some internships offer partial or complete funding for their duration, but the overwhelming majority require self-funding. Information about the cost of living in major cities of the world may be obtained from the following sources:

- <http://www.moving.com> [A moving and relocation mega-site that is international in coverage. Has a cost-of-living calculator for comparing cities.]
- <http://www.datamasters.com/> [This calculator compares the cost of living between 399 major U.S. metro areas.]
- <http://www.ukstudentlife.com/Ideas/Articles/Cost.htm> and <http://www.worldstudent.com/uk/studyabroad/uk/1c.shtml> [Both these links offer advice on the cost of living/studying in the U.K.]
- <http://www.eriari.com> [Free student cost-of-living summaries for over 7,000 cities around the world are offered by the US-based Economic Research Institute as illustrations/demonstrations of the complete cost-of-living analyses available by subscription.]
- Country specific information is also readily available on the web and can be located via a www.google.com.

The Australian and New Zealand Society of International Law offers grants of AUD\$1000 to facilitate individuals' participation in international legal internship programs. See <http://law.anu.edu.au/anzsil/> under 'Internship Support'.

Students considering international travel are always well advised to consult the Department of Foreign Affairs travel advisories, available at <http://www.smarttraveller.gov.au/zw-cgi/view/Advice/Index>

RESEARCHING CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN INTERNATIONAL LAW AND/OR HUMAN RIGHTS

Further international law job-search and internship-search resources include:

- Lawyers Without Borders – a US-based organisation that maintains a Job-Board and circulates regular announcements about internships, fellowships and job opportunities in international law and policy all over the world; see <http://www.lwob.org>
- <http://www.idealists.org> - a US-based organisation that maintains a list of fellowship, internship and job opportunities in the not-for-profit field, and provides a free email alert service advising subscribers of new opportunities as they arise. They also publish a human rights career guide at http://www.idealists.org/resource_guides/guide_human_intro.html;
- <http://www.humanrightsjobs.com> - A notice board for job opportunities in the human rights field. Some advertisements are restricted to paid subscribers, while others are available for free;
- Public Service Law Network (www.pslawnet.org): A US-focused site for public interest legal internships, post-graduate fellowships and permanent positions. Includes US and international opportunities;
- Volunteer Match Australia (<http://www.volunteermatch.com.au/>): A free service developed by Pro Bono Australia to match skilled professional volunteers and not-for-profit organisations. These may, from time to time, include organisations directly or indirectly concerned with issues and questions of international law and policy;

- For employment opportunities within the United Nations system, see <http://jobs.un.org> and/or consult the individual web sites given above under “Undertaking Volunteer Work and/or Pursuing Internship Opportunities in Sydney or Abroad” – note, in particular, that many international organisations, including those within the United Nations system, have special programs for recruiting young professionals and/or recent graduates;
- The American Society of International Law publishes career advice for those interested in a career in public international law – see <http://www.asil.org/careers/careerwebsites.html>;
- The Bernard Koteen Office of Public Interest Advising at Harvard Law School posts information about international job opportunities; see: <http://www.law.harvard.edu/students/opia/>;
- The Career Services Office of the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University offers similar information at <http://www.ksg.harvard.edu/career/global/igo.htm>;
- Information about working with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade is available at: <http://www.dfat.gov.au/jobs/index.html>;
- Information about working for the Office of International Law within the Attorney-General’s Department is available at: https://www.ag.gov.au/www/agd/agd.nsf/Page/About_the_DepartmentEmployment;
- International job listings are available through the International Career Employment Center; some listings may only be accessed by subscribers, but some are available to all; see: <http://www.internationaljobs.org/>;
- Information about the Edward Weary Dunlop Asia Fellowships is available at: <http://www2.asialink.unimelb.edu.au/cpp/exchanges/dunlopmedal.html>;
- Information about volunteer (or subsistence-level pay) work and internship opportunities in Africa is available at: http://www.sas.upenn.edu/African_Studies/Travel/Volunteer_Work_9979.html;
- Details of internship opportunities throughout the world are available through the University of Toronto’s International Relations Program Internship Database at: <http://www.angelfire.com/mt/internships/home.htm>;
- An extensive list of resources available to those researching career opportunities in international law is available at: <http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/~llou/careers.html>; and
- Details of resources available and services offered to University of Sydney students through the University of Sydney Careers Centre are available at: <http://www.careers.usyd.edu.au/>.
- In addition, the following publications may be of assistance:

American Society of International Law, *Careers in International Law: A Guide to Career Paths and Internships in International Law* (Rev. ed., American Society of International Law: 2007-2008) (available via <http://www.asil.org/resources/careers.html>)

Mark Janis, *Careers in International Law* (2nd ed., American Bar Association: 2001)

McGill Faculty of Law Career Placement Office, *Opportunities in Human Rights and Sustainable Development* (2nd ed., 2002-2003) may be downloaded at http://www.law.mcgill.ca/cpo/undergraduate_publ_hr_sd-en.htm