TRAINEESHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR COLUMBIA LAW STUDENTS

International Court of Justice (ICJ)

Columbia Law School is one of the select schools invited by the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in The Hague (The Netherlands) to nominate candidates for a 9-month traineeship (clerkship) to begin on September 1, 2016 and end on June 30, 2017. 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 an award of $35,000 from Columbia University to cover all 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.

Desired Qualifications:

- Excellent academic record, including excellence in the field of public international law
- Proven research and writing skills
- Thorough command of English or French, as well as a very good working knowledge of the other language.

Application Information:

Who is eligible to apply:
- Graduating 3L and LLM Students
- Recent Columbia Law School Alumni

Application Deadline: 6:00 p.m. on Friday, January 22, 2016

Submit the following materials:
1. Letter of Application addressed to Dean Lester explaining your interest in and qualifications for the position.
2. Completed Application Form (available to download on the International Programs website)
3. Curriculum Vitae
4. Official Transcript(s)
5. Two (2) letters of reference, preferably from individuals who can attest to the candidate’s abilities in the field of international law.
6. Writing Sample (scholarly publication or paper)

Submit application materials to:
John Tarbet
Program Manager
International and Comparative Law Programs
William and June Warren Hall, Room 606
Email: john.tarbet@law.columbia.edu

Mailing address:
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Past Columbia Law School Recipients:

The following individuals were selected for the traineeship in previous years, and have reported positive experiences:

Katelyn Horne (J.D. 2015)          Jason Biros (J.D. 2006)
Amelia Keene (LL.M 2013)          Cecily Rose (J.D. 2006)
Zhao Jun Jennifer Lim (J.D. 2012) Viren Mascarinas (J.D. 2005)
Kathleen Cronin-Furman (J.D. 2006) Simon De Smet (LL.M. 2002)