

**INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE
JUDICIAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME 2025-2026**

INVITATION TO LSE LAW APPLICANTS
APPLICATION DEADLINE: Wednesday 15 January 2025

LSE Law School is delighted to announce that it has decided to submit applicants for the Judicial Fellowship Programme 2025-2026 at the International Court of Justice in The Hague. The ten-month fellowship will commence in early September 2025. If an LSE Law School candidate is taken on by the Court, he/she will receive a stipend from LSE of £25,000 as a contribution to travel costs and the cost of living while in the Hague.

There is no guarantee that the nominated LSE law candidate(s) will be selected for the fellowship. The Judicial Fellowship Programme is highly selective. The Court reviews candidates nominated by a broad range of universities and selects 15 judicial fellows from this pool of candidates. The Court determines the assessment criteria for candidates and makes the final decision.

ICJ Judicial Fellowship Programme

The Judicial Fellowship Programme was established to enable recent law graduates to gain experience working at the International Court of Justice in The Hague. The aim of the programme is to improve participants' understanding of public international law and of the Court's procedures by actively involving them in the work of the Court and allowing them to gain experience under the supervision of a judge. Each participant is assigned to one judge for a period of around ten months, from early September to June or July of the following year. The Judicial Fellows work on a full-time basis under the supervision of a Member of the Court and alongside the primary legal assistant of the judge. The Judicial Fellows can expect to attend the Court's public hearings, research and write memorandums on legal questions or factual aspects of the cases pending before the Court. Work may also involve assisting the judge with conferences, speeches and other duties assigned by their judge.

Application Criteria

- Open to current LLM or PhD students from LSE Law School and recent graduates from LSE's LLB, LLM or Law PhD programmes.
- Excellent results in legal studies, including a demonstrated interest in public international law.
- Excellent reading, writing and oral skills in one of the Court's official languages of French or English. A working knowledge of the second official language is an asset.

Application Materials

- [ICJ personal history form](#)
- [Candidate profile summary table](#)
- Two or three letters of reference (PDF format).
- Official academic record (PDF format).
- A writing sample of no more than 15 pages, for example, a previous publication, note or university paper, preferably on a topic of public international law. Excerpts from a longer paper, or multiple short samples, may also be submitted if they meet the page limit.

Application materials should be sent by email to Dr Devika Hovell at D.C.Hovell@lse.ac.uk by **Wednesday 15 January 2025**. No late applications will be accepted.