

## CALL FOR CANDIDATES

### BACKGROUND

The objectives of the International Law Association (ILA) are the study, clarification and development of international law, both public and private, and the furtherance of international understanding and respect for international law. The Association operates through its network of branches and international committees that work on specific subject areas of international law; and one of the main activities is the organisation of a biennial law conference. The **82nd Biennial International Law Conference** will take place from **17 – 21 August 2026** in **Vienna, Austria**. The theme of the conference is *'Contours of International Law: Encounters and Evolutions'* and general information about the event is available at <https://ilavienna2026.univie.ac.at/welcome/>

### AIM

The ILA has established a Scholarship Fund to help graduate and postgraduate students and early career professionals attend the ILA Regional or Biennial Conferences.

This is the **call for candidates** for the **ILA Biennial Conference in Vienna, Austria** from **17 – 21 August 2026**.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Candidates who satisfy these Eligibility Criteria will be selected having regard to the general objectives of the Scholarship Fund and in the light of the following, more particular, qualities demonstrated by their applications:

- (a) their aptitude for international law in the form of academic excellence, intellectual rigour, imaginative thinking, sound reasoning, careful presentation;
- (b) their potential for developing a greater understanding of and involvement with international law;
- (c) their potential for contributing to the promotion of international law and/or to the enhancement of participation in it, in particular (though not exclusively) in regions where the ILA is under-represented or where the particular ILA conference is taking place.

The candidates must:

- be enrolled in a graduate or post-graduate course doing research in international law or be an early career professional in international law (first five years post-graduation from the last degree);
- show a strong interest in international law (which can be demonstrated by, for example, a law school major, classes, papers and extra-curricular activities);
- show how conference participation would benefit their research or career in international law;
- make a case that they do not have access to other sources of funding, for instance from their home institutions;

- have not received an ILA scholarship in the past.

Applications are particularly welcomed from younger persons in regions of the world that are generally under-represented in the ILA's work.

#### **AWARD**

Full Scholarships are intended to contribute towards (but not necessarily fully cover) the Conference registration fees; travel costs; accommodation; and subsistence.

The Selection Committee may also decide to award only a Partial Scholarship.

#### **APPLICATIONS**

Applications for scholarships for the ILA Biennial Conference in Vienna, Austria from **17 – 21 August 2026.**, must be received by **06 March 2026 (17:00 Hrs London).**

Applicants should download and complete the application form. The completed form should be returned, together with supporting documentation, to [info@ila-hq.org](mailto:info@ila-hq.org)

The Selection Committee will announce their decision by **24 April 2026** and successful applicants will be informed immediately. The decision of the Committee is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

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*International Law Association*



**SCHOLARSHIP FUND**  
**82nd Biennial International Law**  
**Conference**  
**Vienna, Austria**  
**17 – 21 August 2026**

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## **APPLICATION FORM**

This form should be completed and returned, together with supporting documentation, to [info@ila-hq.org](mailto:info@ila-hq.org) by **06 March 2026 (17:00 Hrs London)**.

Applicant's details:

**Name:**

**Gender:**

**Nationality:**

**Address:**

**Email:**

**Telephone:**

**Country of nationality:**

**Country of residence:**

**University Education** (include type, subject of degree, Class, when obtained, Institution awarding degree)

**Current activity:**

**Brief statement of current interests in international law (maximum 75 words):**

**Why do you wish to attend this Conference? How would attendance help your research and/or future career?**

**Details of any other financial contributions you will receive or can apply for to facilitate your attendance at this Conference:**

**Signature of Applicant:**

**Date:**

**Please ensure that you include the following supporting documentation with the completed application form -**

- 1) A full curriculum vitae;
- 2) A list of any papers written with their full title, a short summary of main findings in ten lines and, if relevant, the name of the supervisor under whose direction the paper was prepared;
- 3) A short paper (maximum 10 pages – double spaced) on the theme of the Conference ***'Contours of International Law: Encounters and Evolutions'***. This must be an original work.
- 4) Statement by Referee (see next page).

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## **Statement by Referee**

**Applicant's name:**

The above has applied for a Scholarship to attend the 82nd International Law Association Biennial Conference in Vienna from 17 – 21 August 2026. To evaluate this request, we would be grateful if you could comment on the quality of the applicant's work, the relevance of the Conference to the applicant and make any additional comments you feel relevant to this application.

You may use this form or email your comments directly to: [info@ila-hq.org](mailto:info@ila-hq.org)

**Name of Referee:**

**Address:**

**Email:**

**Phone number:**

**Relationship to Applicant:**

**Comments:**

**Signature of Referee:**

**Date:**

## **Guidelines**

### **1. Objectives of the ILA Scholarship Fund**

- 1.1. To encourage the participation of “younger persons” in the work of the ILA. While no age limit defines the category of “younger persons”, the ILA aims to welcome participants of all ages interested in international law, including younger persons, thereby investing in the Association’s future.
- 1.2. To allow these younger persons to enhance their research (graduate or postgraduate) or early careers through participation in ILA conferences.
- 1.3. To facilitate the participation in particular of younger persons who cannot access other sources of financial support, for instance from their own institutions.
- 1.4. To increase the visibility of the ILA by attracting persons who would not otherwise have known its work, particularly in countries where the ILA is not present. When an ILA conference takes place in a region that is generally under-represented in the ILA’s work, to enhance participation from younger persons particularly from that region.
- 1.5. To increase ILA membership, the expectation being that scholarship recipients will become members of appropriate Branches of the ILA and will contribute to such Branch effectively (for example by submitting articles for consideration for publication in the newly established ILA Forum).
- 1.6. To invite scholarship recipients to become “ambassadors” of the ILA in their country and attract more members, particularly younger ones.
- 1.7. To encourage the rule of law in general and respect for international law in particular, by expanding participation outside more traditional circles.
- 1.8. To make the ILA a truly universal organisation.

### **2. The functioning of the Selection Committee of the ILA Scholarship Fund**

- 2.1 The Selection Committee for the Scholarship Fund is chaired by Mr. Bruce Mauleverer KC (ILA Patron).
- 2.2 The Selection Committee will aim to select recipients according to the calendar set out in Annex 1, using the information submitted by candidates in response to the request for documentation set out in Annex 2.
- 2.3 A full scholarship will represent a meaningful contribution towards the Conference registration fees; reasonable travel costs; accommodation; and subsistence.
- 2.4 The Selection Committee may also decide to grant only a partial scholarship.

2.5 The handling and disbursement of scholarship monies will be undertaken by ILA London Headquarters.



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**ANNEX 1**

Calendar for the award of scholarships for the 82nd Biennial International Law Conference in Vienna, Austria 2026.

Issue Call for Candidates	23 January 2026
Deadline for Submission Applications	06 March 2026
Selection and Informing Candidate	24 April 2026
Confirmation of Acceptance Scholarship Award	01 May 2026

**ANNEX 2**

Candidates are requested to fill out the application form. In addition, they should provide the following documents in English or French:

- 1) A full curriculum vitae;
- 2) A list of any papers written with their full title, a short summary of main findings in ten lines and, if relevant, the name of the supervisor under whose direction the paper was prepared;
- 3) A short paper (maximum 10 pages – double spaced) on the theme of the Conference ***'Contours of International Law: Encounters and Evolutions'***. This must be an original piece of work.
- 4) Statement by Referee.

The Committee reserves the right to seek further information on, or to verify information already received from, the candidate.

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