



*The Honourable Society of
Lincoln's Inn*

*International and
European Scholarships
Guidance for applicants*



Scholarships awarded

International Criminal Court (ICC), The Hague

Johan Steyn Scholarship

- Only open to members of Lincoln's Inn
- Duration: 6 months
- Award: £10,650

European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR), Strasbourg

Peter Duffy Scholarship – UK Division

Nicolas Bratza – Research Division

- Only open to members of Lincoln's Inn
- Duration: 3 months
- Award: £5,350

Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU), Luxembourg

JP Warner Scholarship

- Only open to members of Lincoln's Inn
- Duration: 3 months
- Award: £5,350

EFTA Court, Luxembourg

EFTA Court Scholarship

- Members of any Inn can apply
- Duration: 3 months
- Award: €2,800 per month, €8,400 in total

Paul Heim Education Award

- Funding to undertake short-term international study in European, International and Human Rights Law
- Award: variable, dependent on the cost of course

Overseas Placement Fund

- Contributions to students and barristers under five years Call undertaking human rights law internships

Reports from former scholars can be found on the [publications section of our website](#).

ICC, The Hague

Johan Steyn Scholarship

- **Duration: 6 Months**
- **Funding: £10,650**
- www.icc-cpi.int

Eligibility

This scholarship is open to members of Lincoln's Inn only. We accept applications from student members and those under five years Call.

Applicants need to demonstrate a genuine interest in the work of the ICC and good knowledge of International and Criminal Law to enable them to participate fully in the work of the ICC at The Hague.

About the Court

The International Criminal Court (ICC) investigates and, where warranted, tries individuals charged with the gravest crimes of concern to the international community: genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity.

About the Placement

The structure of the internship will depend on the branch of the court in which you work. Interns usually undertake their placement in Registry/Chambers/Office of The Prosecutor/Office of Public Counsel for the Defence. Typically, an intern will assist in carrying out legal research, preparing memos and reports, summarising case law and drafting or proofreading briefs and motions.

Please be aware that if you are successful in securing this scholarship, you will be required to make a separate application to an internship or visiting professional position at the Court. For more details on the positions available and requirements please visit the vacancies section of ICC website.

Funding

The Inn provides funding of £10,650 for the 6-month placement, subject to a means test. If you are offered the opportunity to extend your internship, the Inn may be able to provide some additional funding, although this is likely to be less than your original award. You should consider whether you need to save some money before you go, particularly if you want to take up further opportunities at the Court or travel locally while you are there.

Thoughts from our Scholars

"My time at the International Criminal Court was possibly the most unique intern experience possible. I was placed in the judges' chambers on the *Prosecutor v Bosco Ntaganda* case. I was entrusted with reviewing 6 witnesses out of the 16 witnesses whose credibility needed assessing. I made my first major contribution to the judgment drafting by writing the background section, recounting Ntaganda's personal history and his military experiences leading up to his appearance before the court. When the judgment was complete, I attended court for the delivery.

During sentencing, I drafted decisions for the admission of evidence based on my assessments of the parties' submissions which were later checked and approved by my

supervisor. During the hearings for the additional witnesses on sentencing, I condensed the witnesses' evidence into digestible reference documents to ease the overall judgment drafting process. I finished my internship with the delivery of the sentencing decision which will be remembered as the harshest sentence the court has ever ordered." – **Dainyah Mason, Johan Steyn Scholar 2018**. You can read Dainyah's full report [here](#).

ECtHR, Strasbourg

Peter Duffy Scholarship – UK Division

Nicolas Bratza Scholarship – Research Division

- **Duration: 3 Months**
- **Funding: £5,350**
- www.echr.coe.int

Eligibility

This scholarship is open to members of Lincoln's Inn only. We accept applications from student members and those under five years Call.

Applicants need to demonstrate a genuine interest in the work of the ECtHR and good knowledge of human rights law to enable them to participate fully in the work of the ECtHR in Strasbourg.

About the Court

The European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) is an international court set up in 1959. It rules on individual or State applications alleging violations of the civil and political rights set out in the European Convention on Human Rights.

It is possible to primarily work in English. Knowledge of French is useful but not essential, although having at least the basics will be helpful for living in Strasbourg.

About the Placement

The Peter Duffy scholarship is named after Peter Duffy QC, a prominent human rights barrister. Scholars will be attached to the UK division of the court, where they will have the opportunity to work on real UK cases which may include research into a particular topic, drafting or sifting through applications.

The Nicolas Bratza scholarship is named after Sir Nicolas Bratza, former President of the ECtHR. Scholars will be attached to the Research Division of the court. They will input into vital research which informs judges about the law in all jurisdictions to assist them when deciding on a case.

If selected, you will need to contact the Court directly to arrange your placement. The Court will offer you specific dates dependent on their timetable.

Funding

The Inn provides funding of £5,350 for the 3-month placement, subject to a means test. If you are offered the opportunity to extend your internship, the Inn may be able to provide some additional funding, although this will not be as substantial as your original award. You

should consider whether you need to save some money before you go, particularly if you want to take up further opportunities at the Court or travel locally while you are there.

Thoughts from our Scholars

“The friendliness and approachability of all members of staff was beyond anything I expected. The UK team welcomed me with open arms and treated me as one of their own from the first day I walked in. I had an office which I shared with another colleague with both of our names outside the door. I was invited to have coffee with the UK Judge on more than one occasion and was able to chat to him about his current workload, his career before becoming a Judge as well as his views on current human rights matters. I had the unique opportunity to observe the Judges’ deliberations on a judgment which came out while I was at the Court. As a Lincoln’s Inn Scholar, you are part of the official trainees of the Court, so I was able to attend the Court’s intensive training program on the different Articles of the Convention. This also included a round table discussion with two Judges, where we got to ask any questions that we wanted.” – **Joanna Veimou, 2023 Peter Duffy Scholar to the ECtHR. You can read Joanna’s full report [here](#).**

“My traineeship not only offered a front-row seat into the work of human rights protection at the international level but also amplified my desire to practise human rights law and work in the international courts. I wish to extend my gratitude to all of the judges, lawyers and staff whom I met whilst at the Court and, particularly, my supervisor. I thoroughly encourage anyone with an interest in human rights and/or public international law to apply for this Scholarship.” – **Kyran Kanda, 2023 Nicolas Bratza scholar to the ECtHR. You can read Kyran’s full report [here](#).**

CJEU, Luxembourg

JP Warner Scholarship

- **Duration: 3 Months**
- **Funding: £5,350**
- curia.europa.eu

Eligibility

This scholarship is open to members of Lincoln’s Inn only. We accept applications from student members and those under five years Call. It is not required that applicants have the nationality of an EU Member State.

Applicants need to demonstrate a genuine interest in the work of the CJEU and good knowledge of EU Law to enable them to participate fully in the Court’s work.

About the Court

The CJEU has jurisdiction over EU Law as applied in the 27 EU Member States. The CJEU is formed of the Court of Justice and the General Court. The Court of Justice’s primary role to ensure the uniform interpretation and application of EU law across the Member States. It hears actions brought by Member States, EU institutions, and gives preliminary rulings on the interpretation of EU law requested by national courts, and rules on the validity of acts by EU institutions. The Court of Justice also hears appeals from the General Court. **The working language of the Court of Justice is French.**

About the Placement

The JP Warner Scholarship is named after Sir Jean-Pierre Warner, who served as the Court's first British Advocate-General. The Scholar will be hosted in the Chambers of First Advocate General Maciej Szpunar, or other Chambers. One of the languages First Advocate General Szpunar drafts his opinions in is English. The Scholar will assist the Chambers by undertaking research and legal analysis which provide input into the independent opinions as to how the problems raised by the cases before the Court may be resolved.

If selected, you will need to contact the Court directly to arrange your placement. The Court will offer you specific dates dependent on their timetable.

Funding

The Inn provides funding of £5,350 for the 3-month placement, subject to a means test. You should consider whether you need to save some money before you go, particularly if you want to travel locally while you are there.

Thoughts from our Scholars

"The working language of the CJEU is French, not English. As my degree was in French literature, I enjoyed the chance to read, write and speak the language in both a professional and social context. I joined the cabinet during a particularly busy term which was both rewarding and challenging, as I worked on a number of cases with a wide range of subject matter: from consumer credit protection, to the balance between freedom of expression and potentially discriminatory comments in an employment context, to my particular interest, tax law (VAT). My highlight was attending the cabinet meetings every week as this was a chance to see close-up how cohesively and dynamically the cabinet worked together. I wrote up notes of meetings that I sent round as soon as possible to the attendees, summarised cases and proposed questions to ask at hearings, researched points of law including drafting opinions on discrete points, proof-read and fact-checked draft opinions, and attended hearings. As well as the range and pace of work, I also enjoyed meeting the stagiaires from the others Member States and learning how their approaches to legal issues and systems differ, especially in the context of civil law systems as opposed to common law." – **Calypso Blaj, 2018 JP Warner Scholar to the CJEU. You can read Calypso's full report [here](#).**

EFTA Court, Luxembourg

EFTA Court Scholarship

- **Duration: 3 Months**
- **Funding: €2,800 per month**
- **www.eftacourt.int**

Eligibility

This scholarship is open to members of any Inn. We accept applications from student members and those under five years Call.

Applicants need to demonstrate a genuine interest in the work of the EFTA Court and good knowledge of European Law to enable them to participate fully in the Court's work.

This Scholarship may be awarded to more than one candidate.

About the Court

The EFTA Court has jurisdiction with regard to EFTA States which are parties to the EEA Agreement (at present Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway). The Court predominately hears infringement actions brought by the EFTA Surveillance Authority against an EFTA State with regard to the implementation, application or interpretation of EEA law rules; gives advisory opinions to courts in EFTA States on the interpretation of EEA rules; and hears appeals against decisions taken by the EFTA Surveillance Authority. Thus, the jurisdiction of the EFTA Court largely corresponds to the jurisdiction of the Court of Justice of the European Union. The working language of the EFTA Court is English.

About the Placement

The Scholar will be placed in the Chambers of Judge Bernd Hammermann, the Judge nominated in respect of Liechtenstein. Scholars are actively involved in chambers' work, which includes, for example, preparing initial draft judgements and reports for the hearing as well as legal research into EEA/EU law.

Funding

This scholarship is funded by the EFTA Court and administered by the Inn on its behalf. The funds are therefore paid to the scholar in Euros as a stipend during their 3-month traineeship.

The Court provides a monthly stipend of €2,800 for the duration of the placement. Placements can be prolonged if the judge's chambers propose an extension, and the trainee wants to extend his/her stay.

Thoughts from our Scholars

"The work is challenging and intellectually engaging, and provides a more rounded experience than one which is solely focussed on the law, in part due to its international nature. The role is more than that of a trainee, as it was put to me, the purpose of the traineeship is to train you in every aspect of the role of a legal secretary or référendaire. I would strongly recommend this traineeship to anyone with an interest in EU or international law." – **Benjamine Hulme, 2022 EFTA Court Scholar**

"A particularly interesting aspect of the role is the proximity it brings to decisions being made – being privy to the legal debates that sit behind the judgments, the contents of which no one outside the Court will ever know. (Like the CJEU, the EFTA Court does not issue dissenting opinions.) It was a great privilege to have had such a glimpse into the operation of an international court." – **Samuel Willis, 2022 EFTA Court Scholar**

You can read Benjamin and Samuel's full reports [here](#).

Paul Heim Education Award

- **Funding: variable, dependent on the cost of course**

The Paul Heim Education Award aims to encourage the study of European, International and Human Rights Law by providing funding for at least one student per year to undertake a short course of study in one of these fields which will further their aim of practising in the relevant area of law. Students will need to secure their own place on their chosen course.

Some examples of appropriate courses are:

- The Academy of European Law Summer Schools in Human Rights and European Law
- The Hague Academy of International Law, the EUIC Venice Summer School in Human Rights
- The Institute for European Studies Summer School

The panel will consider applications from candidates wishing to undertake any other similar course of study.

Thoughts from previous recipients

“I had the chance to talk to students from different jurisdictions and grasp how the rights of people with disabilities are protected in different parts of the world. Through the modules themselves, I learnt how different regimes vary in approaches to reasonable accommodation and positive obligations imposed on the states. As human rights law is one of my primary areas of interest, such comparison was particularly illuminating.” – **Jagna Olejniczak, 2023 recipient of the Paul Heim Education Award. Jagna studied “Equality and International Law: Dealing with Disability” at the European University Institute in Florence. You can read Jagna’s full report [here](#).**

Overseas Placement Fund

In addition to these five scholarships available, the Inn has an Overseas Placement Fund to assist students and young barristers undertaking human rights law internships. These have included visits to Greece to work with Syrian refugees, working on death row cases in the USA and placements with the Women’s Legal Centre, Cape Town, South Africa. The Inn cannot fully fund the placements but can make a contribution.

To apply for funding applicants are asked to submit an application form with a copy of the contract / letter of appointment to education@lincolnsinn.org.uk

The application form can be found on our [International Scholarships page](#).

How to Apply

Please complete our [online application form](#) by **12:00 on Monday 18 March 2024**. We will not consider applications received after this time.

Interviews will be held on **Thursday 2 and Friday 3 May 2024**.

The EFTA Court Scholarship is open to members of all Inns. All other scholarships are only open to members of Lincoln’s Inn.

Applicants are welcome to apply for more than one scholarship.

Application Guidance

The panel will assess all applications against the following criteria (at the written stage, and, if relevant, the interview stage):

- Commitment to the Bar
- Motivation for the internship and its benefit for career progression

- Intellectual ability
- Inter-personal skills
- Written and oral advocacy
- Ability to be an excellent ambassador for the Inn
- Integrity

To be successful, you must provide examples of how you meet these criteria within your application.

References

The application form requires you to name two referees, at least one of whom must provide an academic reference. It is your responsibility to ensure that your referees can comment substantively on the criteria, as references that only confirm dates of employment may be discounted.

References must be submitted by email to scholarships@lincolnsinn.org.uk before the deadline. They can be sent directly or by you, on your referees' behalf, but it is your responsibility to ensure we receive them before the deadline. Late references will not be accepted, and your application will not be considered.

Please refer to the guidance for referees for further information about providing references.