

International Tribunals

[International Court of Justice](#)

The International Court of Justice (ICJ) is the principal judicial organ of the United Nations. It began work in 1946, when it replaced the Permanent Court of International Justice, which had functioned since 1922, and it operates under a statute largely similar to that of its predecessor, which is an integral part of the Charter of the United Nations.



The ICJ has a dual role: to settle in accordance with international law, the legal disputes submitted to it by nations, and to give advisory opinions on legal questions referred to it by duly authorized international organizations and agencies. Only nations may apply to and appear before the ICJ. These include all the members of the United Nations.

The ICJ is competent to rule upon a dispute only if the nations concerned have accepted its jurisdiction. The ICJ rules in accordance with international treaties and conventions in force, international custom, general principles of law, judicial decisions, and the teachings of the most highly qualified authors and commentators.

Internship: The International Court of Justice offers internships of one to three months to students and young professionals who are in the early stages of their careers. The internship is an opportunity for them to put their knowledge and experience into practice, while performing certain tasks for the Court under the supervision of Registry officials.

Given the size of the organization, only a limited number of internships can be offered throughout the year. Placements are, however, possible in all departments and divisions of the Registry. The working languages of the Court are English and French.

Candidates are informed that they will not receive any financial compensation from the Court for their internship and that they will themselves be responsible for meeting immigration requirements, arranging travel and accommodation, and obtaining valid medical/accidental insurance coverage. They will further be required to sign a written undertaking binding themselves to keep strictly confidential any information obtained during the course of their internship. Upon completion of the internship, a certificate will be issued to them, summarizing the tasks performed and providing an evaluation of the work done.

Please note that an internship at the Registry does not create any expectancy of future employment with the Court or with the United Nations.

In order to apply for an internship simply complete the [online application form](#) and submit it via the website. The application form must be accompanied by a letter of recommendation in electronic format including the contact details of the referee.

All applications will be given careful attention. However, owing to their large number, the Court will not reply to telephone, e-mail or fax enquiries. Should you receive no reaction from the Court within eight months, please consider that your candidacy has been rejected. You may, however, submit a new application.

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[International Criminal Court](#)

The International Criminal Court (ICC) is the first ever permanent, treaty based, international criminal court established to promote the rule of law and ensure that the gravest international crimes do not go unpunished. The Court is complementary to national criminal jurisdictions. The jurisdiction and functioning of the Court is governed by the provisions of the Rome Statute. The Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court was established on July 17, 1998, when 120 states participating in the “United Nations Diplomatic Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court” adopted the Statute. The Statute entered into force on July 1, 2002. Anyone who commits any of the crimes under the Statute after that date is liable for prosecution by the Court.



Internships and Visiting Professionals: The Court has available internships for periods of three to six months. Visiting professionals may work for one to three months. Positions are to be filled preferably by a national of a state party to the ICC Statute, or of a state which has signed and is engaged in the ratification process or which is engaged in the accession process. Nationals from non-state parties may also be considered. Interns must be under 35 years old; there is no age limit for visiting professionals. See the recruitment section of the Court’s website for extensive details on the application process at: <http://www.icc-cpi.int/Menus/ICC/Recruitment/Internships+and+Visiting+professionals/>

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[International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia](#)



The International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) is a United Nations court of law dealing with war crimes that took place during the conflicts in the Balkans in the 1990's. Since its establishment in 1993 it has irreversibly changed the landscape of international humanitarian law and provided victims an opportunity to voice the horrors they witnessed and experienced.

Internship: The ICTY offers unpaid internships, which last for three to six months, for law school graduates or those in the final stages of their graduate legal studies. Interns may assist the Registry, the Chambers, or the Office of the Prosecutor. Applicants should be sponsored and/or nominated by an educational institution, government body, or private organization, in conjunction with the application form. Applicants must be proficient in English and/or French, both written and oral, and knowledge of other languages, particularly Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, is an asset.

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[International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda](#)



The United Nations Security Council created the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) in late 1994 to help contribute to the process of national reconciliation in Rwanda and to help maintain peace in the region. The ICTR prosecutes persons responsible for genocide and other serious violations of international humanitarian law committed in the territory of Rwanda during the 1994 calendar year. It also has jurisdiction to prosecute Rwandan citizens responsible for genocide and other such violations of international law committed in the territory of neighboring nations during 1994.

The ICTR consists of three departments: the Chambers, the Office of the Prosecutor, and the Registry. The Chambers is comprised of three trial chambers and an appeals chamber. The Office of the Prosecutor has two sections: the Investigation Section, which is responsible for collecting evidence and the Prosecution Section, which is responsible for prosecuting all cases. The Registry provides overall administration and management of the Tribunal, performs certain legal functions, and is the Tribunal's channel of communication.

Opportunities: The International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda offers a two-to-six-month unpaid internship for graduate and post-graduate students. The internship program seeks to provide practical experience to the participants in their field of study, while providing necessary assistance to the offices

to which the intern is assigned. However, the program has no standard format. Each individual's internship is formed around the specific needs of the ICTR at the time.

Candidates must be endorsed by their educational institution and are expected to be at an early stage of their career, holders of public office, or expecting to hold public office. Candidates must state clearly and precisely their particular field of interest and/or submit a topic for a thesis or paper on international humanitarian law/human rights/international criminal law/comparative law/international law. Proficiency in English or French is required, and knowledge of Swahili or Kinyarwanda is helpful, though not necessary. Interested applicants should submit an application (available from the ICTR website), two references, their most recent university transcript, a cover letter explaining the applicant's interest in the internship, a sample of research/coursework relevant to the preferred assignment area (prepared in English or French), and an official endorsement by the university to the contact address above.

Accepted interns will be responsible for transportation and the necessary visas. They will also be responsible for housing, living expenses, daily transport to the ICTR office, and obtaining both regular and major medical health insurance. Interns seeking permanent employment must wait six months following the end of the internship to apply for permanent positions with the ICTR.

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[International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea](#)

The International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) is an independent international organization, which has been established under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. An international treaty adopted in 1982, the Convention defines the outer limits to which coastal states can claim jurisdiction over their adjacent waters, provides regulations for maritime issues of potential international dispute, and sets up the International Seabed Authority, which is devoted to organizing and controlling activities in the deep seabed. Five Special chambers do exist: The Chamber of Summary Procedure, the Chamber for Fisheries Disputes, the Chamber for Marine Environment Disputes, the Chamber for Maritime Delimitation Disputes and *Ad-hoc* Chambers.



The Tribunal is the central forum for the settlement of disputes arising between the 155 nations currently party to the Convention, including those regarding the delimitation of maritime zones, fishing, navigation, ocean pollution, as well as the prompt release, upon the deposit of a bond, of arrested vessels and their crews. In addition, the Tribunal's Seabed Disputes Chamber, which is composed of 11 judges selected from the 21 judges of the Tribunal, resolves disputes between member nations, the International Seabed Authority, companies, and private individuals regarding pollution of the deep

seabed.

Internship: The purposes of the internship programme of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea are to give the participants the opportunity to gain an understanding of the work and functions of the Tribunal and to enable the Tribunal and its Members to benefit from the assistance of persons with relevant knowledge and skills in areas within the scope of activities of the Tribunal.

Participants in the programme will be expected to be able to contribute to the work of the Tribunal in the fields of, *inter alia*, the law of the sea, public international law, international organizations and international relations, political science, public information, publications and library science, and translation.

Applicants should be enrolled in a degree-granting program and should speak English and/or French. To apply, complete the application form available on the [Tribunal's website](#) and submit it along with a resume, transcript, and, if available, a brief sample of relevant research work in English or French.

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[Special Tribunal for Lebanon](#)

On 13 December 2005, the Government of the Republic of Lebanon requested the United Nations to establish a tribunal of an international character to try all those who are alleged responsible for the attack of 14 February 2005 in Beirut resulting in the death of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafiq Hariri and in the death or injury of other persons. Pursuant to Security Council resolution 1664 (2006), the United Nations and the Lebanese Republic negotiated an agreement on the establishment of the Special Tribunal for Lebanon. Further to Security Council resolution 1757(2007) of 30 May 2007, the provisions of the document annexed to it and the Statute of the Special Tribunal thereto attached, entered into force on 10 June 2007.



Internship:

The STL offers internships to highly motivated students and young professionals with good academic qualifications who are in the final stages of education or in the early stages of their careers. The internship is a practical, educational experience whereby interns principally assist the staff of the STL in discharging their duties. Under supervision, interns are assigned projects and tasks that are relevant to their educational background and interests and provide them with the opportunity to put into practice and further develop their theoretical knowledge. The Programme will also afford interns the

opportunity to develop a more profound understanding of the STL and its mandate. The work will generally be comparable to the work of the upper general service category or junior professional level. Internships are offered for a period of between three and six months.

Academic qualifications:

All candidates must have a degree or be in the final stages of their studies. Candidates should have a very good record of academic performance and a demonstrated interest in the work of the STL.

- Applications to legal positions are welcome from individuals specialising in one or more of the following disciplines: national and international criminal law, public international law, international humanitarian law, human rights law, comparative law and criminology.
- Applications to positions that do not require legal training are welcome from individuals specialising in history, international relations, political science, journalism, translation and interpretation, information technology and communication, logistics, human resources management, social psychology, administrative sciences, forensic science, statistics or economics.
- Graduates of other disciplines may also be considered.

Practical experience

Since the internship is focused at candidates in the final stages of education or the early stages of their professional careers, practical experience is not an essential prerequisite for selection. However, practical experience that is relevant to the work of the STL may be considered an asset.

Application procedure:

All applicants to the Internship Programme are required to submit a completed application form and supporting documents as detailed below. Applications that are not submitted in accordance with these requirements shall be regarded as incomplete and may not be considered for the Programme.

- a. A completed Internship Application Form. Please indicate interest in one or more Organs (Chambers, Office of the Prosecutor, Registry, or Defense Office) and/or Sections within the Organ, in order of preference;
- b. A concise written statement presenting the candidate's reasons for seeking an internship placement, explaining how their interests and experience (academic and non-academic) meet the requirements of the Organ/Section selected on the application form and stating their expectations and the perceived benefits of the placement to their future career (maximum 400 words);
- c. Two (2) written references/letters of recommendation from referees familiar with the candidate's academic background, achievements and work (if the candidate has work experience), including at least one from an academic instructor. Referees should not be relatives of the candidates;
- d. Copies of university degrees and/or diplomas in their original language;
- e. Copies of official transcripts of courses taken during university studies;
- f. A recent, unedited writing sample (maximum two pages, single spaced, type written);
- g. Optionally, a recognized language certificate in English, French and/or Arabic.

Application deadline:

Applications for the Internship Programme may be submitted throughout the year. You are advised to apply **at least three months in advance** of your preferred internship period.

Submission of applications:

All applications, together with all required documentation, should be sent to the following e-mail address: stl-internship@un.org

European Court of Human Rights

The Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms was drawn up within the Council of Europe in 1950 and entered into force in 1953 in an effort to enforce the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948 within Europe. In addition to laying down a catalogue of civil and political rights and freedoms, the Convention laid the groundwork for the European Court of Human Rights to protect these rights and freedoms. Increased caseload led to the creation of a new European Court of Human Rights in 1998, which put into action an entirely new procedural protocol so as to hear grievances and try cases more efficiently.



The European Court of Human Rights is composed of the number of judges equal to that of the contracting nations which is currently 46. Judges are elected by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe for a term of six years and there is no restriction on the number of judges of the same nationality. Judges sit on the Court in their individual capacity and do not represent any nation. The Court is divided into five sections. In each section, there is a Committee of three judges who dispose of cases that are clearly inadmissible, and a Chamber of seven judges who determine admissibility and merits and rule by majority vote. A Grand Chamber of 17 judges hears cases that raise a serious question of interpretation or application of the Convention, or a serious issue of general importance.

Traineeships: The European Court of Human Rights offers three-month, unpaid traineeships to students who are nationals of one of the Council of Europe's member states. French is the primary language of the court, and a facility with French is necessary for trainees. Trainees are usually recent law school graduates and they may serve a member of the Court during one of three periods throughout the year: January–March, April–June, and September–December. To apply for a traineeship you must use the on-line application system and submit your application before the deadline September 15, 2010 (midnight Central European Time). Applications for 2011 can be found online at:

http://www.coe.int/t/e/human_resources/jobs/10_Traineeship_opportunities/

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[European Free Trade Agreement Court](#)

The European Free Trade Agreement (EFTA) Court fulfills the judicial function within the EFTA system, interpreting the Agreement on the European Economic Area (EEA)



with regard to the EFTA States party to the Agreement. At present those EFTA States are Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway. The aim of the EEA Agreement is to guarantee the free movement of persons, goods, services and capital to provide equal conditions of competition, and to abolish discrimination on grounds of nationality in all 30 EEA States, the 27 EU States and the 3 EFTA States.

The EFTA Court deals with infringement actions brought by the EFTA Surveillance Authority against an EFTA country regarding EEA rules. It settles disputes between EFTA countries. Thus, the jurisdiction of the Court over EFTA nations corresponds with the jurisdiction of the Court of Justice of the European Communities over EC states.

The EFTA Court offers stipends for up to 8 traineeship posts annually. The program targets in particular young professionals and advanced students at the final stages of their university education. The traineeship is for a duration of 2-4 months depending on the needs of the Court and the wishes of the successful candidate. As a main rule, traineeships will be offered within two periods:

- from 15 January to 15 April (deadline for applications: 15 November)
- from 15 September to 15 December (deadline for applications: 15 July)

The successful candidates will be appointed to one of three Judges' cabinet or to the Registry of the Court. The Cabinet/Registry will be responsible for providing the trainee with assignments.

When selecting trainees, the Court will have regard to the following factors:

- **Educational background and professional experience**
Applicants for a traineeship in the Judges' cabinets should either have a law degree or be in the final stages of completing a university degree in law (LLM or equivalent). Specialization in EU/EEA law is an asset. Applicants with a non-legal background will also be considered for a traineeship in the Court's Registry, in particular, political scientists or economists interested in the work and administration of an international court. Relevant professional experience is an asset for all posts.
- **Language skills**
Fluency in written and spoken English (the working language of the Court), is a prerequisite. Good working knowledge of the following languages is an asset: French, German, Icelandic, and Norwegian.
- **Nationality**
Between otherwise equally qualified candidates, preference will be given to candidates from the EEA/EFTA States i.e. Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Norway.

In their applications, applicants may specify whether they are primarily interested in being assigned to one of the Cabinets or to the Registry.

Please send your CV and an application letter to trainees@eftacourt.int.

Candidates shall enclose a certified transcript of their University records.

Financial compensation and other conditions

Trainees will receive a monthly stipend of 2.000 €.

Trainees cover their own accommodation costs, but the Court can be of assistance in finding appropriate accommodation at an affordable price (studios, rooms in apartments, etc.)

Full details on financial and other conditions will be supplied to the successful candidates.

For further information on the program, please see the [Rules on the EFTA Court Traineeship Programme](#) or contact the Court's Registry at eftacourt@eftacourt.int

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[Inter-American Court of Human Rights](#)

The Inter-American Court of Human Rights (IACHR) was created by the organization of American States (OAS) in 1979 as an autonomous judicial institution charged to apply and interpret the American Convention on Human Rights, a treaty drafted by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights in 1967 and adopted by the OAS in 1969. The Court has adjudicatory and advisory jurisdiction.



Internship and Visiting Professionals Program: The Internship and Visiting Professionals Program at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights offers students and professionals in the areas of law, international relations, political science, linguistics and translations an opportunity to gain a practical experience in the Inter-American System for the Protection of Human Rights.

Although candidates chosen do not receive remuneration, they have the opportunity to work directly with the lawyers of the Court's legal department and provide assistance with the work performed by the Court's Secretariat.

Given the large number of applications, the process is very competitive. To be selected as an intern or visiting professional provides one with the opportunity to be a part of high-level international judicial work and acquire particular knowledge about the Court's case law and international human rights.

Interns and visiting professionals are assigned to work within the Court's legal department, in accordance with the needs of the Tribunal, and, when possible, with the areas of interest of the intern and visiting professional. Given the amount of work and the complexity thereof, the tasks assigned will depend upon the experience and preparation of each person, taking into consideration their ability to respond and complete the tasks assigned in a timely and professional manner.

The work consists of, *inter alia*, researching human rights issues, writing reports, analyzing international human rights jurisprudence, assisting with the process of contentious cases, advisory opinions,

provisional measures and supervision of the compliance of the Court’s judgments, providing logistical assistance during public hearings and developing legal arguments for specific cases. Furthermore, interns and visiting professionals may also be required to conduct more intensive research about specific issues of law. The interns and professional interns must also participate in the daily activities of the Court, such as the review and translation of documents, and other administrative tasks.

If you would like to obtain more information about the Court’s internship and Visiting Professionals programs, please refer to the section on [frequently asked questions](#).

Important Dates

If you would like to obtain an internship during the months of:	You must apply before:	The people selected will be notified at the beginning of:
January to April	November 1st	to the middle of November
May to August	March 1st	to the middle of March
September to December	July 1st	to the middle of July

Requirements

Internship Program

1. Applicants must be students committed to the subject of human rights, who have at least completed their second year of university. Law students will be given priority, as legal assistance is the chief necessity of the Tribunal. However, applications from students in different areas related to the work of the Court will also be considered.
2. A minimum of 3 months of availability is required. Applications for internships longer than three months are highly valued.
3. The [on-line application](#) must be completed.

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[International Chamber of Commerce International Court of Arbitration](#)

The International Court of Arbitration (ICA) was created in 1923 as the arbitration body of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), a private organization established in 1919 that currently represents business enterprises and associations from over 130 countries. The ICC has established many of the voluntary rules that govern the conduct of business across international borders



and serves as the principal representative of global business interests to the United Nations.

Internship: The Amicable Dispute Resolution Secretariat of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) offers one internship from 15 November 2010 – 15 February 2011. The main tasks of the intern will be to assist with the organization and management of the 6th ICC International Commercial Mediation Competition which will take place from 4 – 9 February 2011.

The ICC is one of the leading institutions for the resolution of international business disputes. The International Court of Arbitration, established in 1923, is the arbitration body of the ICC and is the most known institution for international arbitration worldwide. Additionally, the ICC created other rules for the resolution of international business disputes, notably the rules for amicable dispute resolution procedures, which include mediation (ICC ADR Rules), the ICC Rules for Expertise and the ICC Dispute Board Rules. The ADR Secretariat of the ICC administers and supervises all cases filed under the ICC ADR Rules and gives assistance to parties or lawyers interested in the use of these Rules. Further, the ICC ADR Secretariat offers specialized trainings for mediators and companies interested in mediation.

Since 2006, ICC holds the annual International Commercial Mediation Competition which gives students from all around the world the possibility to test their problem-solving skills. ICC's Commercial Mediation Competition is one of a kind because it is the only international commercial mediation moot. In 2011, teams from no less than 50 universities, as well as over 100 international mediators will participate.

The interns will be involved in all works related to the organization and conduct of the competition, which includes publicity, scheduling, communicating with mediators and universities and event planning.

We expect

- enthusiasm for and knowledge of mediation and other forms of ADR
- interest to work in a truly international environment
- experience in organizing large scale events
- very good organizational skills
- very good communication skills
- good attitude towards teamwork
- ability to work under high pressure
- native English speaker or very close to equivalent preferably also French (any other language is a plus)
- excellent computer skills, especially very good knowledge of excel

We offer

- an internship in a truly international environment
- affiliation with and insight into the work of one of the leading dispute resolution organizations
- involvement in the only international mediation competition worldwide
- direct contact with the leading professionals in arbitration and ADR and universities in the field of mediation and ADR
- opportunity to meet and socialize with other interns from all around the world and to participate in a special internship program
- possibility to attend sessions of the International Court of Arbitration and learn about the work of the arbitration and ADR teams

The candidates must be university students or involved in other studies eligible for being recognized intern status under French law. The internships are not remunerated but the ICC can assist successful candidates with administrative matters.

Please send your application including your CV, a cover letter, as well as the names of at least two referees on or before 31 July 2010 by e-mail to [Hannah Tümpel \(click here\)](#)

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[Permenant Court of Arbitration](#)



GENERAL INFORMATION

The PCA's internship program provides law students and graduates with the opportunity to participate in the functioning of the International Bureau. Internships are offered to individuals with outstanding academic records seeking work experience at an international arbitration institution.

Interns are expected to participate to the greatest extent possible in the regular functioning of the organization. The PCA aims to offer a balance of legal and administrative assignments, enabling interns to gain insight into both the practical and legal aspects of international arbitration.

Interns benefit from the PCA's location in The Hague, the seat of several international tribunals and other intergovernmental organizations. Interns also have access to the renowned international law collection at the Peace Palace Library.

The internship program operates year-round on a cycle of four terms of three months each. The term schedule is as follows:

- Term 1 - January through March
- Term 2 - April through June
- Term 3 - July through September
- Term 4 - October through December

Internships generally begin on the first day of the month in which the term commences and conclude on the last day of month in which the term ends.

REQUIREMENTS

- Prospective applicants who have completed one year of a J.D. or LL.B. program may apply, provided that they have completed a four-year bachelor's degree. Law students who do not hold a bachelor's degree must be qualified to enter the final year of study at an accredited law school to be considered for the program. The program is open; however, to applicants whose qualifications exceed these minimum requirements (e.g., law degree holders, LL.M. and LL.D. candidates, practicing lawyers and other legal professionals, etc.).
- Applicants must be fluent in either French or English, the PCA's two working languages. Additional language skills are a strong advantage, especially Arabic, Chinese, Russian and Spanish.
- Non-native speakers of English and/or French must present proof of proficiency in one of these languages. See the "Proof of Proficiency in a PCA Working Language" section below for details.
- Though not strictly required, specialization in International Dispute Resolution, Public International Law or International Environmental Law would be an asset.

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[Special Court for Sierra Leone](#)

The Special Court for Sierra Leone was set up jointly by the Government of Sierra Leone and the United Nations. It is mandated to try those who bear the greatest responsibility for serious violations of international humanitarian law and Sierra Leonean Law committed in the territory of Sierra Leone since 30 November 1996.



Thirteen indictments were issued by the Prosecutor in 2003. Two of those indictments were subsequently withdrawn in December 2003 due to the deaths of the accused.

The trials of three former leaders of the Armed Forces Revolutionary Council (AFRC), of two members of the Civil Defense Forces (CDF) and of three former leaders of the Revolutionary United Front (RUF) have been completed, including appeals. The trial of former Liberian President Charles Taylor is in the Defense phase at The Hague.

Internship Opportunities:

In light of the high level of interest in the Court's work amongst students and newly qualified legal practitioners, the internship programme will provide unique opportunities to work with the Court and

contribute to its development.

Interns will be working for a criminal court established by an Agreement between the United Nations and the Government of Sierra Leone, responsible for trying those accused of crimes against humanity, violations of Article 3 common to the Geneva Conventions and of Additional Protocol II, other serious violations of international humanitarian law and crimes under Sierra Leonean Law.

Interns in the Registry Legal Office, the Office of the Prosecutor, the Office of the Principal Defender and Chambers must have a first level degree qualification, preferably in law and must pass the Bar. Study in the area of international humanitarian law will be considered as an advantage.

All interns must be proficient in English both written and spoken. Knowledge of local languages will be an advantage in applying for the programme.

All internships will be for a period of 3 months (maximum 6). No extension will be granted after the maximum period. Internships for less than 6 months will only be allowed in circumstances agreed between the Programme Coordinator and the Head of Section requesting the intern(s).

How to Apply:

Please complete the [application form](#) in full and return to the Special Court Personnel section, clearly marked 'INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME' to the address overleaf. You will be required to rank in order of preference the three offices in which you would like to work as an intern.

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