

## **ILHR FELLOWSHIP HOST ORGANIZATIONS 2017-2018**

### **Africa (Sub-Saharan)**

- Defence for Children International (Freetown, Sierra Leone or Monrovia, Liberia)
- Human Rights Network for Journalists-Uganda (Kampala, Uganda)
- Legal Assistance Centre (Windhoek, Namibia)
- Southern Africa Litigation Centre (Johannesburg, South Africa)
- UN Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunal – ICTR (Arusha, Tanzania)

### **Americas**

- Center for Economic and Social Rights (New York, NY)
- Center for Justice and International Law –Mesoamerica (San José, Costa Rica)
- Center for Legal and Social Studies (Buenos Aires, Argentina)
- Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (Washington, DC)
- International Center for Transitional Justice (Bogotá, Colombia)
- Reprieve-US (New York, NY or Washington, DC)
- UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations–Justice and Corrections Service (New York, NY)

### **Asia-Pacific**

- Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (Dhaka, Bangladesh)
- Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (Office of the Co-Prosecutors), (Phnom Penh, Cambodia)
- Human Rights Law Network (New Delhi, India)
- International Women’s Rights Action Watch-Asia Pacific (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia)
- South Asia Centre for Legal Studies (Colombo, Sri Lanka)

### **Europe**

- European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights (Berlin, Germany)
- European Roma Rights Centre (Budapest, Hungary)
- Reprieve-UK (London, United Kingdom)
- UN International Law Commission (Geneva, Switzerland)
- UN Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunal – ICTY (The Hague, Netherlands)
- UN Special Tribunal for Lebanon (The Hague, Netherlands)

### **Middle East and North Africa**

- Al-Haq (Ramallah, West Bank)
- UN High Commissioner for Refugees-Jordan (Amman, Jordan)
- UN High Commissioner for Refugees-Lebanon (Beirut, Lebanon)

*A brief introduction to each host organization follows. Students should seek additional information from the websites noted, as well as from [internship reports](#) available on PILC's website and [blog entries](#) on CHRGGJ's website. Where known, we have noted organizations that have confirmed they would accept a fall placement for LLMs. Where no information regarding timing is referenced, it is because the organization has not specified; in those cases, a fall placement may be possible but is not guaranteed.*

## **AFRICA (SUB-SAHARAN)**

### **Defence for Children International–Sierra Leone (DCI-SL)**

**Location:** Freetown, Sierra Leone\*

*\*There may also be a possible placement in DCI's Liberia office in Monrovia.*

**Duration:** 10 weeks

**Description:** DCI-SL is the Sierra Leonean chapter of the worldwide movement of Defence for Children International ([defenceforchildren.org](http://defenceforchildren.org)) and also the representative of ECPAT International in Sierra Leone. DCI-SL is a local, grassroots NGO that was founded in 1998 during the country's civil war, at a time when the rights of many children were gravely violated. The organization seeks to ensure justice for children, particularly by providing direct socio-legal assistance to children in conflict and in contact with the law, through legal education, aid and representation, psychosocial counseling, mediation, and family tracing and reunification. Moreover, through effective advocacy initiatives and strategic partnerships, DCI-SL actively contributes to the strengthening of the overall child protection and welfare system in Sierra Leone. In addition, while child justice is a top priority, DCI-SL also implements projects on education in rural junior secondary schools aimed at increasing learning outcomes of students; a sub-regional program on child trafficking and children on the move in the Mano River Union; and the Girls Advocacy Alliance program, focused on ending gender-based violence and on empowering girls and young women to enhance their economic inclusion. See [dcisierraleone.org](http://dcisierraleone.org). For information on the Liberia office, see <https://defenceforchildren.org/dci-liberia/>.

**Fellow Qualifications:** For the Sierra Leone placement, knowledge of French will add value but is not required. English is the main working language of DCI-Sierra Leone and DCI-Liberia.

### **Human Rights Network for Journalists–Uganda (HRNJ-Uganda)**

**Location:** Kampala, Uganda

**Duration:** 10 weeks

**Description:** HRNJ-Uganda was established in 2005 by a group of human rights-minded journalists amidst a deteriorating context of violations targeting the media. Its mission is to enhance the promotion, protection and respect of human rights through defending and building capacities of journalists to effectively exercise their constitutional rights and fundamental freedoms for collective campaigning through the media. Its Legal Defense and Support Program offers free legal services to journalists at risk and undertakes different forms of legal defense through internal and external legal teams, primarily to protect journalists from harassment, unlawful arrest and detention, and intimidation. See [hrnjuganda.org](http://hrnjuganda.org).

**Fellow Qualifications:** Ideal candidates will have a demonstrated interest in freedom of expression and media rights.

### **Legal Assistance Centre (LAC)**

**Location:** Windhoek, Namibia

**Duration:** 10 weeks

**Description:** Established in 1988, LAC is a public interest human rights law firm that engages in litigation, the provision of legal information and advice, education and training, research, and law reform and advocacy. Its core issue areas are Land, Environment, and Development (LEAD); Gender Equality; HIV/AIDS; and constitutionally-protected human rights such as education, health, citizenship, and the right not to be ill-treated, and the rights of immigrants. The Fellow will work primarily with LEAD project staff advising and advocating for rural communities on inheritance, conservancies, illegal fencing, environmental issues and issues affecting particularly disadvantaged groups such as the Himba and the San. The Fellow may also have the opportunity to work with the Gender Research and Advocacy project on issues such as rape, domestic violence, sexual harassment in the workplace, inheritance, marriage, divorce and maintenance. See [lac.org.na](http://lac.org.na).

### **Southern Africa Litigation Centre (SALC)**

**Location:** Johannesburg, South Africa

**Duration:** 10 weeks (Summer or Fall)

**Description:** SALC was established in 2005 to promote human rights and the rule of law primarily through litigation support and training in southern Africa, including Angola, Botswana, Democratic Republic of Congo, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe. SALC has seven programmatic areas: disability rights, LGBT/sex worker rights, health rights, international criminal justice, freedom of expression, regional advocacy, and sexual and reproductive rights. See [southernafricalitigationcentre.org](http://southernafricalitigationcentre.org).

**Fellow Qualifications:** Language skills in Portuguese or French are highly desired, but not a prerequisite.

### **UN Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals – International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (MICT-ICTR)**

**Location:** Arusha, Tanzania

**Duration:** 12 weeks

**Description:** The Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals (the MICT) was established by the UN Security Council in 2010 to carry out a number of essential functions of the International Criminal Tribunal for the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) and the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) after the completion of their respective mandates. The establishment of the Mechanism was a key step of the Completion Strategies of the two Tribunals. It is a relatively new, small, temporary and efficient body, tasked with continuing the “jurisdiction, rights and obligations and essential functions” (UNSC Resolution 1966) of the ICTR and the ICTY; and maintaining the legacy of both institutions. The MICT-ICTR placement would be in Arusha with the President’s Office or with Chambers, depending on the organization’s needs and availability.

**Fellow Qualifications:** Proficiency in English or French, both written and oral, is required. Knowledge of other languages, particularly Kinyarwanda or Swahili, is an asset.

## **AMERICAS**

### **Center for Economic and Social Rights (CESR)**

**Location:** New York, NY

**Duration:** 10 weeks (Summer or Fall)

**Description:** CESR is an international non-governmental organization working to advance human rights as a tool for promoting social justice and human dignity. Established in 1993, CESR was the first international human rights organization to focus specifically on economic, social and cultural rights, such as the rights to housing, education, and access to health care. It has made a significant impact in promoting recognition and understanding of these rights and seeking remedies for specific violations in different contexts, working in the Americas, Africa, Europe, and Asia. CESR carries out rigorous analysis of socio-economic policy trends affecting human rights, from austerity measures to tax abuse, using interdisciplinary methods spanning the fields of law, economics and social sciences. Fellows will contribute substantively to the Center's work in one or more of program areas: human rights and economic policy, rights claiming and accountability, and human rights in sustainable development. They will carry out research that analyzes trends in global policy and documents deprivations of economic and social rights in the context of specific countries, deploying social science and statistical methods alongside traditional techniques of human rights reporting, such as legal analysis and narrative testimony. Fellows may also be involved in preparing policy briefs, reports, and advocacy materials to present to institutions at the national, regional and inter-governmental levels. See [cesr.org](http://cesr.org).

**Fellow Qualifications:** Ideal candidates will have knowledge of human rights and how it relates to development, social and economic policy; experience in legal analysis and research involving quantitative and qualitative information; and strong English-language writing and communication skills. Spanish, Arabic, French, or other language skills desirable but not required.

### **Center for Justice and International Law-Mesoamerica (CEJIL)**

**Location:** San José, Costa Rica

**Duration:** 12 weeks (Summer or Fall)

**Description:** Established in 1991, CEJIL seeks to contribute to the full enjoyment of human rights in the Americas through the effective use of the tools of the inter-American system and international human rights law. Its primary objectives are to respond to human rights violations committed or tolerated by state agents; to reduce inequality and exclusion in the region; to strengthen democracy and the rule of law with a focus on justice systems, civil society and other key actors; and to increase the effectiveness of the decisions of bodies in the inter-American system and promote equal access to the system's mechanisms. The fellowship will be in CEJIL's Mesoamerica office working with cases related to Central America and Mexico. The office is located in Costa Rica, where the Inter-American Court of Human Rights is based. See [cejil.org](http://cejil.org).

**Fellow Qualifications:** Fluent or very strong proficiency in Spanish (reading, writing, and speaking) is required.

### **Center for Legal and Social Studies (CELS)**

**Location:** Buenos Aires, Argentina

**Duration:** 10 weeks, 12 weeks is preferred

**Description:** CELS is a non-governmental organization that has been working since 1979 to promote and protect human rights, and to strengthen democratic systems in Argentina. Established in the midst of a military dictatorship, it responded to the urgent need to take quick and decisive action to stop gross and systematic human rights violations, document state terrorism, and provide legal aid and assistance to victims' families. After almost 40 years CELS has consolidated itself as a national human rights organization with a regional perspective and a global voice capable of concrete changes that advance social justice and reduce impunity and inequality in Argentina, Latin America and beyond. CELS maximizes a virtuous circle between the national and international spheres: taking learning and political capital from our work in Argentina—such as historic trials for crimes against humanity or work on migration policies—to impact agendas in fora around the world. Today, its main areas of focus are: Security Policies, Violence and Criminal Justice; Development and Social Inclusion; and Memory, Truth and Justice. CELS also works on Migrants' Rights; Labor Markets; Judicial Systems and Human Rights Institutions, Mental Health and Freedom of Expression. See [cels.org.ar](http://cels.org.ar).

**Fellow Qualifications:** Strong Spanish proficiency is required.

### **Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR)**

**Location:** Washington, DC

**Duration:** 10 weeks (Summer)

**Description:** The IACHR is an autonomous organ of the Organization of American States; its mandate is in the OAS Charter and the American Convention on Human Rights. It is one of two bodies in the inter-American system for the promotion and protection of human rights, the other being the Inter-American Court of Human Rights located in San José, Costa Rica. The Commission has seven members who act independently of any particular government. To carry out its mandate, the Commission : acts as a quasi-judicial body by receiving, analyzing and investigating individual petitions alleging human rights violations; monitors the human rights situation in member States and publishes reports as appropriate; carries out field visits to countries; requests States to adopt injunctive "precautionary measures" to avoid serious and irreparable harm to human rights in urgent cases and submits cases to the Inter-American Court and appears before the Court in litigation. See [cidh.oas.org](http://cidh.oas.org).

**Fellow Qualifications:** A minimum grade point average of 3.0 out of 4.0 and fluency in two of the four official languages of the OAS (Spanish, French, English and Portuguese) are required. Although Spanish is not required, some level of Spanish proficiency is strongly recommended, as most working meetings are conducted in Spanish.

**International Center for Transitional Justice–Colombia (ICTJ–Colombia)**

**Location:** Bogotá, Colombia

**Duration:** 10 weeks (Summer or Fall)

**Description:** ICTJ assists countries pursuing accountability for past mass atrocity or human rights abuse through the development of integrated, comprehensive, and localized approaches to transitional justice comprising five key elements: prosecuting perpetrators, documenting and acknowledging violations through non-judicial means such as truth commissions, reforming abusive institutions, providing reparations to victims, and facilitating reconciliation processes. ICTJ has worked in Colombia since 2003. ICTJ will continue its work to assist Colombia to implement the recent and historic peace agreement and other transitional justice policies in ways that guarantee victims' rights and contribute to building a just society. See [ictj.org](http://ictj.org).

**Fellow Qualifications:** A working knowledge of Spanish is required and is crucial for integrating into the work team and enabling greater engagement with ICTJ–Colombia stakeholders. Intermediate to high level Spanish proficiency is preferred.

**Reprieve-US**

**Location:** New York, NY or Washington, D.C.

**Duration:** 10 weeks (Summer or Fall)

**Description:** Reprieve US is a recently founded, upstart office with a small staff of four that works in partnership with the 37 staff members working out of Reprieve UK, an international human rights organization based in London founded in 1999 by British human rights lawyer, Clive Stafford Smith. Reprieve US focuses on cases that help reshape US policy debate in line with international human rights. Their clients are on death row, in Guantánamo Bay, in secret detention or they are the civilian victims of unlawful drone killing. Both Reprieve offices pursue strategic initiatives to end extreme human rights abuses by making it legally, financially and practically difficult for governments to carry out these abuses, through a combination of investigation, litigation, and press and public scrutiny. For the past two decades, Reprieve has also used a fellowship model to support and work with human rights defenders and their organizations in some of the most challenging and varied jurisdictions in the world – from Indonesia to Pakistan, Yemen, Malawi and the American Deep South. ILHR Fellows would work in one of Reprieve's three focus areas: death penalty, secret prisons, or assassinations. See [reprieve.org](http://reprieve.org).

**Fellow Qualifications:** LL.M.s will be given priority consideration. Ideal candidates are committed to the organization's mission and have strong research and drafting skills.

## **UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO)–Justice and Corrections Service (JCS)**

**Location:** New York, United States

**Duration:** 12 weeks (Summer or Fall)

**Description:** Justice and corrections experts are deployed the world over in UN peacekeeping operations and special political missions to restore and stabilize justice and corrections systems affected by conflict. JCS supports these experts in the field in a wide variety of ways. These include: planning justice and corrections aspects of peacekeeping operations; advising and assisting justice and corrections field personnel as they work to re-establish the criminal justice chain in cooperation with national and UN police; developing guidance and training materials; delivering training programs; and strengthening partnerships and program delivery with other rule of law actors. The justice component of JCS's work includes: assisting national authorities in the restoration of criminal justice systems to hold perpetrators of crimes to account; laying the foundations for longer-term institutional reform; assisting in the development of national justice strategies; and establishing linkages between informal and customary justice systems and the formal justice system. The corrections component of JCS's work includes: assisting national authorities to improve prison-related legislation, policies and protocols; supporting national prison authorities on operational and security protocols; delivering training; and improving compliance with international standards on the treatment of prisoners. See [un.org/en/peacekeeping/issues/ruleoflaw/](http://un.org/en/peacekeeping/issues/ruleoflaw/).

**Fellow Qualifications:** Applicants should have grounding in international criminal law as well as strong analytics and English drafting skills.

## **ASIA-PACIFIC**

### **Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST)**

**Location:** Dhaka, Bangladesh

**Duration:** 10 weeks (Summer or Fall)

**Description:** Established in 1993, BLAST's primary mission is to make the legal system accessible to the poor and marginalized. It is one of the leading legal services organizations in Bangladesh, and the only one that provides access to legal aid across the spectrum, from the frontlines of the formal justice system to the apex court. It prioritizes support to women, men and children living in poverty or facing disadvantage or discrimination. BLAST provides legal aid, advice and representation across a range of areas, including civil, criminal, family, labor and land law, as well as on constitutional rights and remedies, providing access to judicial remedies alongside alternative dispute resolution wherever appropriate. It is extensively involved with public interest litigation and advocacy work, and conducts investigations into human rights infringements. See [blast.org.bd](http://blast.org.bd).

### **Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC), Office of the Co-Prosecutors**

**Location:** Phnom Penh, Cambodia

**Duration:** 12 weeks (Summer or Fall)

**Description:** In 2001 the Cambodian National Assembly created the ECCC to try serious crimes committed during the Khmer Rouge regime 1975-1979. Cambodia invited international participation due to the weakness of the Cambodian legal system and the international nature of the crimes. An agreement with the UN was reached in 2003; in 2006 the national and international judicial officials of the ECCC were sworn in; and in 2007, they unanimously adopted the Internal Rules of the court. The first charges were filed in July 2007. The Office of the Co-Prosecutors (OCP) is an independent office within the ECCC. Its role is to prosecute senior leaders of the Khmer Rouge and others most responsible for the crimes committed during the period of Democratic Kampuchea. It conducts preliminary investigations, prosecutes cases throughout the investigative, pre-trial, trial and appellate stages, processes victim complaints, and participates in judicial investigations. The OCP is co-headed by a Cambodian and an international Co-Prosecutor. See [eccc.gov.kh](http://eccc.gov.kh).

### **Human Rights Law Network (HRLN)**

**Location:** New Delhi, India

**Duration:** 10 weeks (Summer or Fall)

**Description:** HRLN is a collective of lawyers and social activists dedicated to the use of the legal system to advance human rights in India and the sub-continent. It collaborates with human rights groups and grass-roots development and social movements to enforce the rights of poor marginalized people and to challenge oppression, exploitation and discrimination against any group or individual on the grounds of caste, gender, disability, age, religion, language, ethnic group, sexual orientation, and health, economic or social status. Among its activities, HRLN provides pro bono legal services, conducts public interest litigation, engages in advocacy, conducts legal awareness programs and investigates violations. See [hrln.org](http://hrln.org).

### **International Women's Rights Action Watch-Asia Pacific (IWRAP-AP)**

**Location:** Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

**Duration:** 10 weeks (Summer or Fall)

**Description:** IWRAP-AP is an international women's human rights organization. Since 1993 it has worked to contribute to the progressive interpretation and realization of the human rights of women through the lens of the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and other international human rights treaties. It continues to work on improving understanding of CEDAW as an instrument that adds concrete significance to the concepts of substantive equality, non-discrimination, and the relevance of treaty law to improving national level action plans geared towards social justice, women's equality and empowerment of marginalized groups. It also continues to promote the domestic implementation of international human rights standards by building the capacity of women and human rights advocates to claim and realize women's human rights. IWRAP Asia Pacific is the main NGO tasked by the CEDAW Committee and the OHCHR to coordinate NGOs seeking to engage with the Committee during the review process. Accepted fellows are invited to accompany IWRAP-AP on mission when a delegation goes to Geneva for the From Global to

Local Programme which assists NGOs during the CEDAW review. See [iwraw-ap.org](http://iwraw-ap.org).

**Fellow Qualifications:** A demonstrated interest in women's rights is required.

### **South Asia Centre for Legal Studies (SACLS)**

**Location:** Colombo, Sri Lanka

**Duration:** 10 weeks

**Description:** SACLS was founded in 2013 with the specific goal of pursuing remedies – truth, justice and reparations – for victims of grave violations of international human rights law and international humanitarian law in Sri Lanka. It is the first local civil society initiative dedicated to this purpose. It began working on these issues at a time when the space and opportunity to advance transitional justice issues was extremely limited, but it did so because it believed that Sri Lanka must at some point come to terms with the legacy of its brutal past. Among its activities are policy advocacy, taking a leading role in the civil society efforts to press for a truth commission and reform of laws related to prosecution of human rights violators and the protection of victims and witnesses. In addition, it has undertaken documentation, reporting and advocacy to international organizations including the UN Human Rights Council and its mandated OHCHR Investigation on Sri Lanka (OISL), the report of which was issued in September 2015 (A/HRC/30/CRP.2). In recognition of the importance of public support for concrete efforts towards truth and justice, it has also undertaken public advocacy including a [Tamil-language film about transitional justice](#). While young, SACLS is well-placed to contribute to shaping the growing desire for transitional justice in Sri Lanka. See [sacls.org](http://sacls.org).

**Fellow Qualifications:** Proficiency in legal research and written English is important, as many of the organization's outputs are written reports. Experience in documentation and litigation is helpful, but not required for the position.

## **EUROPE**

### **European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights (ECCHR)**

**Location:** Berlin, Germany

**Duration:** 10 weeks (Summer or Fall)

**Description:** Founded in 2007, the ECCHR is an independent, non-profit legal and educational organization dedicated to protecting civil and human rights throughout Europe. It aims to protect and enforce the rights guaranteed by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, as well as other declarations of human rights and national constitutions, by juridical means. ECCHR engages in innovative strategic litigation, using European, international, and national law to enforce human rights and to hold state and non-state actors accountable for egregious abuses, with a focus on cases with the greatest likelihood of setting precedents and advancing policies that strengthen the legal framework for global human rights accountability. It actively litigates cases, but also researches, investigates, and helps to coordinate the development strategies of legal advocacy around cases. See [ecchr.de](http://ecchr.de).

**Fellow Qualifications:** Successful candidates will have some background in international human rights law. Additional languages are a plus, but German proficiency is not at all required. If

interested in the Business and Human Rights department, knowledge of soft law mechanisms and the Guiding Principles are important.

### **European Roma Rights Centre (ERRC)**

**Location:** Budapest, Hungary

**Duration:** 10 weeks (Summer or Fall)

**Description:** The ERRC is a Roma-led international NGO bringing cutting-edge litigation in national courts, the European Court of Human Rights, and other international bodies to combat human rights violations against Roma. The ERRC also engages in advocacy, communications, evidence-gathering, and other work. Fellows will help carry out legal research to take these cases. Since its establishment in 1996, the ERRC has sought to provide Roma with the tools necessary to combat discrimination and achieve equal access to justice, education, housing, health care and public services. Interns also help prepare English-language documents for litigation and publication. Headquartered in Budapest, the work is currently focused on Central and Eastern Europe and South East Europe. See [errc.org](http://errc.org).

**Fellow Qualifications:** Knowledge of these languages is not required but would enhance the experience: Albanian, Bulgarian, Czech, French, Hungarian, Italian, Macedonian, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Slovak, Turkish, or Ukrainian.

### **Reprieve-UK**

**Location:** London, United Kingdom

**Duration:** 10 weeks (Summer or Fall)

**Description:** Reprieve is an international human rights organization based in London that works with partner organizations in the USA and around the world. Founded in 1999 by British human rights lawyer, Clive Stafford Smith, Reprieve provides free legal and investigative support to some of the world's most vulnerable people: those who face execution, detention in secret prisons, or state-sanctioned assassinations. We pursue strategic initiatives to end extreme human rights abuses by making it legally, financially and practically difficult for governments to carry out these abuses, through a combination of investigation, litigation, and press and public scrutiny. For the past two decades, Reprieve has used a fellowship model to support and work with human rights defenders and their organizations in some of the most challenging and varied jurisdictions in the world – from Indonesia to Pakistan, Yemen, Malawi and the American Deep South. Reprieve's fellowship program gives fellows the opportunity to be directly involved in ground-breaking human rights work. ILHR Fellows would work in one of Reprieve's three focus areas: death penalty, secret prisons, or assassinations. See [reprieve.org.uk](http://reprieve.org.uk).

**Fellow Qualifications:** Ideal candidates are committed to the organization's mission and have strong research and drafting skills.

### **UN International Law Commission (ILC)**

**Location:** Geneva, Switzerland

**Duration:** early May through mid-August

**Number of placements:** 7 (3-LLMS, 4-JDS)

**Description:** The International Law Commission is the legal codification arm of the United Nations. It meets every summer in Geneva to consider proposals for treaties, declarations of

principles and other codifications or elaborations of norms previously only the subject of customary international law. Examples of the issues debated by the Commission in the past include the establishment of a permanent international criminal court, and the formulation of the law on state responsibility. Current topics are: protection of persons in the event of disasters; immunity of state officials from foreign criminal jurisdiction; subsequent agreements and subsequent practice in relation to the interpretation of treaties; most-favored-nation clause; provisional application of treaties; identification of customary international law; protection of the environment in relation to armed conflicts; protection of the atmosphere; crimes against humanity; and *Jus Cogens*. Members of the Commission are prominent experts in public international law and are elected by the UN General Assembly in their individual capacities. Each student fellow is assigned to work with a particular Commission member. This internship is cerebral and scholarly, not action packed -- students typically undertake work assigned by Commission members, attend ILC meetings, conduct research, and assist in the preparation of major papers. The Commission session begins in early May, so students must travel to Geneva as soon as possible after exams and return in mid-August. See [un.org/law/ilc/](http://un.org/law/ilc/).

### **UN Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals– International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (MICT-ICTY)**

**Location:** The Hague, Netherlands

**Duration:** 12 weeks

**Description:** The Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals (the MICT) was established by the UN Security Council in 2010 to carry out a number of essential functions of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) after the completion of their respective mandates. The establishment of the Mechanism was a key step of the Completion Strategies of the two Tribunals. It is a relatively new, small, temporary and efficient body, tasked with continuing the “jurisdiction, rights and obligations and essential functions” (UNSC Resolution 1966) of the ICTR and the ICTY; and maintaining the legacy of both institutions. The Mechanism performs a number of essential functions previously carried out by the ICTY, including conducting and completing all appellate proceedings for which the notice of appeal against the judgement or sentence is filed after the start date of the respective branch; and retrials of ICTY indictees ordered by the Appeals Chamber six or fewer months before the start date of the ICTY branch of the MICT on July 1, 2013. The Mechanism also responds to requests for assistance from national authorities, not restricted to Rwanda and the former Yugoslavia, in relation to national investigations, prosecutions and trials. The MICT-ICTY placement would be either with the President’s Office or Chambers, depending on the organization’s needs and availability. See [unmict.org](http://unmict.org).

**Fellow Qualifications:** Proficiency in English or French, both written and oral, is required. Knowledge of other languages, particularly Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian is an asset.

### **UN Special Tribunal for Lebanon (STL)**

**Location:** The Hague, Netherlands

**Duration:** 12 weeks (Summer or Fall)

**Description:** Created in 2006 by the UN Security Council and through a subsequent agreement between the UN and the government of Lebanon, the STL became a functioning tribunal in 2009. Its primary mandate is to prosecute persons responsible for the attack of February 14, 2005 resulting in the death of former Prime Minister Rafiq Hariri. The STL Statute calls for the application of the Lebanese Criminal Code in its work, but standards of justice, including principles of due process, are to be based on international standards of criminal justice as applied in other international tribunals. It has four organs: Chambers, Office of the Prosecutor, Defence Office and Registry. See [stl-tsl.org](http://stl-tsl.org).

**Fellow Qualifications:** The STL has three official languages (English, French and Arabic) and two working languages (English and French). Knowledge of either French or Arabic will enhance the Fellow's experience. Applicants should have excellent legal drafting skills.

## **MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA**

### **Al-Haq**

**Location:** Ramallah, Palestine

**Duration:** 10 weeks

**Description:** Al-Haq is an independent Palestinian human rights organization founded in 1979 to protect and promote human rights and the rule of law in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT). It documents violations of the individual and collective rights of Palestinians in the OPT, irrespective of the identity of the perpetrator, and seeks to end such breaches by way of advocacy before national and international mechanisms and by holding violators accountable. Al-Haq also cooperates with Palestinian civil society organizations and governmental institutions in order to ensure that international human rights standards are reflected in Palestinian law and policies. It is the West Bank affiliate of the International Commission of Jurists. See [alhaq.org](http://alhaq.org).

**Fellow Qualifications:** While not a prerequisite, knowledge of Arabic will enhance the experience.

### **UN High Commissioner for Refugees - Jordan (UNHCR-Jordan)**

**Location:** Amman, Jordan

**Duration:** 10 weeks

**Description:** UNHCR was established in 1950 by the UN General Assembly. It is mandated to lead and co-ordinate international action to protect refugees and resolve refugee problems worldwide. Its primary purpose is to safeguard the rights and well-being of refugees. It strives to ensure that everyone can exercise the right to seek asylum and find safe refuge in another State, with the option to return home voluntarily, integrate locally or to resettle in a third country. Today, UNHCR is one of the world's principal humanitarian agencies, its staff of nearly 9,300 personnel helping nearly 43 million people in 123 countries. Work at the UNCHR Jordan Field Office focuses on Syrian refugees. See [unhcr.org](http://unhcr.org).

**Fellow Qualifications:** Arabic speaking proficiency is strongly preferred, although not required.

**UN High Commissioner for Refugees - Lebanon (UNHCR-Lebanon)**

**Location:** Beirut, Lebanon

**Duration:** 12 weeks

**Option for Fall Placement:**

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**Fellow Qualifications:** Arabic speaking proficiency is strongly preferred, but is not a requirement for application.