

International Court of Justice Judicial Fellows Program

2021-2022 International Court of Justice Clerkship

The International Court of Justice offers a recent law school graduates the opportunity to clerk for ten months at the Court, as part of its Judicial Fellows Program.

The program was established in 1999 to enable recent law graduates to improve their understanding of international law and of the Court procedures through their engagement in the work of the Court. Each fellow is assigned to a particular judge and will attend public hearings of the Court, research and write memoranda on legal questions or factual aspects of pending cases and contribute to other judicial tasks.

Cornell students and alumni are invited to submit their applications to Cornell's Public Service Office at aoa28@cornell.edu by **Friday, January 15, 2021**. Please title your email "2021 ICJ Application -[LastName, FirstName]". The Law School's Public Service Committee, with input from its International Committee, will select one or more nominees, whose application or applications will be forwarded to the International Court of Justice in mid-February for further consideration.

The ICJ will select a few outstanding nominees from participating schools, no more than one from each school, to participate in this program. There is no guarantee in any given year that the ICJ will select a student from Cornell Law School. The Court is expected to make its final decisions by March or April 2021.

Cornell students who are selected by the ICJ will receive an award of \$40,000 from the Law School to cover health insurance, travel, and other living costs related to their participation in the Judicial Fellows Program.

Eligible Applicants

- Cornell J.D., LL.M., and J.S.D. students and recent graduates.
- Candidates should be 31 years of age or younger at the time that the program begins. This requirement may be waived in special circumstances.

Desired Qualifications

- Excellent academic record, including excellence in the field of public international law.
- Demonstrated research and writing skills.
- Thorough command of English or French. A good working knowledge of the second official language is an asset.

Application Requirements:

To apply, eligible applicants must submit the following items to the Office of Public Service by **Friday, January 15, 2021**:

- A letter of application to the International Court of Justice. The letter should include a statement of interest and highlight the applicant's background and reasons for seeking the fellowship. It should be addressed to: Jean-Pelé Fomété, Deputy-Registrar of the International Court of Justice, Peace Palace, 2517 KJ The Hague, The Netherlands.
- Completed ICJ Fellows Program Application Forms below
<https://www.icj-cij.org/public/files/judicial-fellowship-programme/personal-history-form-en.dotx> <https://www.icj-cij.org/public/files/judicial-fellowship-programme/summary-table-en.dotx>
- A description of the applicant's level of proficiency in French and background and experience in speaking, writing, and reading French (French language skills are an asset but not a requirement).
- Resume Official Law School transcript. If you have engaged in law study at another institution, please submit those transcripts as well.
- Two or three recommendation letters, preferably from individuals who can speak to the applicant's experience and abilities in the field of international law. At least one letter must be from a member of the Cornell Law faculty. Your recommenders may send their letter directly to aoa28@cornell.edu, but it should be addressed to: Jean-Pelé Fomété, Deputy-Registrar of the International Court of Justice, Peace Palace, 2517 KJ The Hague, The Netherlands.
- Writing sample of no more than 15 pages in length. Applicants are encouraged to submit work that has been submitted for publication or other work of publishable quality.