International Court of Justice Fellowship

Due Date to Cornell Law School: December 14th 2026

Eligibility:

This fellowship is open to JD, LLM, and JSD students graduating in May 2027, as well as prior JD and LLM and JSD graduates. To be eligible, candidates should be 31 years of age or younger at the time the program begins. This requirement may be waived only in special circumstances. In making its selection, the Court seeks candidates of diverse nationalities. Applicants must have excellent proficiency in one of the Court's official languages (French or English) and a very good working knowledge of the other is considered an asset. Candidates must demonstrate excellent results in their legal studies, and an interest in public international law through their studies, publications and/or work experience.

Application Details

The following documents are required:

1. Application form and summary table, to be filled in by the candidate. (links below)
2. Two or three letters of reference.
3. Official academic record of the candidate.
4. A writing sample of no more than 15 pages.
5. This is a two step process - First you must earn an endorsement from the Review Committee here at the Law School and they will then submit endorsed candidates to the Fellowship Program for consideration.

Links for the application form and summary table:

- 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

Candidates are strongly encouraged to fill in the application form as comprehensively as possible. The summary table should be limited to one page and should highlight the most relevant and important information. Candidates may present this information in list form.

Application Deadline

The application deadline is 11:59 PM ET on **December 14th 2026.** Please submit **all application materials as separate files tagged with your name in one email** to international.law@cornell.edu. **Please indicate the name of the Fellowship and your name in the email subject line.**