



**University of
Nottingham**
Human Rights Law Centre

Summer Studentships 2025

The Human Rights Law Centre (HRLC) offers studentships to University of Nottingham undergraduate and postgraduate law students, providing them with valuable work experience. The positions offered this year are:

- International Criminal Justice Databases (x1 position)
- International Human Rights Reports (Publications) (x2 positions)
- Business & Human Rights Resource Centre Civic Freedoms and Human Rights Defenders programme (x1 position)

The studentships are open to final year undergraduate and postgraduate taught law students only. Details of application requirements and deadlines are listed with each role.

If you are interested in applying for a position, please complete the application form listed in the associated studentship.

The application deadline is Sunday 8 June 2025 at 23:59 (BST).

For further information or any queries, please contact hrhc@nottingham.ac.uk.

Please find below a description of each opportunity.

Project Title	International Criminal Justice Databases
Open to:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final-year undergraduate law students • Postgraduate taught law students
Location:	Remote
Remuneration:	The successful candidate will receive an award of £2,406 to enable them to undertake this work.
Scope of work:	<p>The successful candidate will provide legal research and organisational support to enhance the capacity of the National Implementing Legislation Database (NILD) and the Cooperation and Judicial Assistance Database (CJAD), the two databases maintained by the HRLC for the ICC's Legal Tools Project.</p> <p>The student will mark, re-mark and input national implementing legislation of the ICC Statute, undertake research and assist with papers and reports. They will also review the comparative overviews and key provision analyses, perform spot checks for accuracy on NILD and CJAD and maintain the project website.</p>
Required Skills and/or Qualifications:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sound knowledge of international criminal law (in particular, the substantive and procedural provisions of the ICC Statute) • Excellent research skills (including use of online legal databases, library-based research, and ability to draft clearly and concisely) • Ability to work independently and as part of a small team • Ability to work well under pressure and to meet short deadlines • Excellent computer skills and ability to work with relational databases • Knowledge of languages, particularly French and Spanish.
Supervisor:	Olympia Bekou, Professor of Public International Law, University of Nottingham
Period of Duration:	The scholarship reflects the expectation of 150 hours of work, to be completed between July – August 2025
Number of positions:	1
Application:	<p>Please use the online application form to provide a CV/resume (maximum two pages) and a statement (maximum one page) specifying your interest and suitability for the role. Please make reference to the required skills and qualifications for the role.</p> <p>Deadline for applications: 23:59 on 8 June 2025</p> <p>Interview date: W/b 16 June 2025</p>

Project Title	International Human Rights Reports (Publications)
Open to:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final-year undergraduate law students • Postgraduate taught law students
Location:	Remote
Remuneration:	The successful candidates will receive an award of £2,406 each to enable them to undertake this work.
Scope of work:	<p>The publications assistants will assist with the production of the "International Human Rights Reports", one of the HRLC's leading publications.</p> <p>Assistants will primarily: research and summarise decisions and jurisprudence of the African and Inter-American regional human rights systems; monitor the case law of UN human rights treaty bodies; write case summaries; and provide support in proof-reading, and checking citations, facts and cross-references.</p> <p>They may also be required to assist with formatting, indexing and maintenance of the IHRR online.</p>
Required Skills and/or Qualifications:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solid knowledge of international and regional human rights law and systems • Excellent written English • Excellent analytical skills • IT skills essential (e.g. working with the databases of the UN and regional courts and commissions and proficiency in Excel and Word) • Attention to detail and the ability to work independently
Supervisor:	Olive Welch, Research and Projects Assistant, University of Nottingham Human Rights Law Centre
Period of Duration:	The scholarship reflects the expectation of 150 hours of work per student, to be completed between July – August 2025
Number of positions:	2
Application:	<p>Please use the online application form to provide a CV/resume (maximum two pages) and a statement (maximum one page) specifying your interest and suitability for the role. Please make reference to the required skills and qualifications for the role.</p> <p>Deadline for applications: 23:59 on 8 June 2025</p> <p>Interview date: W/b 16 June 2025</p>

Project Title	Business & Human Rights Resource Centre (BHRRC) Civic Freedoms and Human Rights Defenders programme
Open to:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final-year undergraduate law students • Postgraduate taught law students
Location:	Remote
Remuneration:	The successful candidate will receive an award of £2,694.72 to enable them to undertake this work.
Description:	<p>The Human Rights Law Centre is partnering with the Business & Human Rights Resource Centre to offer one studentship to work with the Resource Centre's Civic Freedoms and Human Rights Defenders team.</p> <p>The Business and Human Rights Resource Centre is an international NGO that tracks the human rights impacts (positive & negative) of over 10,000 companies worldwide in over 180 countries, making information available on their website in ten languages. They seek responses from companies when concerns are raised by civil society. The Resource Centre has offices in London, New York, Bogotá, and Berlin, and a global network of Regional Researchers. The Centre is a non-profit organisation and does not accept funding from companies.</p> <p>The Resource Centre's Civic Freedoms and Human Rights Defenders programme addresses the root causes of killings and violence against human rights and environmental defenders linked to company operations and global supply chains; advocates for rights-respecting practices and accountability among corporate actors; and increases rapid action and longer-term involvement of business actors in support of defenders and civic freedoms to prevent attacks against defenders so that they can safely champion human rights.</p>
Scope of work:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct online research on attacks against human rights defenders to include in the Resource Centre database. This could include deep dives into contexts with high levels of attacks on human rights defenders (HRDs) and countries that are currently underrepresented in the database. • Write summaries of attacks against defenders to include in the database of attacks and review past cases to ensure the information is up to date. • Help build their list of sources that is used to ensure the BHRRC detects attacks in underrepresented regions. • Participate in virtual meetings, including programme team meetings and fortnightly Global Team meetings. • Conduct online research related to the protection of civic freedoms and human rights defenders. • Attend virtual events relevant to the programme, such as webinars and other events organised by partners and allied institutions and share summaries or key information with the team.

Required Skills and/or Qualifications:	<p>We are seeking an enthusiastic, reliable, and well-organised student with the following skills / qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human rights knowledge - Interest in and commitment to promoting human rights. Some prior study or experience related to human rights is required. Prior study or experience related to business and human rights preferred. • Research & analytical skills - Demonstrated academic or professional experience carrying out research and analysing information. Ability to carry out online research and summarise information clearly and succinctly. • Language skills - Fluency in English is required. Fluency or working knowledge of French, Spanish, Arabic or Russian is desirable (but not essential). Good working knowledge of other languages is a plus. • Initiative - Self-motivated and ability to work very well independently while also collaborating as a member of a small team. • Team player - Demonstrated experience working in teams and commitment to collaboration.
Supervisor:	Lady Nancy Zuluaga Jaramillo, Senior Legal Researcher & Project Coordinator, BHRRC
Period of Duration:	<p>The scholarship reflects the expectation of 168 hours of work, to be completed over an 8-week period during July – August 2025.</p> <p>This would involve a commitment of 21 hours per week, which can be fulfilled by working 3 days a week for 7 hours each day.</p>
Number of positions:	1
Application:	<p>Please use the online application form to provide a CV/resume (maximum two pages) and a statement (maximum one page) specifying your interest and suitability for the role. Please make reference to the required skills and qualifications for the role.</p> <p>Deadline for applications: 23:59 on 8 June 2025</p> <p>Interview date: 18 June 2025</p>