



**University of
Nottingham**
Human Rights Law Centre

Student Placements Academic Year 2023 – 2024

The Human Rights Law Centre (HRLC) offers students various opportunities to get involved in projects and events of the Centre throughout the year. These positions provide students with an opportunity to work, on a voluntary basis, gaining valuable experience to complement their studies.

In 2023/24, undergraduate and postgraduate students can apply to be involved in the following HRLC projects:

- **International Criminal Justice Databases**
- **International Human Rights Reports (IHRR) publication**
- **Human Rights Film Series**
- **Investors, ESG and Human Rights**
- **Scholars at Risk – Student Advocacy Programme**

The placements are only open to a subsection of students, so please check the eligibility for each placement carefully before applying. Details of application requirements and deadlines are listed with each placement below.

It is possible to apply for **up to three positions**, however students can only undertake one placement within an academic year.

If you are interested in applying for a placement, please complete the application form listed in the role. The application deadline is **10 am (GMT) on Monday, 06 November 2023**.

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

Please find below a description of each placement.

Project Title	International Criminal Justice databases
Open to:	Final-year law undergraduates Postgraduate taught law students
Location:	Remote working Human Rights Law Centre, University of Nottingham, UK
Description of activities:	<p>The successful candidates 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 HRLC for the ICC's Legal Tools Project.</p> <p>Students will mark, re-mark and input national implementing legislation of the ICC Statute, undertake research and assist with papers and reports under the supervision of <u>Professor Olympia Bekou, Professor of Public International Law and Head of School</u>. Students 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>
Skills required:	<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 is desirable.
Period of Duration:	5-10 hours per week November 2023 – June 2024
Number of positions:	4 – 5
Application:	<p>Please use the online application form to provide a 500-word statement of interest, specifying your interest and suitability for the role.</p> <p>Deadline for applications: 10 am on 06/11/2023</p> <p>Interview dates: TBC</p>

Project Title	International Human Rights Reports (IHRR) publication
Open to:	Final-year law undergraduates Postgraduate taught law students
Location:	Remote working Human Rights Law Centre, University of Nottingham, UK
Description of activities:	<p>Student assistants are required to support the editorial process for the IHRR, a leading publication produced quarterly by the HRLC.</p> <p>Under the supervision of <u>Tom Welch, HRLC Research and Projects Assistant</u>, successful candidates will monitor new case law from the UN Human Rights Treaty Bodies, update the related spreadsheets, and draft headnotes for upcoming issues. Student assistants will also research and draft headnotes for decisions and jurisprudence of the African Court of Human and Peoples' Rights (and occasionally other regional human rights systems). Assistants may be required to provide support in proof-reading, checking citations, facts and cross-references.</p> <p>Assistants may also be required to help with formatting, indexing and maintenance of the IHRR online.</p>
Skills required:	<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.
Period of Duration:	Up to 6 hours per week, as required. November 2023 – June 2024
Number of positions:	4 – 5
Application:	<p>Please use the online application form to provide a 500-word statement of interest, specifying your interest and suitability for the role.</p> <p>Deadline for applications: 10 am on 06/11/2023</p> <p>Interview dates: w/c 06/11/2023</p>

Project Title	Human Rights Film Series
Open to:	Postgraduate and final-year undergraduate law students
Location:	Remote working Human Rights Law Centre, University of Nottingham, UK
Description of activities:	<p>The Human Rights Film Series is a student-led initiative which shows engaging and provocative films that bring challenging human rights issues to life.</p> <p>Students on this placement will assist with selecting films or documentaries and organising a number of screenings on the University Park campus throughout the academic year. Each film is introduced by someone with direct experience of the issues it tackles - including academics, experts, PhD researchers and activists. After the film, a discussion is held which creates a space to engage more closely with the issues raised in the screening.</p> <p>The series allows audiences to engage with contemporary human rights issues through a powerful creative medium, one which brings to life the realities of human struggle, exploitation, despair and hope across the world.</p>
Skills required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passion for social justice and motivation to make positive change. • Ability to work independently and as part of a team. • Ability to work flexibly. • Enthusiasm about film and media as a tool for human rights advocacy. • Experience of event planning or organisation. • Excellent IT skills.
Period of Duration:	November 2023 – June 2024
Number of positions:	2
Application:	<p>Please use the online application form to provide a 500-word statement of interest, specifying your interest and suitability for the role.</p> <p>Deadline for applications: 10 am on 06/11/2023</p> <p>Interview dates: w/c 06/11/2023</p>

Project Title	Investors, ESG and Human Rights
Open to:	Postgraduate law students
Location:	Remote working Human Rights Law Centre, University of Nottingham, UK
Description of activities:	<p>The Human Rights Law Centre is pleased to offer an opportunity to work, on a voluntary basis, with a Member of the United Nations (UN) Working Group on Business and Human Rights, Robert McCorquodale. Robert is Emeritus Professor of International Law and Human Rights at the University of Nottingham, where he formerly served as Head of the School of Law.</p> <p>The UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights, established in 2011, has a mandate to promote, disseminate and implement the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs). The group is also mandated to exchange and promote good practices and lessons learned on the implementation of the UNGPs, and to assess and make recommendations to States, businesses and civil society.</p> <p>Professor McCorquodale is currently looking for capable postgraduate students who can conduct research over a period of several months. This research will contribute to the Working Group's forthcoming report on Investors, Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG), and Human Rights. The report aims to provide practical guidance to States, businesses, especially financial institutions of all types, civil society and other stakeholders on how to align better ESG approaches with the UNGPs in the context of financial products and services.</p> <p>This work will enhance the students' CVs and develop their research skills further.</p>
Skills required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent research skills and ability to identify relevant research materials. • Good familiarity with issues surrounding business and human rights, particularly as it relates to investors and ESG issues. • Ability to work under instruction/direction. • Ability to work independently. • Knowledge and/or experience of the finance sector or corporate sector is desirable.
Period of Duration:	5 – 7 hours of research per week 13 November 2023 – 16 February 2024 (8 weeks, or longer if work during winter break)
Number of positions:	1-2

Application:	<p>Please use the online application form to provide a 500-word statement of interest, specifying your interest and suitability for the role.</p> <p>Deadline for applications: 10 am on 06/11/2023</p> <p>Interview dates: w/c 06/11/2023</p>
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Project Title	Scholars at Risk – Student Advocacy Programme
Open to:	Postgraduate and final-year undergraduate law and non-law students
Location:	Remote working Human Rights Law Centre, University of Nottingham, UK
Description of activities:	<p>The University of Nottingham is part of the Scholars at Risk (SAR) network, which is an international network of institutions and individuals whose mission is to protect scholars and promote academic freedom. Founded in 2000 and headquartered at New York University, SAR offers safety to scholars facing grave threats by arranging temporary academic positions at member universities and colleges. SAR also provides advisory services for scholars and hosts, campaigns for scholars who are imprisoned or silenced in their home countries, monitors attacks on higher education communities worldwide and leads with new tools and strategies for promotion of academic freedom and improving respect for university values everywhere.</p> <p>The Student Advocacy Programme provides students with the opportunity to develop human rights research and advocacy skills through direct engagement on behalf of threatened members of the global higher education community. Supervised by Zinat Jimada, HRLC Research and Projects Assistant, the student group will take on the case of one or more scholars facing unjust restrictions, prosecution or imprisonment. Students will research their selected case, set up a plan to monitor the case, organise advocacy initiatives and events, and prepare an end-of-programme report. The student group will also engage with SAR students from other universities in the SAR network and participate in the annual European Student Advocacy (ESA) Days event.</p> <p>Students will gain a foundation in and build knowledge of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human rights research, standards and mechanisms • Awareness raising, organising and advocacy • Persuasive writing • Leadership and teamwork skills.

	<p>This is an excellent opportunity for students wishing to pursue a career in civil society. Individuals with creative and innovative ideas, as well as an interest in campaigning and activism are encouraged to apply.</p>
Skills required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passion for social justice and a high motivation to make positive change. • Ability to work independently and as part of a team. • Excellent research and writing skills. • Ability to work flexibly. • Proficiency in the use of social media as a promotional tool. • Experience of event planning or organisation. • Excellent IT skills.
Period of Duration:	<p>Up to 6 hours per week, as required. November 2023 – June 2024</p>
Number of positions:	<p>5-7</p>
Application:	<p>Please use the online application form to provide a 500-word statement of interest, specifying your interest and suitability for the role.</p> <p>Deadline for applications: 10 am on 06/11/2023</p> <p>Interview dates: w/c 06/11/2023</p>