



**University of
Nottingham**
Human Rights Law Centre

Student Placements Academic Year 2022 – 2023

The Human Rights Law Centre (HRLC) offers students from law, social sciences and the humanities 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 2022/23, postgraduate and undergraduate students can apply to be involved in the following HRLC projects:

- **International Criminal Justice Databases (final year UG & PGT law students)**
- **International Human Rights Reports (final year UG & PGT law students)**
- **Refugee Clinic (final year UG & PGT law students)**
- **Scholars at Risk – Student Advocacy Seminar (postgraduate and final year UG law and non-law students)**

Most of the placements are only open to a subsection of students, so please check carefully. Details of application requirements and deadlines are listed with each placement.

If you are interested in applying for a placement, please complete the application form listed in the role. The application deadline is **midday (12 noon) on 28 October 2022, midday (BST)**.

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 placement
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 Professor Olympia Bekou. 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.
Period of Duration:	5-10 hours per week November 2022 – June 2023
Number of positions:	4 - 5
Application:	<p>Please use the online application form to provide a 750-word statement of interest, specifying your interest and suitability for the role.</p> <p>Deadline for applications: midday (12 noon) on 28/10/2022</p> <p>Interview dates: 08/11/2022</p>

Project Title	Refugee Clinic
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>HRLC's Refugee Clinic was established in February 2020 and works in collaboration with Saint Andrews Refugee Services (StARS) on Refugee Status Determinations, Resettlement applications and Protection Referrals to the UNHCR's Cairo office. StARS is a Cairo based organisation, established in 1979 to improve the quality of life of refugees and vulnerable migrants in Egypt. Their Refugee Legal Aid Program (RLAP) is currently the only legal aid provider for those seeking refugee status in Egypt. Students will work remotely to support the vital work being done under the RLAP. This is an excellent opportunity for students to gain practical experience of asylum and refugee law casework.</p> <p>The successful candidates will receive full training on International Refugee Law, legal ethics and casework skills. They will draft legal submissions and conduct legal research under the supervision of Zinat Jimada, HRLC Research and Projects Assistant. Students will also be involved in the University of Nottingham's annual Refugee Week activities.</p> <p>Students will be working on live cases that will often have serious consequences for the individual concerned. It is therefore essential that candidates are able to commit for the specified timeline of the project.</p>
Skills required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent legal research skills. • Ability to draft clearly and concisely / excellent written English. • Ability to work independently and as part of a team. • Ability to work well under pressure and to meet short deadlines. • Familiarity with international refugee law and knowledge of asylum/refugee matters • Ability to work flexibly • Awareness of current migratory trends
Period of Duration:	November 2022 – June 2023
Number of positions:	4
Application:	<p>Please use the online application form to provide a 750-word statement of interest, specifying your interest and suitability for the role.</p> <p>Deadline for applications: midday (12 noon) on 28/10/2022</p> <p>Interview dates: 04/11/2022</p>

Project Title	International Human Rights Reports (IHRR)
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 Thomas Welch, HRLC Research and Projects Assistant, 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 assist 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 2022 – June 2023
Number of positions:	4 – 5
Application:	<p>Please use the online application form to provide a 750-word statement of interest, specifying your interest and suitability for the role.</p> <p>Deadline for applications: midday (12 noon) on 28/10/2022</p> <p>Interview dates: w/c 07/11/2022</p>

Project Title	Scholars at Risk – Student Advocacy Seminar
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>Student Advocacy Seminars provide 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-seminar report. The student group will also engage with SAR seminar 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:	Up to 6 hours per week, as required. November 2022 – May 2023

Number of positions:	4 - 5
Application:	<p>Please use the online application form to provide a 750-word statement of interest, specifying your interest and suitability for the role.</p> <p>Deadline for applications: midday (12 noon) on 28/10/2022</p> <p>Interview dates: w/c 07/11/2022</p>