

## **INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS**

### **SCHOLARSHIP FOR A LAWYER FROM A CARIBBEAN MEMBER STATE OF THE OAS**

**10 April 2019**

The purpose of this scholarship is to finance an internship at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights for a lawyer of a Caribbean Member State of the OAS, with the objective of offering young professionals the opportunity to learn and apply the standards and jurisprudence of this Tribunal.

**Place of the scholarship:** Secretariat of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (hereinafter IACtHR), in San Jose, Costa Rica

**Modality:** In person

**Length: 12 months**

**Application deadline: 23 May 2019**, at 23:59 hours.

**Scholarship beginning date:** 15 July 2019

**Objective:**

To offer young professionals from OAS Member States of the Caribbean the opportunity to learn about the functioning and work of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.

**Program:**

The intern will support the work of the Secretariat of the IACtHR under the supervision of a lawyer appointed by the Secretary of the Court during the period of the scholarship. Upon conclusion of the scholarship, the intern will submit a report to the Secretariat of the IACtHR on his or her activities.

**Expected results:**

- Collaboration with the Legal Department of the Secretariat of the IACtHR in the processing of pleadings in contentious cases, requests for provisional measures, and advisory opinions;
- Collaboration in the preparation of draft judgments, resolutions, research and reports on cases and comparative studies required by the Legal Department of the Secretariat of the IACtHR;
- Preparation of summaries for hearings and work meetings;
- Collaboration in initiatives aimed at the promotion and dissemination of the Inter-American Human Rights System;

**Requirements:**

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- Must be a lawyer from a Member State of the Caribbean (Antigua and Barbuda; The Bahamas; Barbados; Belize; Dominica; Grenada; Guyana; Haiti; Jamaica; Dominican Republic; Saint Kitts and Nevis; Saint Lucia; Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Suriname; Trinidad and Tobago);
- Must return to country of origin at the conclusion of the internship;
- Must be bilingual in Spanish and English (attach certification of second-language ability at an intermediate to advanced level);
- Must have graduated in law from an officially accredited university (send copy of degree);
- Must have received a university degree in law within the last 7 years; and
- Must have demonstrable professional or academic experience in human rights.

### **Required documents:**

In order to be considered for the scholarship, the following documents are required:

- Cover letter;
- Two letters of recommendation (academic or professional);
- Resume or *Curriculum vitae*;
- Second-language certification;
- Copy of law degree;
- Five-page essay on a topic in the field of human rights that is of interest to the applicant. The essay must be presented half in English and half in Spanish, in any format. (No cover sheet or bibliography is needed).

### **Note:**

All documents required for the scholarship can be presented in English or Spanish. Only simple copies of the original documents are required. Notarized or official copies are not necessary.

- The letters and documents should be addressed in a general manner to the INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS. Candidates may be asked to respond to further questions, subject to the discretion of the Secretariat of the IACtHR. **ONLY FIVE FINALISTS WILL BE CONTACTED.**
- Five finalists will be interviewed by telephone or videoconference by the selection committee.

### **Benefits:**

- The Secretariat of the IACtHR provides a stipend of USD \$ 3,100.00 per month during the period covered by the scholarship. With this stipend, the scholarship recipient must room and board in the country where the Court is located. The selected attorney will be given health coverage through the National Insurance Institute (*IJS*) for the duration of the scholarship;
- Roundtrip air tickets, in economy class, from the place of residence of the scholarship recipient to the seat of the IACtHR in San Jose, Costa Rica. No funds are provided for terminal and transit expenses;
- The Secretariat of the IACtHR will grant a certificate of participation in the scholarship program upon satisfactory completion of the full duration of the scholarship period.
- The scholarship recipient will be entitled to 21 days of vacation.

**In order to be awarded the scholarship, selected candidates must:**

- Selected candidates must formally accept the scholarship in writing before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, confirming their total availability to complete the scholarship at the Court's headquarters during the period indicated. Subsequently, the Secretariat of the IACtHR will proceed with the necessary arrangements for the purchase of the round-trip air ticket;
- The selected candidate must arrive at the IACtHR one week prior to the start of the scholarship period.

The results of the scholarship selection process will be informed by e-mail to each applicant approximately one month before the start date of the scholarship. Questions can be directed to: [becaabogadocaribe@cortheidh.or.cr](mailto:becaabogadocaribe@cortheidh.or.cr)

**The INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS, an Autonomous Court of the Inter-American System for the Protection of Human Rights of the Organization of American States, does not discriminate against any person, intern, intern, scholarship recipient, employee or job applicant due to his or her race, color, marital status, religion, age, gender, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or his or her status as a parent.**