



INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS

FELLOWSHIP FOR A LAWYER FROM A CARIBBEAN MEMBER STATE OF THE OAS

June 19th, 2023

The purpose of this program is to provide a Fellowship at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights for a lawyer from an English or French Caribbean speaking country, Member State of the Organization of American States (OAS), with the objective of offering young professionals the opportunity to learn about the functioning and work of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, as well as the case-law and standards of the Tribunal.

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

Modality: In person

Length: 10 months

Application deadline: August 17th, 2023, at 23:59 hours Costa Rica time. The information must be sent to talento@corteidh.or.cr

Fellowship beginning date: September 21th, 2023.

Objective:

To offer English or French speaking young professionals from OAS Members States of the Caribbean the opportunity to learn about the functioning and work of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, as well as the case-law and standards of the Tribunal.

Program:

The fellow 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 fellowship. Upon conclusion of the fellowship, the fellow will submit a report to the Secretariat of the IACtHR on his or her activities.





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Expected results:

- Collaborates with the Legal Department of the Secretariat of the IACtHR in the processing of pleadings in contentious cases, requests for provisional measures, and requests for advisory opinions.
- Collaborates with the drafting process of judgments and orders.
- Conducts substantive and comparative research and produces reports on legal issues as required by the Legal Department of the Secretariat of the IACtHR;
- Prepares summaries for hearings and work meetings.
- Cooperates in initiatives aimed at the promotion and dissemination of the Inter-American Human Rights System.

Requirements:

- Be national of an English or French Caribbean speaking country, Member State of the Organization of American States (OAS)
- Fluency in oral and written Spanish, as it is the main working language at the seat of the Court.
- A first-level degree in law from an officially accredited university (send copy of degree).
- Demonstrable professional or academic experience in human rights.
- Upon conclusion of the fellowship the candidate must return to the country of origin.

Required documents:

In order to be considered for the fellowship, you should send the following documents to **talento@corteidh.or.cr**:

- Cover letter;
- Two letters of recommendation (academic or professional);
- Resume or *Curriculum vitae*;
- Copy of law degree;





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- Five-page essay on a topic in the field of human rights that is of interest to the applicant. (No cover sheet or bibliography is needed).

Note:

All documents required for the fellowship can be presented in English. 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. Qualified candidates may be subject to an assessment. **ONLY FIVE FINALISTS WILL BE CONTACTED.**
- Five finalists will be interviewed by telephone or videoconference by the selection committee between **August 3 to 11th, 2023.**

Benefits:

- The Secretariat of the IACtHR provides a stipend of USD \$ 3,100.00 per month during the period covered by the fellowship. With this stipend, the fellowship recipient must cover accommodation and cost of living in the country where the Court is located.
- The selected attorney will be given health coverage for medical expenses through the National Insurance Institute (*INS*) for the duration of the fellowship.
- Roundtrip air tickets, in economy class, from the place of residence of the fellowship recipient to the seat of the IACtHR in San José, Costa Rica. No funds are provided for terminal or transit expenses, nor household goods.
- The Secretariat of the IACtHR will grant a certificate of participation in the fellowship program upon satisfactory completion of the full duration of the fellowship period.
- The fellowship recipient will be entitled to 17 free days for personal activities.

In order to be awarded the fellowship, selected candidates must:



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- Formally accept the fellowship in writing before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, confirming their total availability to complete the fellowship 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 and other administrative arrangements;
- The selected candidate must arrive at the country one week prior to the start of the fellowship period.

The results of the fellowship selection process will be informed by e-mail to each applicant approximately one month before the start date of the fellowship. Questions can be directed to: talento@corteidh.or.cr



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