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LexJuris GLOBAL FELLOWSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL LAW & DIPLOMACY

- COHORT 2026 - EUROPE CIRCUIT



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FELLOWSHIP OVERVIEW

The LexJuris Global Fellowship in International Law and Diplomacy is a flagship academic immersion initiative curated by the Society for Equitable Access to Students (SEAS) of Government Law College, Mumbai. The Fellowship provides selected students with structured exposure to the institutions, courts, treaty bodies, diplomatic structures, and regulatory ecosystems through which international law operates in practice.

The Fellowship situates international law beyond doctrinal study and within the lived contexts of adjudication, negotiation, humanitarian action, multilateral diplomacy, and governance. Through institutional visits, academic engagements, museum and archival environments, university interactions, and cultural-historical contexts, the Fellowship enables students to understand the role of international law in shaping state conduct, protecting rights, regulating markets, and managing conflict in an interdependent world.

The 2026 Cohort will pursue a 10-day core academic circuit across *The Hague, Geneva, Strasbourg, Vienna, Krems, and Zurich*, with an optional 2-day Extension in Brussels for those who wish to deepen their engagement with European Union law, governance, sanctions policy, and foreign service structures. The Fellowship is cohort-based and is designed to serve students pursuing pathways in international law, human rights, humanitarian law, diplomacy, public policy, global governance, and advanced LL.M. and MPP opportunities.

ACADEMIC PURPOSE, DOMAINS & LEARNING OUTCOMES

Academic Purpose

The Fellowship responds to the increasing relevance of international law, treaty-based cooperation, human rights protection, humanitarian norms, transnational regulation, and diplomatic problem-solving in contemporary global affairs. As the international legal order continues to evolve through courts, secretariats, commissions, and representative bodies, exposure to these institutions enriches legal education and complements domestic legal curricula with comparative and global perspectives.

Domains of Engagement

The Fellowship offers structured exposure to:

- Public International Law
- Human Rights and Humanitarian Law
- Refugee and Statelessness Law
- International Courts and Dispute Settlement
- Labour, Trade, and Intellectual Property Governance
- Diplomacy and Foreign Policy
- Security and Anti-Corruption Frameworks
- Transnational Crime and Counter-Terrorism Cooperation
- A.I., Digital Governance, Platform Regulation, and Data Law
- Financial Compliance, Innovation, and Regulatory Risk

Learning Outcomes

Through the Fellowship, students are expected to develop an understanding of (i) how international law is interpreted and applied by judicial bodies, (ii) how humanitarian, human rights, and refugee protection mandates are operationalized, (iii) how diplomacy mediates conflict and cooperation, (iv) how global trade and intellectual property frameworks function, and (v) how financial regulation and digital governance regimes interact with global legal norms. The Fellowship seeks to strengthen comparative reasoning, policy awareness, and global legal literacy in students and to broaden their academic and professional horizons for future higher studies, research, and legal practice.



CORE CIRCUIT: INSTITUTIONS & SIGNIFICANCE

The Hague: Judicial Capital of International Law

The Hague hosts international courts and tribunals that adjudicate disputes between states, administer arbitral proceedings, and develop jurisprudence with global consequences. Students gain insight into the adjudicatory functions of international law and the diplomatic contexts that accompany contentious proceedings.

Institutions:

- **International Court of Justice (ICJ)**
- **Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA)**
- **Peace Palace & Library**
- **Hague Academy of International Law**
- **International Criminal Court (ICC)** (subject to access)
- **Eurojust and Europol** (subject to permissions)

Significance: The Hague enables students to understand how international disputes are resolved, how customary international law develops, how international crimes are prosecuted, and how legal institutions interact with diplomacy and state interests.

Geneva: Human Rights, Humanitarian Norms & Trade

Geneva contains the densest cluster of institutions responsible for human rights, humanitarian protection, labour regulation, trade governance, and intellectual property systems. It demonstrates how treaty bodies, multilateral agencies, and humanitarian organizations operationalize international legal mandates in complex environments.

Institutions:

- **United Nations Office Geneva (UNOG)**
- **Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)**
- **Human Rights Council**
- **UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)**
- **International Labour Organization (ILO)**
- **World Trade Organization (WTO)**
- **World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)**
- **International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and Red Cross Museum**

Significance: Geneva enables students to observe international human rights and humanitarian law in action, understand refugee protection and statelessness regimes, appreciate trade governance and dispute settlement dynamics, and study institutional diplomacy.

Strasbourg: European Human Rights System

Strasbourg anchors the European system of human rights protection through judicial and advisory organs concerned with democratic governance and constitutional values.

Institutions:

- **European Court of Human Rights (ECHR)**
- **Council of Europe**
- **Venice Commission**
- **European Parliament** (Strasbourg Seat, subject to schedule)

Significance: Strasbourg enables students to appreciate the role of supranational adjudication in protecting rights, the importance of constitutional advisory bodies in safeguarding the rule of law, and the mechanisms through which democratic standards are upheld within a regional legal order.

Vienna: Diplomacy, Security & Global Governance

Vienna houses institutions responsible for security cooperation, anti-corruption mandates, counter-terrorism coordination, transnational crime prevention, and global energy governance.

Institutions:

- **United Nations Office Vienna (UNOV)**
- **UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)**
- **Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)**
- **Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)**

Significance: Vienna exposes students to the diplomatic, regulatory, and security dimensions of international law, including cooperation in criminal matters, counter-terrorism, corruption prevention, sanctions, energy governance, and geopolitical negotiation.

Krems: Academic Diplomacy & A.I. Governance Module

The University for Continuing Education Krems hosts an academic diplomacy visit centered on digital governance, artificial intelligence regulation, and comparative European regulatory frameworks. Faculty engagements in February at GLC Mumbai permit reciprocal academic dialogue, potential LL.M. pipeline exploration, and future academic collaboration.

Significance: Krems introduces students to emerging domains in technology law and digital regulation, enabling them to understand how A.I., platform governance, data protection, and algorithmic accountability intersect with public international law and domestic regulatory systems.

Zurich: Compliance, Finance & Innovation

Zurich offers exposure to financial regulation, cross-border compliance, fintech innovation, and risk governance, with academic interfaces through the **University of Zurich and ETH Zurich** (subject to availability).

Significance: Zurich enables students to appreciate the role of financial regulation, compliance, corporate governance, and innovation ecosystems in shaping global legal and economic outcomes.

OPTIONAL *BRUSSELS* EXTENSION

Optional *Brussels* Extension — EU Law & Governance (2 Days)

An optional academic extension in Brussels may be pursued by students who wish to study the institutional architecture of the European Union and its diplomatic and policy-making processes. The extension is encouraged for students with interests in LL.M./MPP/IR, EU law, foreign policy, and sanctions regimes and is subject to administrative approval, minimum cohort participation, and faculty availability.

Institutions:

- **European Commission**
- **European Council**
- **European External Action Service (EEAS)**
- **Policy Think-Tanks** (subject to arrangement)

Significance: Brussels introduces students to the governance, policy, and diplomatic dimensions of the European Union, including executive institutions, intergovernmental coordination, external action, regulatory policy, and international engagement.

INDICATIVE COSTING (SELF-FUNDED)

Core 10-Day Fellowship Estimate: ₹1,40,000 – ₹2,75,000

(including return airfare, visa, insurance, accommodation, intra-Europe transport, meals, and participation costs)

Optional Brussels Extension (2 Days): ₹15,000 – ₹35,000

(subject to participation numbers, scheduling, and approvals)

Cost estimates are indicative, depend on cohort size and booking windows, and may be optimized through group housing, institutional accommodation, and early transport arrangements.

Self-Funded Participation & Sponsorship Disclaimer

The Fellowship is presently open to self-funded students of Government Law College, Mumbai. No commitment or assurance of financial aid, sponsorship, subsidy, or fee waiver is made at this stage. SEAS, the College, and students may explore sponsorship avenues without prejudice and without obligation.

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This FAQ provides clarity for prospective students, parents, and administrators regarding academic purpose, funding, logistics, visas, accommodation, safety, and administrative processes

1. What is the Fellowship?

The Fellowship is a 10-day academic immersion program curated by SEAS for selected students of Government Law College to engage with institutions of international law, human rights, humanitarian protection, diplomacy, finance, and technology governance across key European cities. An optional 2-day Brussels Extension on EU Law and Governance may be offered, subject to approvals and minimum participation.

2. What is the academic purpose of the Fellowship?

The Fellowship introduces students to the institutional mechanisms through which international law and diplomacy operate, including courts, treaty bodies, humanitarian agencies, regulatory organizations, and diplomatic services. The Fellowship complements domestic legal education with comparative and global perspectives relevant to LL.M., MPP, IR, policy careers, and contemporary legal practice.

3. Who organizes the Fellowship?

The Fellowship is organized by the Society for Equitable Access to Students (SEAS) of Government Law College, Mumbai. SEAS is a student body established to expand access to academic opportunities for students of GLC.

4. Who is eligible to apply?

All currently enrolled students of Government Law College may express interest. Final cohort selection may consider academic interest, motivation, operational feasibility, and administrative considerations.

5. Is participation self-funded?

Yes. The Fellowship is presently structured as a self-funded initiative. There is no financial commitment, subsidy, or sponsorship from the College or SEAS at this stage.

6. Are scholarships or subsidies available?

No financial support is currently assured. SEAS, the College, or individual participants may explore sponsorships or financial aid without prejudice and without obligation in the future.

7. What is the indicative cost?

For the 10-day core Fellowship, the indicative range is ₹1,40,000 – ₹2,75,000. For the optional Brussels Extension, the indicative incremental range is ₹15,000 – ₹35,000, subject to approvals and participation. Final costs depend on cohort size, booking windows, accommodation, and transport arrangements.

8. How are accommodation arrangements planned?

SEAS will prioritize student-accessible accommodation including university housing, student hostels, and residence halls to maintain affordability, safety, and academic cohesion. Mid-range guest rooms may be used only where strictly necessary due to availability or feasibility.

FAQ SHEET

9. What meals are anticipated?

Meals will be individually purchased by students. Indian and vegetarian options exist in key cities. Breakfast may be included where provided by host institutions or hostels. Students may economize through groceries, university cafeterias, or group dining where feasible.

10. Is the Brussels Extension included in the core Fellowship?

No. The Brussels Extension is optional and may be offered for students interested in EU law, governance, sanctions policy, or international relations. It is subject to administrative approval, minimum cohort participation, and faculty availability.

11. Is faculty accompaniment mandatory?

Faculty accompaniment is anticipated for academic legitimacy, administrative supervision, and welfare. Final modalities are subject to Principal approval.

12. Will institutional visits require prior permissions?

Yes. Access to ICJ, UN, ECHR, UNODC, OSCE, WTO, WIPO, ILO, and related bodies generally requires permissions and scheduling. SEAS will seek to arrange permissions after cohort formation and Principal approval.

13. What about passport and visa requirements?

Participants must hold or obtain a valid passport and a Schengen visa. SEAS will assist in providing supporting documents but visa compliance remains the responsibility of students.

14. Is the Fellowship aligned with academic calendars?

The Fellowship is scheduled for May 2026, after annual examinations and before commencement of the next academic cycle.

15. Is this a tourism or leisure tour?

No. The Fellowship is structured as a formal academic initiative focused on international law, diplomacy, and global governance. Cultural exposure is secondary and minimal.

16. What are the academic benefits?

The Fellowship enhances comparative legal awareness and global orientation. It strengthens future applications for LL.M., MPP, IR, policy, and international law roles. It builds familiarity with multilateral systems and international institutions.

17. Does participation guarantee future academic placements or admissions?

No. Participation provides exposure and academic value but does not guarantee placements or admissions.

18. Can the Fellowship become an annual initiative?

If the pilot cohort is successful and administratively viable, SEAS may institutionalize the Fellowship with the College's approval.

19. What happens after submitting an EOI?

SEAS will review EOIs, estimate cohort size, seek administrative permissions, conduct briefings, and finalize operational details before selection.

20. Whom should students contact for queries?

GLC SEAS — Government Law College, Mumbai

- Paarth Gorradia - 97735 75575
- Shruti Dudhane - 87671 93058

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

SEAS invites Expressions of Interest from students who wish to pursue academic exposure to international law, diplomacy, human rights, governance, and emerging regulatory domains. Upon receipt of EOIs, SEAS will undertake further administrative steps for scheduling, institutional permissions, cohort finalization, and briefing.

SHOW YOUR INTEREST HERE :-



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Clarificatory Note on Use of the Term “Fellowship”

For the avoidance of doubt, the term “Fellowship” as used in the “LexJuris Global Fellowship Programme” shall not be construed to denote the conferment of any academic degree, diploma, certification, statutory qualification, title, honorific distinction, or award recognised under the University Grants Commission Act, 1956, or any other applicable regulatory framework.

The Programme does not constitute the grant of any monetary remuneration, stipend, scholarship, financial assistance, or funded research position unless expressly and separately sanctioned through appropriate governmental or institutional processes.

The expression “Fellowship” is used in its academic sense to denote structured cohort-based participation, scholarly engagement, institutional exposure, research interaction, and supervised academic involvement within an identified thematic framework.

Participation in the Programme shall be understood as academic engagement and experiential learning only, and shall not create any employment relationship, financial entitlement, statutory claim, or accredited academic qualification.

Any documentation issued pursuant to participation shall merely acknowledge involvement in the academic programme and shall not amount to certification of professional competence, academic accreditation, or degree equivalence.

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