



**The Hague, the Netherlands — 26 June to 4 August 2017**

**Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations**

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme is conducted under the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law, established by General Assembly resolution 2099 (XX) of 20 December 1965. The Fellowship Programme is organized by the Codification Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs.

#### **OBJECTIVES**

The Fellowship Programme provides high-quality training by prominent international law scholars and practitioners on a broad range of core subjects of international law. In addition, the interactive nature of the training allows the participants to share experiences and exchange ideas, which promotes greater understanding and cooperation on contemporary issues of international law.

The Fellowship Programme is intended to enable qualified professionals, in particular government officials and teachers of international law, from developing countries and countries with emerging economies, to deepen their knowledge of international law and of the legal work of the United Nations and its associated bodies.

#### **COURSE CONTENT**

The Fellowship Programme consists of participation in lectures and seminars in international law organized by the Codification Division as well as in the Public International Law Session at The Hague Academy of International Law.

The lectures and seminars organized by the Codification Division are given by eminent scholars and practitioners in international law from different regions and legal systems.

The curriculum will include seminars on the following subjects:

*International law, treaty law, State responsibility, international peace and security, peaceful settlement of international disputes, international organizations, international human rights law, international humanitarian law, international criminal law, international environmental law, law of the sea, international trade law and international investment law.*

Study visits are also arranged to international institutions located in The Hague.

## **METHODOLOGY AND TRAINING MATERIAL**

The Fellowship Programme is conducted in the form of interactive seminars and discussions to allow a maximum exchange of views. The participants are required to contribute to the discussions on the various topics included in the curriculum of the Fellowship Programme. A comprehensive set of training materials is provided for each participant at the beginning of the Fellowship Programme.

Certificates are awarded only to those participants who have completed the Fellowship Programme in its entirety.

## **PARTICIPATION/QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANTS**

To qualify for the Fellowship Programme, candidates must have a legal background with professional experience in the field of international law. The selected participants are required to submit a medical certificate of good health and to certify that they are able to attend the entire course period. The Fellowship Programme will accommodate 21 participants from developing countries and countries with emerging economies.

## **SELECTION PROCESS**

When selecting participants for the Fellowship Programme, due consideration is given to the candidates' qualifications, to the scope of their professional duties, to the relevance of the training to their professional duties, geographical distribution and gender balance. Applications from female candidates are encouraged.

Due consideration will also be given to candidates from Member States which did not have a fellowship recipient attend the Fellowship Programme in the previous years.

## **VENUE AND COURSE LANGUAGE**

The Fellowship Programme will be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, the Netherlands, from 26 June to 4 August 2017.

The 2017 Fellowship Programme will be conducted in English. Fluency in spoken and written English is required. Applicants whose mother tongue or language of instruction is not English are required to submit proof of their language abilities. Applications without a valid language certification will not be considered.

## **FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS AND ACCOMMODATION**

Fellowships cover the fellowship recipient's travel costs in economy class, accommodation, medical insurance, participation in the Fellowship Programme, the training materials and the registration fee for The Hague Academy of International Law. In accordance with the policies and procedures governing the administration of United Nations fellowships, participants will also receive a stipend to cover other living expenses.

Qualified candidates may also apply for self-funded positions. Self-funded participants bear all costs associated with their participation (travel, accommodation, living expenses and registration fee for The Hague Academy of International Law). Training materials are provided to self-funded participants free of charge.

## **APPLICATION DEADLINE: 16 December 2016**

Two copies of the application form must be submitted:

- (1) One scanned version of the signed original; and
- (2) One electronic version (MS word or equivalent).

Incomplete applications and applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Additional information and application forms are available at the website of the International Law Fellowship Programme: <http://www.un.org/law/ilfp>.