

Fellowship at the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA), The Hague

About the fellowship

The King's Forum on International Dispute Resolution is pleased to announce that it will offer a one year fellowship at the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) in The Hague. The fellowship offers recent law graduates of The Dickson Poon School of Law an extraordinary opportunity to start a career in international dispute resolution. King's College London joins a select group of universities offering their recent graduates such an opportunity.

The PCA is an intergovernmental organisation tasked with facilitating arbitration and other modes of dispute resolution between States, State entities, intergovernmental organisations, and private parties. Established by treaty in 1899, today the PCA enjoys the membership of 118 States, has seen its caseload grow exponentially through recent years, and is currently administering over 100 cases.

Terms of the fellowship

The King's Forum on International Dispute Resolution Fellow will spend one year (starting September or October 2021) as Assistant Legal Counsel of the PCA.

The Fellow will assist in providing legal advice to the Secretary-General, support to arbitral tribunals and parties in PCA proceedings including at hearings; promotion of the PCA amongst law firms, governments, international organisations; and drafting, research and speaking assignments as directed by the Secretary-General, Deputy Secretary General/Principal Legal Officer.

Potential fellows have to be recent graduates (up to 3 years, including both LLB and LLM students, students in their final year may apply) of The Dickson Poon School of Law, preferably with a course of study including modules on international dispute resolution.

They need to display superior writing and research skills, a strong academic and/or professional record and interest in the subjects of international arbitration, alternative dispute resolution and public international law. Fluency in English or French is essential, knowledge of other languages is desirable. Excellent communication, organisational and interpersonal skills are required, as well.

The fellow will receive a stipend of £20,000 based on a 12-month fellowship term, from which the fellow will (if applicable) have to cover health insurance. One round-trip economy class ticket from the UK will be reimbursed by the school (up to £500).

How to apply

Completed applications must be received by Wednesday 16 June 2021.

All applications will be reviewed by a School committee within two weeks and up to three applications will be forwarded to the PCA. In a single PDF please submit in the following sequence to pgt-law@kcl.ac.uk:

- Cover letter setting out your motivation for applying and knowledge of international law and dispute resolution
- Law School transcript (both of the LL.M. programme if applicable and all previous law degrees)
- CV
- A writing sample (for example a sample from essays, thesis or publications)