

International Rule of Law Visiting Fellows 2017

Background

1. The Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law was founded in 2010 in honour of the late Lord Bingham of Cornhill, one of the greatest judges of his generation. It is part of the British Institute for International and Comparative Law, the foremost independent research and discussion body of its kind in the UK. The Centre's activities have expanded rapidly since its foundation and it is now engaged in a wide range of research projects, events, publications and training internationally and in the UK.

Visiting Fellowships

2. The Centre will host up to two International Rule of Law Visiting Fellows in 2017. These Visiting Fellowships are open to individuals who ordinarily live and work outside the UK.
3. The Visiting Fellowships each last for a period of one week to three months, at least one week of which will be spent at the Centre. The week at the Centre must occur between either 16 January - 7 July 2017 or 11 September - 15 December 2017. Fellowships are unpaid but the Centre is able to provide a maximum of: economy class return travel to the Centre; accommodation in London for up to one week; a subsistence allowance of up to £300 for up to one week while in London; access to a shared workstation for one week; and library access while at the Centre. Library access for up to three months may be available in some instances where visitors expect to be in London for an extended period.
4. International Rule of Law Visiting Fellows will visit the Centre for a week to participate in Centre activities and will ordinarily deliver a presentation of their research at an event organised by the Centre. An outline paper (3-5 pages) of the research presentation must be provided to the Centre four weeks before the visit commences.
5. A presentation by a Fellow should be based on original research and should be relevant to the Bingham Centre's mandate with a focus on the rule of law, and should fit with the Centre's core areas or work and/or current projects. Examples include:
 - Subject-oriented research: eg, business / constitutions / justice / security and the rule of law, related to an
 - Country-oriented research: eg, development and the rule of Law, with a focus on specified countries

Proposals may also be submitted that have a rule of law focus but explore issues or jurisdictions where the Centre is not currently engaged.

6. Fellowships are open to individuals working in academia, NGOs (or similar), government, international organisations, legal practice or any organisation or other position that engages with rule of law issues.
7. It is essential that Visiting Fellows have or will obtain a visa for the UK that entitles them to visit for work, academic or business purposes. This includes status as an academic visitor under the UK Standard Visitor visa (check at

<https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa>; information at <https://www.gov.uk/standard-visitor-visa> current 20 May 2016). Applicants currently in the UK on a tourist visa or who enter on a tourist visa are not eligible for a Visiting Fellowship.

8. Visiting Fellows who wish to combine their Fellowships with another placement or opportunity (eg, while attending a conference in the UK, or while a visiting academic at a UK University) are eligible to apply. However, such applicants should indicate in their covering letter whether their employer or any other organisation is providing assistance with travel, accommodation or subsistence, and what (if any) financial assistance is sought from the Centre.
9. To apply for an International Rule of Law Visiting Fellowship applicants should submit the following to binghamcentre@biicl.org:
 - A covering letter outlining why you are interested in the opportunity, relevant expertise, a 150-300 word outline of your proposed research presentation, and the proposed period of the Fellowship with approximate dates, including the proposed week to visit.
 - A curriculum vitae (2 pages max) plus list of publications;
 - A short reference from an academic institution, professional body or similar; and
 - A previous publication in English (preferably 10 – 20 pages).

In your CV please include your nationality(ies), whether you have the right to work in the UK and on what basis, and (if more than 3 months) how much time you have spent in UK in the last two years.

If while here you are planning to undertake research that involves human subjects (eg, surveys, research interviews) then you should provide research ethics approval from your home institution. Where your home institution does not have such processes or you do not have approval, please contact the Centre in advance to discuss your proposed research as it may require research ethics approval from our Committee.

10. Inquiries may be addressed to the Centre's Administrator, Mrs Sandra Homewood (s.homewood@binghamcentre.biicl.org).
11. For 2017, applications must be submitted no later than 31 January 2017. We recommend that applications be submitted at least 4 months before the intended date of a visit. Awards may be made before the deadline.
12. We will endeavour to acknowledge receipt of all applications. However, as we are a charitable organization with limited funds we are unable to provide individual feedback on applications. If you do not hear from us regarding interviews within four weeks of the closing date, your application has been unsuccessful.