

## **CALL FOR CANDIDATES**

### **BACKGROUND**

The objectives of the International Law Association (ILA) are the study, clarification and development of international law, both public and private, and the furtherance of international understanding and respect for international law. The Association operates through its network of branches and international committees that work on specific subject areas of international law; and one of the main activities is the organisation of a biennial law conference.

The 79<sup>th</sup> International Law Conference was due to take place from 23 – 27 August 2020 in Kyoto, Japan. However, because of the Coronavirus pandemic, there will now be a more limited virtual conference to be held ONLINE from 29 November and up to the Plenary on 13 December 2020, the centenary of the Japan Branch. The theme is 'Bridging for the Future' and general information about the revised event will be available at <http://ila2020kyoto.org/>. In addition, several open sessions, reserved for Committees completing their mandates and finalising draft resolutions, will take place a few weeks prior to the Plenary. All of the sessions, including the Plenary, will be held solely online.

### **AIM**

The ILA has established a Scholarship Fund to help graduate and postgraduate students and early career professionals attend the ILA Regional or Biennial Conferences.

This is the **call for candidates** for the **79<sup>th</sup> ILA Biennial Conference Kyoto, Japan** to be held **ONLINE** from **29 November to 13 December 2020**.

### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

Candidates who satisfy the Eligibility Criteria will be selected having regard to the general objectives of the Scholarship Fund and in the light of the following, more particular, qualities demonstrated by their applications:

- (a) their aptitude for international law in the form of academic excellence, intellectual rigour, imaginative thinking, sound reasoning, careful presentation;
- (b) their potential for developing a greater understanding of and involvement with international law;
- (c) their potential for contributing to the promotion of international law and/or to the enhancement of participation in it, in particular (though not exclusively) in regions where the ILA is under-represented or where a particular ILA conference is taking place.

The candidate must:

- be enrolled in a graduate or post-graduate course doing research in international law or be an early career professional in international law (first five years);
- show a strong interest in international law (which can be demonstrated by, for example, a law school major, classes, papers and extra-curricular activities);
- show how conference participation would benefit his/her research or career in international law;
- make a case that they do not have access to other sources of funding, for instance from their home institutions;
- not have received an ILA scholarship in the past;
- comply with the Eligibility Criteria.

Applications are particularly welcomed from younger persons in regions of the world that are generally under-represented in the ILA's work.

### **AWARD**

Full Scholarships for this conference will not be financial by nature. Rather they will seek to concentrate upon the prestige of an ILA scholarship and the recognition that the ILA can give to scholars instead of financial support to facilitate physical attendance. This is because the conference will take place ONLINE and there will be no travel or accommodation expenses that would otherwise be required to be covered.

### **APPLICATIONS**

Applications for scholarships for the ILA Biennial Law Conference, Kyoto, Japan, must be received by **10 July 2020 (17:00 Hrs – London time)**.

Applicants should download and complete the application form. The completed form should be returned, together with supporting documentation, to [info@ila-hq.org](mailto:info@ila-hq.org)

***PLEASE NOTE that those applicants who applied in March 2020 prior to the decision to change the format of the conference as a result of the impact of the global pandemic of Covid-19 DO NOT need to re-submit their application UNLESS they wish to update information contained therein.***

The Selection Committee will announce their decision by **28 August 2020** and successful applicants will be informed immediately. The decision of the Committee is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

*PLEASE NOTE that in view of the exceptional circumstances necessitating an ONLINE Biennial Conference, the Scholarship Committee has agreed that recipients of a scholarship for the 79<sup>th</sup> Biennial Law Conference 2020 will not be precluded from applying for a Scholarship to attend the 80<sup>th</sup> Biennial Law Conference in 2022.*

**24 June 2020**

**International Law Association**

**APPLICATION FORM**

This form should be completed and returned, together with supporting documentation, to [info@ila-hq.org](mailto:info@ila-hq.org) by **10 July 2020, (17:00 Hrs London time)**.

Applicant's details:

**Name:**

**Gender:**

**Nationality:**

**Address:**

**Email:**

**Telephone:**

**Country of nationality:**

**Country of residence:**

**University Education** (include type, subject of degree, Class, when obtained, Institution awarding degree)

**Current activity:**

**Brief statement of current interests in international law (maximum 75 words):**

**Why do you wish to attend this virtual Conference? How would attendance help your research and/or future career?**

**Signature of Applicant:**

**Date:**

**Please ensure that you include the following supporting documentation with the completed application form -**

- 1) A full curriculum vitae;
- 2) A list of any papers written with their full title, a short summary of main findings in ten lines and, if relevant, the name of the supervisor under whose direction the paper was prepared;
- 3) A short paper (maximum 10 pages – double spaced) on the theme of the Conference 'Bridging for the Future'.
- 4) Statement by Referee (see next page).

**Statement by Referee**

**Applicant's name:**

The above has applied for a Scholarship to participate in the 79th International Law Association Biennial Conference, Kyoto, Japan which will take place ONLINE from 29 November – 13 December 2020. In order to evaluate this request, we would be grateful if you could comment on the quality of the applicant's work, the relevance of the Conference to the applicant and make any additional comments you feel relevant to this application.

You may use this form or email your comments directly to: **[info@ila-hq.org](mailto:info@ila-hq.org)**

**Name of Referee:**

**Address:**

**Email:**

**Phone number:**

**Relationship to Applicant:**

**Comments:**

**Signature of Referee:**

**Date:**

## **Guidelines**

### **1. Objectives of the ILA Scholarship Fund**

- 1.1. To encourage the participation of “younger persons” in the work of the ILA. While no age limit defines the category of “younger persons”, the ILA aims to welcome participants of all ages interested in international law, including younger persons, thereby investing in the Association’s future.
- 1.2. To allow these younger persons to enhance their research (graduate or post graduate) or early careers through participation in ILA conferences.
- 1.3. To facilitate the participation, in particular, of younger persons who cannot access other sources of financial support, for instance from their own institutions.
- 1.4. To increase the visibility of the ILA by attracting persons who would not otherwise have known its work, particularly in countries where the ILA is not present. When an ILA conference takes place in a region that is generally under-represented in the ILA’s work, to enhance participation from younger persons particularly from that region.
- 1.5. To increase ILA membership, the requirement being that scholarship recipients will become members of the ILA.
- 1.6. To invite scholarship recipients to become “ambassadors” of the ILA in their country and attract more members, particularly younger ones.
- 1.7. To encourage the rule of law in general and respect for international law, in particular, by expanding participation outside more traditional circles.
- 1.8. To make the ILA a truly universal organisation.

### **2. The functioning of the Selection Committee of the ILA Scholarship Fund**

- 2.1 The Selection Committee for the Scholarship Fund is chaired by Mr. Bruce Mauleverer QC (ILA Patron).
- 2.2 The Selection Committee will aim to select recipients according to the calendar set out in Annex 1, using the information submitted by candidates in response to the request for documentation set out in Annex 2.
- 2.3 The Selection Committee will work electronically to avoid the expense of meeting in person.

2.4 A scholarship will represent recognition by the ILA of the merits and quality of each scholar in the respects set out in this document.

### **3. The Obligations of the Successful Candidate**

3.1 The official programme of the 79<sup>th</sup> Biennial Law Conference will be limited to sessions of Committees finalising their work. Further details of these will be notified in due course. This part of the Conference will be organised online by the Japan Branch.

3.2 It is hoped and intended that there will be a parallel programme to supplement the official programme. The proposed parallel programme is currently in the planning stages and will be organised by ILA Headquarters in conjunction with Committee Chairs and Rapporteurs.

3.3 The detailed programme for all constituent elements of the Conference will be published in due course.

3.4 Scholars will be expected to participate in several virtual sessions (such number to be determined by the Scholarship Committee at a later date). Scholars will be given the opportunity of choosing which session he/she wishes to attend. A first and second choice will be required in case (a) some sessions have either no or insufficient scholars participating; or (b) the Zoom or other facility has too many people to permit a scholar to exercise first choice. To this end, a proforma will be prepared and circulated to scholars in advance.

3.5 Scholars will be expected to read any pre-conference written material (such as a Committee Report). This information will be provided in advance.

3.6 Scholars will be invited (in their capacity as interested observers, participants and contributors) to present their ideas or contributions about the theme of their session alongside full ILA members and other participants. Guidance as to the format of this intervention will be provided in advance.

3.7 Scholars may be asked to assist in the collection of interventions made by speakers at the virtual session (for editing and publication in the Conference Report). This is to be confirmed and appropriate contact and other support will be provided.

3.8 After the Conference, scholars will be required to write a short paper giving feedback on the session generally, saying what worked and what did not work for them from a practical perspective; including internet accessibility and stability, any government restrictions or other limitations, and noting whether the session was well attended (a proforma for this short paper will be provided in due course);

3.9 Scholars will also be required to write a longer substantive paper (of ten pages double spaced) about their experiences, detailing what they have learnt from the session(s) in which they have participated and how this has impacted upon their learning, experience and will be applied within their own practice or jurisdiction in future. They should be able to demonstrate that they really have participated in the conference and can report back substantively on what they have seen and noted. The best paper(s) may be included in post-conference material at the discretion of

the Director of Studies. The substantive feedback papers will also be circulated to the Executive Council and ILA Branches.

- 3.10 Scholars will be expected to become members of the ILA. Membership will be free until the next conference in 2022. Information on membership will be provided in due course.



**ANNEX 1**

**Calendar for the award of scholarships for the 79<sup>th</sup> Biennial Law Conference, Kyoto, Japan, 2020.**

Call for candidates	15 June 2020
Deadline for submission	10 July 2020
Selection and Informing Candidate	28 August 2020
Confirmation of Acceptance	11 September 2020

**ANNEX 2**

Candidates are requested to fill out the application form. In addition, they should provide the following documents in English or French:

- 1) A full curriculum vitae;
- 2) A list of any papers written with their full title, a short summary of main findings in ten lines and, if relevant, the name of the supervisor under whose direction the paper was prepared;
- 3) A short paper (maximum 10 pages – double spaced) on the theme of the Conference 'Bridging for the Future'.
- 4) Statement by Referee.

The Committee reserves the right to seek further information on, or to verify information already received from, the candidate.