

Internship Information & How to Apply:

APPLICATION

Applications will open on November 1, 2016 and will close on December 1, 2016. The access code is **egl9x0t** and can be applied to [Google Classroom](#), where you will find further instructions for the application.

INTERNSHIP INFORMATION

The internship program is designed for Pepperdine Law students passionate about pursuing careers in Global Justice. Students are placed in internships around the world.

Internships:

- Internships last 8-10 weeks, depending on the needs of the government or organization;
- Students typically leave one week after finals in mid-May and return mid-July;
- The average program cost averages between \$4500-\$5500, including flights, rent, food, and excursions. The GJP works to provide at least two-thirds of that amount through scholarships;
- Applications are typically open for the month of November and selections are made in early February;
- Student are eligible to earn academic units toward graduation during the internships.

Eligibility:

- Completed one-year of legal education at Pepperdine;
- Passionate about Global Justice & Human Rights;
- Able and willing to travel to the developing world;
- International travel experience preferred, but not required.

FAQ:

Can I do both the internship and Pepperdine's London Program? Absolutely. Many students have done both, as our London Program begins in mid-August.

How many positions are available? The number for internships in each location varies. In total, the GJP sends about 20-25 students abroad each summer.

Is there a waitlist? While we always have more applications than positions available, almost all students on the waitlist usually get placed into an internship.

Do I need to know a foreign language? Usually not. Most opportunities do not require foreign language proficiency. For interns placed in Rwanda, French language skills are helpful, but not required. A few of our partner organizations in South America do require fluent Spanish.

My family is worried I won't be safe, what can I tell them? While we can never *guarantee* the safety of our students (even in Malibu), we work closely with Pepperdine's risk management team to maximize safety and security for our students.

What happens once I'm accepted? The GJP will schedule several pre-departure orientation sessions in the Spring semester. Students are expected to attend all of these sessions. These sessions will include opportunities to connect with students who have been to your country and can help you better understand what to expect. While in your country, you will be required to contribute periodic posts to our GJP blog about your experiences.

If the GJP assists with about two-thirds of the cost, how can I cover the remaining amount? If you have the financial capacity to pay for the remainder, you are set. For most students, the remaining amount is not insubstantial. The GJP can provide fundraising letters for you to send out to friends and family. Many students have created GoFundMe sites and solicited family and/or faith communities to help cover the costs. We have never had a student unable to participate because of lack of funding.

What is the application process? Applications are typically available during the month of November. They can be completed entirely online through Google Classroom. The code to complete the application can be found on our website, in the Surf Report, and on the Facebook page once the applications open for that year. Every applicant has the opportunity to interview with the Director and Manager in January. First round decisions are made in early February and those on the waitlist are notified as spaces become available.

Should I apply for other opportunities? We cannot guarantee you a spot in our summer internship program, so it's always wise to have backup plans.

I'm a 2L (or an LL.M student) – can I still apply for the Global Justice Program? While most GJP interns are 1Ls, numerous 2Ls and LL.M students have participated in this program in the past. GJP alumni regularly tell us that their time working abroad often comes up in interviews and sets them apart from other candidates. Host organizations may find 2Ls and LL.M students more useful due to the additional legal training already completed. If 2Ls and LL.M students have more specialized interests, we may be able to better tailor a placement to fit those interests.

I am a law student at another university, can I participate in this program? We have a substantial number of students who enroll at Pepperdine because of the GJP. Consequently, Pepperdine students are given first priority during the application process. We will, however, include law students from other institutions on our teams if space is available. If you are highly interested in this program, email jenna.dewalt@pepperdine.edu for the application and any additional details you might seek.

I want to do OCI (on campus interviews) in August, will I be back in time? You will most likely be back in plenty of time, but you will want to make sure that the position you are taking allows you to begin and end early enough. Some organizations might have later

summer start dates, so it's important to talk with the GJP staff to ensure your internship dates don't overlap.

POSITIONS

Our Program has opportunities for students to work for governments or for partner organizations in a variety of developing countries. See below for the specific country opportunities:

Uganda – Justice Sector Internship

For eight weeks, students have the opportunity to intern under leaders in the Ugandan Justice System, including: Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, High Court, and Directorate of Public Prosecution. Typically, 10-12 students are selected for this program. Students live in the capital city of Kampala and assist the judges and prosecutors with their caseloads and with envisioning and implementing systemic reforms. For example, Uganda has recently adopted and implemented a system of plea bargaining as a direct result of a memorandum written by two 2009 summer interns. Students also spend one week of the summer involved in an intensive prison project in a juvenile or adult prison working with American lawyers, Ugandan lawyers, and Ugandan law students on behalf of prisoners awaiting their day in court. Our Program has worked closely with the Ugandan Judiciary, both in the United States through six study tours to Pepperdine of leading judicial officers, and in Uganda.

Rwanda – Justice Sector Internship

As in Uganda, the students spend eight weeks interning with Supreme Court of Rwanda or the Ministry of Justice assisting these institutions with their regular work, and with research papers regarding potential reforms to their justice system under the supervision of Rwanda's Chief Justice. Students in the Rwanda program also fly to neighboring Uganda and spend one additional week of the summer involved in an intensive prison project in a juvenile or adult prison working with American lawyers, Ugandan lawyers, and Ugandan law students on behalf of prisoners awaiting their day in court. Typically, 2-4 students are sent to Rwanda each year.

India - Counsel to Secure Justice

Counsel to Secure Justice, located in Delhi, is a nonprofit organization combating bonded labor and sex trafficking. Students work with CSJ on a wide variety of projects. Jon Derby, the founder, is a Pepperdine Law and GJP alumnus. CSJ have the capacity for 2 students in its office; an additional interview with Jon Derby is required during the application process.

South America - Paz y Esperanza

Paz y Esperanza (Peace and Hope) is a Christian human rights organization in multiple South American countries dedicated to defending and promoting justice on behalf of persons and communities living in poverty and affected by different forms of injustice. Legal internship opportunities for our students are in Peru and Ecuador.

International Justice Mission – Field Office Internship

Pepperdine enjoys a deep and lasting relationship with IJM, and typically 2-4 students are selected by IJM each year. While students apply directly with IJM, those selected are included in our GJP and are eligible for the scholarships discussed above.

Other

We have partnerships with other organizations around the world. If you are interested in hearing about those opportunities, come to Pepperdine Law or reach out to Jenna DeWalt for further information. Some of our partner organizations require a separate application process and we cannot guarantee your acceptance.