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### THE 2022-2023 DEAN ACHESON LEGAL *STAGE* PROGRAM

The United States Embassy in Luxembourg is pleased to announce that it is accepting applications for the Dean Acheson Legal *Stage* (traineeship/internship) Program in Luxembourg at the Court of Justice of the European Union for 2022-2023. These *stage* opportunities for periods of not more than three months are offered to a limited number of students or recent graduates from select U.S. law schools. **Applications must be received by the U.S. Embassy in Luxembourg by April 1, 2022. Each application must include a nomination letter from your law school and be sent as a single PDF file.**

#### AVAILABLE *STAGE* PERIODS AT THE EUROPEAN COURT

There are two possible Dean Acheson Legal *Stage* periods for 2022-2023:

**Fall Term (mid-September to mid-December) less than 90 days**

**Spring Term (mid-February to mid-May) less than 90 days**

Some flexibility regarding dates may be possible at the discretion of the Judge or Advocate General to whom the Dean Acheson *stagiaire* is attached. Exact dates will be determined by the calendar of the Court. The maximum *stage* period is three months due to Luxembourg visa requirements for non-EU citizens.

#### CATEGORIES OF DEAN ACHESON LEGAL *STAGE*

Three types of *stage* are available:

##### 1. With a Judge of the Court of Justice

The Dean Acheson *stagiaire* works in the Chambers of a Judge of the Court of Justice in association with their *referendaires* (law clerks). The *stagiaire* is expected to assist the Judge and their *referendaires* as required. This experience offers an unparalleled opportunity to gain insight into a judicial process characteristic of the European Court, but very different from the American approach, involving a high degree of intellectual teamwork. Strong French language skills are essential.

## **2. With an Advocate General of the Court of Justice**

The Dean Acheson *stagiaire* works in the Chambers of an Advocate General of the Court of Justice in association with their *referendaires*. The *stagiaire* takes part in the research and writing of the Advocate General's opinions, an experience most akin to a traditional U.S. judicial clerking experience. Advocates General prepare their opinions in their native language. The *stagiaire* therefore needs to have the language skills appropriate to the Advocate General who selects them. A reading knowledge of French is required.

## **3. With a Judge of the General Court**

The Dean Acheson *stagiaire* works in the Chambers of a Judge of the General Court in association with their *referendaires* (law clerks). The *stagiaire* is expected to assist the Judge and their *referendaires* as needed. The tasks are varied and include case law research, scholarly writings analysis, brief production and issue discussions. The cases mainly concern applications by legal or natural persons against EU actions or inactions. Strong French language skills are an advantage.

## **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

The purpose of the Dean Acheson Legal *Stage* Program is to promote mutual understanding between the peoples of the United States and the European Union in the context of the legal profession. It is therefore open to American citizens and legal permanent residents only. Priority will be given to applicants who have completed three years of law school and who have a strong knowledge of Community Law. As noted above, some knowledge of French is required, varying with the type of *stage*. Knowledge of an EU language other than French and English is an advantage, and generally necessary for a *stage* with an Advocate General.

## **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

Applications must include a completed application form and graduate and undergraduate transcripts.

All applications must first be submitted to each law school's administrator for review. After initial screening, each law school administrator should write a nominating letter for each student and forward via e-mail a maximum of three (3) endorsed applications to the U.S. Embassy in Luxembourg at the email address: [LuxembourgPublicAffairs@state.gov](mailto:LuxembourgPublicAffairs@state.gov).

Each complete application and accompanying transcripts must be saved as a single PDF document. Applications for either stage period must be received by **April 1, 2022**.

After review, the Embassy will forward approved application materials to the Court of Justice for review and circulation among the Judges and Advocates General, according to the applicant's stated preferences.

Individual Judges and Advocates General will select Dean Acheson *stagiaires* from the lists submitted and the European Court of Justice will notify the Embassy and the applicants of their selection by the end of July.

## **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

No U.S. Government funds are available to assist applicants chosen for Dean Acheson Legal *stages*. Dean Acheson *stages* are unpaid, and the European Court of Justice does not make any funds available to support Dean Acheson *stagiaires*. Dean Acheson *stagiaires* are responsible for the full cost of their transportation, room and board while participating in the Dean Acheson *stage* program.

## **PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS 2022/23**

American University  
Arizona State University  
Boston University  
Columbia University  
Cornell University  
Duke University  
Fordham University  
Georgetown University  
George Washington University  
Harvard University  
New York University  
Northwestern University  
Seton Hall University  
Stanford University  
Southern Methodist University  
University of Alabama  
University of California – Berkeley

University of California – Los Angeles  
University of Chicago  
University of Connecticut  
University of Illinois  
University of Kansas  
University of Michigan  
University of Minnesota  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of Southern California  
University of Texas at Austin  
University of Virginia  
Vanderbilt University  
Washington University in St. Louis  
West Virginia University  
Yale University

## **INQUIRIES**

Questions concerning this program may be addressed to:

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