

Institute of Advanced Legal Studies

PhD Studentship in Urban Law

The Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (IALS), in partnership with the United Nations Human Settlement Programme (UN-Habitat), invite applications for a research degree (MPhil/PhD) studentship at IALS in this area of urban law.

Research proposals should fall within the priority theme Urban Legislation, Land and Governance or any legal topic related to the New Urban Agenda and the proposed Sustainable Development Goal 11. For more information, please see also: <http://unhabitat.org/issue-papers-and-policy-units/>

Indicative topics of interest include:

- Access to land, infrastructure, services and housing
- Socially inclusive, gender sensitive, healthy and safe development
- Participatory planning and decision making processes
- Non-discrimination and equitable rights to the city

As part of their studentship, research students will be expected to assist academic staff and fellows with activities relating to Urban Law at IALS. The successful candidate will spend a period of 3 months on secondment at the headquarters of UN-Habitat in Nairobi, Kenya. During this secondment at the UN, research students will be expected to contribute to on-going UN-Habitat work by providing a minimum of 80 hours in research and/or research assistance in on-going projects.

The Scholarship will include a full fee waiver of Tuition Fees for 3-4 years of full time study. Living and subsistence costs in London are not covered and candidates will need to fund themselves or identify additional financing to this purpose. During the research posting in Nairobi, travel and living expenses will be covered by UN-Habitat.

Applicants must meet the normal entry qualifications for research degrees at the University of London (http://ials.sas.ac.uk/postgrad/courses/mphil_entrance.htm) and follow the normal application procedure http://ials.sas.ac.uk/postgrad/courses/mphil_application.htm

Candidates are encouraged to demonstrate their interest and previous experience in the proposed area of study by including in their application a short cover letter. Research applications will be considered on the grounds of academic merit, research potential and innovation and contribution to the priorities of the Urban Law Research Agenda.

Applications from Developing Countries will be particularly welcomed.

Closing Date for Applications: 30 November 2015

For informal enquiries please contact:

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