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Improving the student experience through global engagement

Learning & Teaching Symposium

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Why have Global engagement?

❖ Immense benefits of international legal education and exchanges

Woo, M. Y. K. (2001). Reflections on International Legal Education and Exchanges. Journal of Legal Education, 51(3), 449–456

❖ fellowships support the development of practical skills and specialist knowledge

❖ student mobility is associated with higher employment probability and likelihood of enrolling in postgraduate studies

Hombres, B., Schnepf, S.V. International mobility of students in Italy and the UK: does it pay off and for whom?. High Educ 82, 1173–1194 (2021).

link to UEL strategy and initiatives

- ❖ Future Graduate: Education and Experience Strategy
- ❖ links directly with 2 of UEL's Future Professional:
Careers and Enterprise Strategic priorities
 - Reimagined Career Readiness
 - Dynamic Partnerships
- ❖ Supports the strategy of ensuring that LJPs curriculum is grounded in knowledge exchange and strategic partnerships, enabling students to work alongside professionals.

Overview- design

- ❖ The fellowship links directly to the learning on 2 Modules- LA7040 2526 Mental Wealth - International Law: Problems & Process, and International Criminal Law
- ❖ Many of the students enrolled on the LLM program are international students, that tend to have limited practical exposure and employability opportunities



Overview- fellowship

- External partners working on important aspects of international law have been identified
- Host students for 1-3 months
- 2-5 students are selected
- based on academic merit and career motivations

Fellowship structure

- Format: Hybrid (Virtual)
- Duration: 3 Months (February 2026 – April 2026)
- Participants: 2 Students
- External Partner: Mr. Iain Edwards, 1MCB Chambers, London
- Coordinator: Dr. Tonny Raymond Kirabira
- Funding: Royal Docks School of Business & Law
- The fellows will be supported by a stipend

International Law digital fellowships

Iain Edwards is a criminal defence barrister. He was called to the Bar of England and Wales in 2000 and is a member of 1MCB Chambers in London.

Since 2009 Iain has specialised in international criminal defence, working on three cases before the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. He then defended Mustafa Baddredine before the Special Tribunal for Lebanon, Jovica Stanišić and Marie-Rose Fatuma before the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, and (briefly) Mr Al-Hassan before the International Criminal Court.

He is currently instructed as counsel for Muhammad Ali Muhammad AbdAl-Rahman at the ICC, and Isni Kilaj before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers, both in The Hague. He is also pro bono counsel for Alphonse Nteziryayo at the IRMCT. He has held a number of elected positions in the International Criminal Court Bar Association and is a member of the disciplinary board for ICC counsel.



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Immediate outcomes



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- ❖ students gaining hands-on experience in international law projects
- ❖ developing legal research, drafting, and professional communication skills
- ❖ receiving direct mentorship from leading international lawyers
- ❖ Enhanced Module Evaluation



Long-term outcomes

- ❖ enhanced employability
- ❖ improved confidence in legal practice
- ❖ strengthened global career readiness



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