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2026-2027 YALE LAW SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP AT THE PERMANENT COURT OF ARBITRATION IN THE HAGUE

The Yale Law School is pleased to announce the 2026-2027 Yale Law School Fellowship at the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) at The Hague. This unique Fellowship is open to graduating Yale Law students and recent alumni who are interested in careers in international law and dispute resolution.

The Permanent Court of Arbitration stands at the juncture between public and private international law. Established to facilitate dispute resolution between states, its mandate has expanded to include disputes between various combinations of states, state entities, intergovernmental organizations, and private parties. The Yale Law School Fellowship at the PCA offers Yale Law graduates an incomparable opportunity to work on cases involving issues ranging from territorial boundaries and humanitarian law to disputes under bilateral and multilateral investment treaties and commercial contracts.

Terms of the Fellowship

YLS Fellows will spend one year on the staff of the PCA, beginning in the Fall of 2026. Responsibilities will include significant legal research and drafting. Fellows also will organize and observe hearings and deliberations, help negotiate and resolve issues among arbitrators, and work with the Secretary General to promote the PCA.

YLS PCA Fellows receive a stipend of \$60,000 based on a 12-month fellowship term, a contribution towards health insurance (up to \$5,000), and reimbursement for one round-trip economy class ticket (up to \$1,500) if relocation is required for the Fellowship.

Application Deadline

Complete applications must be received by 4:00 pm on **Thursday, February 19, 2026**. A YLS faculty committee will review all applications.

Application Details

Applications are invited from Yale Law School students and alumni, including JD and LLM students in their final year, YLS doctoral candidates, and recent graduates (up to three years after graduation).

Applicants should submit consolidated application materials, as specified below, to both Aleksandra Kopacz (aleksandra.kopacz@yale.edu) and to International Law Programs (international.law@yale.edu).



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In a single PDF, please submit the following materials in the sequence noted below:

- 1) A cover letter, two to four pages in length, outlining the applicant's interest and experience in international law and international dispute resolution. The letter should also include the names and contact information of the referees submitting letters.
- 2) Law school transcript(s) and, where relevant, the transcript of any other postgraduate degree program (unofficial transcripts are acceptable); and
- 3) A *curriculum vitae* (note: although fluency in languages other than English is not a requirement, please include a description of your language skills).

Letters of Recommendation:

In addition to the above, each applicant should have **two letters of recommendation**, including at least one from a Yale Law faculty member, **sent directly by email** to aleksandra.kopacz@yale.edu.

Former YLS Fellows at the PCA

Yale Law School is proud to have supported several Fellows at the PCA. A number of these Fellows continued to work at the PCA as counsel after the end of their fellowship year. YLS Fellows include:

2008-2009: Louis Llamzon
2009-2010: Garth Schofield
2010-2011: Anna Vinnik
2011-2012: Kathleen Claussen
2013-2014: Romain Zamour
2014-2015: Robert James
2015-2016: Philipp Kotlaba
2016-2017: Ashwita Ambast
2017-2018: Amnart Tangkiriphimarn
2018-2019: Michael Modesto Gale
2019-2020: Isabella Uria
2020-2021: Srinath Reddy Kethireddy
2021-2022: Soheila EbrahimiLouyeh
2022-2023: Sandra Magalang
2023-2024: Scott Graber
2024-2025: Kate Yoon
2025-2026: Luke Connell