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The University of Washington School of Law is distinguished by a vibrant Visiting Scholars Program. The Program attracts researchers and legal policy makers from around the world who wish to participate in the Law School's research and teaching programs and to conduct comparative research using the law library. The Program is designed for senior legal career professionals from legal institutions and eminent academics who have an extensive background in their given fields. Distinguished scholars hosted by the Law School include judges and prosecutors, professors, senior practicing attorneys, and high level policy makers and government officials.

Visiting Scholars conduct comparative research in areas ranging from intellectual property, criminal justice, and global business law to constitutional law, human rights, and environmental law. Many Visiting Scholars incorporate the product of their research at the Law School into their teaching, practice, and publications. Visiting Scholars are encouraged to participate in the Law School's workshops, lecture series and colloquia. They are invited to give presentations to the Law School community, and are expected to contribute to the intellectual environment of the Law School. At times, Visiting Scholars engage in collaborative research work with faculty members, which may result in joint or parallel projects and scholarship.

Visiting Scholars make a vital and vibrant contribution to the Law School; in recognition of that we provide them with access to our library, computer facilities, courses and faculty to pursue their specialized research agendas. Visitors may use work spaces available in the library. Although some computer facilities are available for use, Visiting Scholars are encouraged to bring their own laptops. Visiting Scholars are given access to legal research services as well as to fee-based recreational and transportation privileges. Visiting Scholars pay a fee to cover the cost of their visit and use of Law School and Library resources. Most Visiting Scholars are supported by funds from governmental scholarships, Fulbright Scholarships or sabbatical leave salary from their home university. Fee waivers are available in limited circumstances.

Admission

Admission to the Visiting Scholars Program is highly competitive and is not automatic. The Law School receives many more applications than there are places available. Most successful applicants are current law faculty, public legal officials or experienced attorneys who already hold an LL.M. or Ph.D. in law. A select number of scholars are invited by Law School faculty and centers to engage in research projects at the Law School each year. Visiting Scholars may continue their research for up to one year, and may apply to extend the period for a maximum of one additional year.

A member of the faculty must express an interest in working with a Visiting Scholar applicant before the application can be considered for approval. Where an applicant does not have a preexisting relationship with a faculty member, the Visiting Scholar Program Coordinator will, where possible, match an applicant with a faculty member who is willing to act as an academic host for the visit. We require a 3-5 page detailed description of the applicant's proposed research project and its relevance for educational, policy or practice purposes. We also require two letters of recommendation assessing the applicant's suitability for this kind of research project.

Details on the Visiting Scholars Program admissions process and application requirements can be found at www.law.washington.edu/AsianLaw/Scholars/Admissions.aspx

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