

**CALIFORNIA WESTERN SCHOOL OF LAW
VISITING SCHOLAR PROGRAM**

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

California Western School of Law, which is located in San Diego, California, sponsors a Visiting Scholar Program as a component of its International Legal Studies Program. The Visiting Scholar Program allows foreign legal academics, or other foreign lawyers with at least a Master's degree (or a Bachelor's degree and significant work experience), to conduct independent research on a major project. During the past few years, the School of Law has welcomed Visiting Scholars from Canada, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Iran, New Zealand, and Nigeria.

California Western provides each Visiting Scholar with an office, office supplies, full privileges at the School of Law library, a computer with Lexis and Westlaw access, and incidental secretarial support (to type letters or short documents). California Western does not provide any funding for Visiting Scholars, for any purposes; Visiting Scholars must have their own source of funds for travel, accommodations, and all other expenses. Visiting Scholars must present a talk to faculty and students concerning their research. Stays for Visiting Scholars at the School of Law range from one month to one year.

California Western School of Law, which was founded in 1924 and is accredited by the American Bar Association and the Association of American Law Schools, offers a rich array of international and comparative law courses, engages in a student and faculty exchange program with Victoria University in Wellington, New Zealand, and cosponsors summer abroad programs in England, Ireland, and Malta. Legal education programs are offered in several countries in Latin America, under the auspices of the School's McGill Center. The School of Law also hosts numerous speakers on international and comparative law, provides international law-related internship opportunities for its students, offers a graduate law program leading to the LL.M. or M.C.L. degree for foreign lawyers, and operates several student organizations related to international and comparative law. The *California Western International Law Journal* is one of the oldest student-edited international law journals in the United States. Visiting Scholars may not take courses, but are welcome to participate in other activities at the School of Law.

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APPLICATION PROCESS

In order to apply for a Visiting Scholar position, applicants must submit the following information:

- (1) a full curriculum vita, specifying educational background, publications, and relevant work experience;
- (2) a writing sample;
- (3) a detailed description of the research proposal; and
- (4) two letters of reference.

There is no application fee. The application should be sent to:

Visiting Scholar Program
c/o Professor William J. Aceves
California Western School of Law
225 Cedar Street
San Diego, CA 92101, USA

The application may also be sent via e-mail to wja@cwsl.edu.

Upon receipt, international law faculty members and the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs will review the application. A decision to invite an applicant to be a Visiting Scholar depends on an evaluation of the merits of the application as well as the availability of office space.

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CROSS-CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES

California Western School of Law provides numerous opportunities for Visiting Scholars to exchange cultural views, especially concerning the socio-legal culture. Here are some of the opportunities:

- Faculty members who work in subject areas related to the research topic of a Visiting Scholar will discuss substantive legal issues with the Visiting Scholar.

- Numerous faculty members, including Professors Aceves, Barton, Belknap, Benner, Bohrer, Channick, Ehrlich, Ireland, Manns, Noyes, Sandrino, Slotkin, and G. Smith, have worked or taught abroad, or have expertise in comparative law. They are willing to discuss comparative perspectives on legal education and law practice.

- Each year, California Western School of Law grants graduate law degrees to approximately 25 foreign lawyers from all over the world. Their presence on campus increases opportunities for cross-cultural exchanges. Contact Professor Slotkin, Director of the M.C.L./LL.M. Program, for more information about this Program.

- All Visiting Scholars are welcome to attend the numerous speeches and conferences hosted by the faculty, the McGill Center, and student organizations. Each year dozens of prominent speakers address issues of current significance in U.S. and international law.

- Off-campus possibilities for academic discussions exist with faculty members in relevant departments at the University of California at San Diego (UCSD) and San Diego State University (SDSU). California Western recently entered an Agreement of Association with UCSD that provides even more opportunities for academic exchange.