

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED  
STATES OF AMERICA TO  
LUXEMBOURG



COURT OF JUSTICE OF  
THE EUROPEAN UNION

### THE 2026-2027 DEAN ACHESON LEGAL SCHOLAR PROGRAM

The U.S. Embassy in Luxembourg is pleased to announce that it is accepting applications for the Dean Acheson Legal Scholar Program in Luxembourg at the Court of Justice of the European Union for 2026-2027. These opportunities for periods of not more than three months are offered to a limited number of students or recent graduates from select U.S. law schools. **Applications must be received by the U.S. Embassy in Luxembourg by April 10, 2026. Each application must include a nomination letter from your law school and be sent as a single PDF file.**

#### AVAILABLE LEGAL SCHOLAR PERIODS AT THE EUROPEAN COURT

There are two possible Dean Acheson Legal Scholar periods for 2026-2027:

**Fall Term (mid-September to beginning of December) less than 90 days**

**Spring Term (beginning of March to mid-May) less than 90 days**

Some flexibility regarding dates may be possible at the discretion of the Judge or Advocate General to whom the Dean Acheson Scholar is attached. Exact dates will be determined by the calendar of the Court. The maximum participation period is three months for participants due to Luxembourg visa requirements for non-EU citizens.

#### CATEGORIES OF DEAN ACHESON LEGAL SCHOLAR PARTICIPATION

Three types of participation are available:

##### **With a Judge of the Court of Justice**

The Dean Acheson scholar works in the Chambers of a Judge of the Court of Justice in association with their *referendaires* (law clerks). The participant is expected to assist the Judge and their *referendaires* as required. This experience offers an unparalleled opportunity to gain insight into a judicial process characteristic of the European Court, but very different from the American approach, involving a high degree of intellectual teamwork. A good knowledge of French is desirable.

##### **With an Advocate General of the Court of Justice**

The Dean Acheson scholar works in the Chambers of an Advocate General of the Court of Justice in association with their *referendaires*. The scholar takes part in the research and writing of the Advocate General's opinions, an experience most akin to a traditional U.S. judicial

clerking experience. Advocates General usually prepare their opinions in their native language. The participant therefore needs to have the language skills appropriate to the Advocate General who selects them. A good knowledge of French is desirable.

### **With a Judge of the General Court**

The Dean Acheson scholar works in the Chambers of a Judge of the General Court in association with their *referendaires* (law clerks). The visitor is expected to assist the Judge and their *referendaires* as needed. The tasks are varied and include case law research, scholarly writings analysis, brief production and issue discussions. The cases mainly concern applications by legal or natural persons against EU actions or inactions. A good knowledge of French is desirable.

### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

The purpose of the Dean Acheson Legal Scholar Program is to promote mutual understanding between the peoples of the United States and the European Union in the context of the legal profession. It is therefore open to U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents only. Priority will be given to applicants who have completed three years of law school and who have a strong knowledge of European Union Law. As noted above, in view of the nature of the working environment, a good knowledge of French is desirable; and knowledge of an EU language other than French and English is an advantage.

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

Applications must include a completed application form and graduate and undergraduate transcripts.

All applications must first be submitted to each law school's administrator for review. After initial screening, each law school administrator should write a nominating letter for each student and forward via e-mail a maximum of three (3) endorsed applications to the U.S. Embassy in Luxembourg at the email address: [LuxembourgPublicAffairs@state.gov](mailto:LuxembourgPublicAffairs@state.gov).

Each complete application and accompanying transcripts must be saved as a single PDF document. Applications for either participation period must be received by **April 10, 2026**.

The Embassy will forward complete applications to the Court of Justice for review and circulation among the Judges and Advocates General.

Individual Judges and Advocates General will select Dean Acheson scholars from the lists submitted and the European Court of Justice will notify the Embassy and the applicants of their selection by the end of July at the latest.

## **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

No U.S. Government funds are available to assist applicants chosen for Dean Acheson Legal Scholar Program. Dean Acheson participation is unpaid, and the Court of Justice of the European Union does not make any funds available to support Dean Acheson scholars. Dean Acheson participants are responsible for the full cost of their transportation, room and board while participating in the Dean Acheson scholar program.

## **PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS 2026/27**

|                                          |                                           |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| American University (Washington)         | University of California--Irvine          |
| Arizona State University (O'Connor)      | University of California--Los Angeles     |
| Baylor University                        | University of Chicago                     |
| Boston College                           | University of Colorado--Boulder           |
| Boston University                        | University of Connecticut                 |
| Brigham Young University (Clark)         | University of Florida (Levin)             |
| Case Western Reserve University          | University of Georgia                     |
| Columbia University                      | University of Illinois--Urbana-Champaign  |
| Cornell University                       | University of Iowa                        |
| Duke University                          | University of Kansas                      |
| Emory University                         | University of Michigan--Ann Arbor         |
| Florida State University                 | University of Minnesota                   |
| Fordham University                       | University of North Carolina--Chapel Hill |
| George Mason University (Scalia)         | University of Notre Dame                  |
| George Washington University             | University of Pennsylvania (Carey)        |
| Georgetown University                    | University of Southern California (Gould) |
| Harvard University                       | University of Texas--Austin               |
| Indiana University--Bloomington (Maurer) | University of Utah (Quinney)              |
| New York University                      | University of Virginia                    |
| Northwestern University (Pritzker)       | University of Washington                  |
| Ohio State University (Moritz)           | University of Wisconsin--Madison          |
| Seton Hall University                    | Vanderbilt University                     |
| Southern Methodist University (Dedman)   | Villanova University (Widger)             |
| Stanford University                      | Wake Forest University                    |
| Temple University                        | Washington and Lee University             |
| Texas A&M University                     | Washington University in St. Louis        |
| University of Alabama                    | William & Mary Law School                 |
| University of California--Berkeley       | Yale University                           |
| University of California--Davis          |                                           |

## **INQUIRIES**

Questions concerning this program may be addressed to:

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