

**THE DEAN ACHESON
LEGAL *STAGE* PROGRAM**



**AT THE COURT OF JUSTICE OF
THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES**

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The United States Embassy in Luxembourg is pleased to announce that it is accepting applications for the Dean Acheson Legal *Stage* (traineeship/internship) Program in Luxembourg at the Court of Justice of the European Communities for 2011-2012. These *stage* 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 May 2, 2011.**

AVAILABLE *STAGE* PERIODS AT THE EUROPEAN COURT

There are two possible Dean Acheson Legal *Stage* periods for 2011-2012:

Fall Term (mid-September to mid-December)

Spring Term (mid-February to mid-May)

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

CATEGORIES OF DEAN ACHESON LEGAL *STAGE*

Three types of *stage* are available:

1. With a Judge of the Court of Justice

The Dean Acheson *stagiaire* works in the Chambers of a Judge of the Court of Justice in association with his or her *referendaires* (law clerks). The *stagiaire* is expected to assist the Judge and his or her *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. Strong French language skills are essential.

2. With an Advocate General of the Court of Justice

The Dean Acheson *stagiaire* works in the Chambers of an Advocate General of the Court of Justice in association with his or her *referendaires*. The *stagiaire* 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 prepare their opinions in their native language. The *stagiaire* therefore needs to have the language skills appropriate to the Advocate General who selects him or her. A reading knowledge of French is required.

3. With a Judge of the Court of First Instance

The Dean Acheson *stagiaire* works in the Chambers of a Judge of the Court of First Instance (CFI), assisting him or her in connection with cases before the CFI. Candidates for this *stage* should have a strong background in antitrust/competition law. A reading knowledge of French is required.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The purpose of the Dean Acheson Legal *Stage* 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 American citizens and legal permanent residents only. Priority will be given to applicants who have completed three years of law school and who have a strong knowledge of Community Law. As noted above, some knowledge of French is required, varying with the type of *stage*. Knowledge of an EU language other than French and English is an advantage, and generally necessary for a *stage* with an Advocate General.

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 forward via e-mail a maximum of three (3) endorsed applications to the U.S. Embassy in Luxembourg using address: LuxembourgPublicAffairs@state.gov. Each complete application and accompanying transcripts should be saved as PDF documents and sent in a single e-mail. Applications for either stage period must be received at the Embassy by **May 2, 2011**.

After review, the Embassy will forward approved application materials to the Court of Justice for review and circulation among the Judges and Advocates General, according to the applicant's stated preferences.

Individual Judges and Advocates General will select Dean Acheson *stagiaires* from the lists submitted and the European Court of Justice will notify the Embassy and the applicants of their selection in August.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

No U.S. Government funds are available to assist applicants chosen for Dean Acheson Legal *stages*. Dean Acheson *stages* are unpaid, and the European Court of Justice does not make any funds available to support Dean Acheson *stagiaires*. Dean Acheson *stagiaires* are responsible for the full cost of their transportation, room and board while participating in the Dean Acheson *stage* program.

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS 2011/12

Boston University
Columbia University
Cornell University
Duke University
Fordham University
Georgetown University
George Washington University
New York University
Northwestern University
Seton Hall University
Southern Methodist University

University of Chicago
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota
University of Pennsylvania
University of Southern California
University of Texas at Austin
University of Virginia
Vanderbilt University
Washington University in St. Louis
Yale University

INQUIRIES

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