

# Center for International & Comparative Law (CICL) Fellows Program Application

## Program Purpose

The Center for International and Comparative Law (CICL) Fellows Program offers a unique opportunity for Emory Law students to play a central role in shaping the Center's academic and professional community. Designed as a selective, professional student appointment, the program brings together a small cohort of highly motivated students who serve as the Center's core operational, editorial, and programming team.

CICL Fellows work closely with faculty and practitioners in the field of international and comparative law, contributing to high-level events, publications, and initiatives that engage both the Emory community and a global network of scholars and professionals. More than a student organization, the Fellows Program functions as a structured, collaborative role that builds leadership, organizational, and scholarly skills in a dynamic and internationally focused environment.

Fellows are deeply involved in the intellectual life of the Center—helping design programming, develop content for our blog 'CICL Currents' (forthcoming), and sustain CICL's public presence, while gaining valuable experience and mentorship that supports their academic and professional development.

We invite our Fellows to publish their papers, thoughts or notes on our blog 'CICL Currents', and to plan an academic or a career-focused event at Emory Law School (with the logistical and financial support from CICL).

We invite students with a demonstrated interest in international or comparative law, strong writing skills, and a commitment to professionalism to apply and become part of this select group.

We offer a small stipend, depending on seniority, payable at the end of each semester.

The CICL Fellows Program supports the academic, professional, and institutional mission of the Center for International and Comparative Law. Fellows function as the Center's student administrative and editorial team. The program is designed to ensure continuity of programming, maintain a professional public presence, and develop sustained engagement with faculty and the broader international law community.

Fellows are expected to treat the position as a professional commitment comparable to a part-time institutional role rather than a traditional student organization membership.

There are five CICL Fellows each academic year:

- 1 Head Fellow (Senior Fellow)
- 2 Senior Fellows – 3L, LLM or SJD students
- 2 Junior Fellows (1L or 2L students)

## **Fellowship Term**

Academic Year (May – May)

## **Eligibility Requirements**

Applicants must:

- Be Emory Law students during the fellowship term
- Have completed a course in International Law, International Relations, or Comparative law (or be enrolled at the time of application)
- Demonstrate sustained interest in international or comparative law
- Be able to commit consistent weekly time throughout the academic year (approximately 3–5 hours/week). Commitment is flexible and can be designed to fit around the students' schedules. No work will be expected during the exam period.

## **Application Materials**

Applicants must submit the following materials in a single PDF:

- Resume
- Statement of Interest (500–750 words)

## **Statement of Interest Instructions**

Your statement should address the following:

- Interest in International or Comparative Law
  - Explain your academic or professional interest in the field.
- Relevant Coursework or Experience
  - Include classes, research, writing, internships, clinics, publications, or extracurricular involvement.
- Preferred Focus
  - Indicate and explain whether you prefer to focus on:
    - Public International Law,
    - Private International Law,
    - Comparative Law.
- Proposed Contributions
  - Provide examples of programming ideas, initiatives, or blog topics you would propose as a Fellow.
- Professional Goals
  - Explain how the CICL Fellows Program aligns with your career development.

## **Selection Criteria**

Applicants will be evaluated based on:

- Demonstrated commitment to international law
- Writing ability
- Reliability and professionalism
- Organizational capacity
- Fit with the needs of the Center

### **Fellowship Commitment**

Fellows serve for one academic year and are expected to:

- Attend weekly fellows' meetings
- Contribute to programming and publications
- Assist with Center operations and outreach
- Participate in transition and onboarding of the next cohort

### **Submission Instructions**

Submit application materials as a single PDF titled:

- LastName\_FirstName\_CICLApplication.pdf

Email your application to: [law-cicl@emory.edu](mailto:law-cicl@emory.edu)

Deadline: April 31, 2026 at 11:59 PM