

# **BABSEACLE 2017 International Legal Studies Externship Clinic Chiang Mai, Thailand**

Monday 26 June – Friday 21 July 2017



BABSEACLE is pleased to announce that applications for our **International Legal Studies Externship Clinic** in Chiang Mai, Thailand are **now open**.

Since 2004 the BABSEACLE Legal Studies Externship Clinic has worked with more than 1000 students coming from more than 20 countries worldwide. Supervision and placement has occurred in Thailand, Myanmar, Cambodia, Laos, Malaysia and Vietnam, with additional online virtual internship programs conducted between BABSEACLE and universities in Australia. The BABSEACLE Externship Clinic offers interns a hands-on opportunity to make a real contribution to helping people achieve access to justice while being involved in a remarkable experience of living and working in Asia.

The clinic emphasises on a number of key areas related to both helping others to achieve access to justice and personal social justice development. As a BABSEACLE extern you will contribute in many ways including:

- Supporting the development of access to justice and pro bono initiatives that BABSEACLE are currently supporting across the Asia region, most notably the 6<sup>th</sup> Asia Pro Bono Conference in Sept/Oct 2017 and the 2018 Asia Access to Justice Week;
- Access to justice roundtable support;
- Access to justice organisational network building;
- Supporting legal research related to access to counsel and legal service providers for vulnerable and marginalised persons and communities. Example thematic areas include; women's rights, indigenous rights, rights of drug users, migrant worker rights, disability rights, environmental justice and many more.

**The UQ Pro Bono Centre is proud to partner with BABSEACLE to send four (4) UQ law students to participate in the 2017 International Legal Studies Externship Clinic.** You can read about previous UQ students' placement with BABSEACLE in Myanmar here: <https://www.uq.edu.au/news/article/2016/09/law-across-cultures>

## **About BABSEACLE's work in the Asia Region**

[BABSEACLE](http://www.babseacle.org) is a 501-C-3 U.S. not-for-profit, access to justice/legal education organisation which collaborates globally in the development of justice education and access to justice initiatives while simultaneously fostering generations of pro bono minded champions. BABSEACLE has been working collaboratively with universities, law students, law faculties, lawyers, members of the legal community, justice related organisational partners, government and the private sector since 2003 to develop justice education and pro bono related programs throughout Asia and globally. These programs assist in providing access to justice services while simultaneously helping to build the next generation of social justice, pro bono minded champions. These programs and clinics assist communities, provide legal aid services and simultaneously help to build the next generation of social justice, pro-bono minded champions. For more information: [www.babseacle.org](http://www.babseacle.org)

## **Application process**

Applications are now open for interested UQ law students to participate in this International Legal Studies Externship clinic as part of **LAWS5180 (Clinical Legal Education)**. **Four UQ law students** will be selected to participate in the program, which will commence on Monday 26 June and will run for a

period of four weeks. The timeframe aligns with the University mid-semester recess. The application deadline for this program is **Friday 31 March 2017 at 4pm (BNE time)**.

The application process requires students to complete the BABSEACLE Legal Studies International Externship Clinic Application Form – **see attached**. The UQ Pro Bono Centre and BABSEACLE will shortlist candidates based upon this application. All applicants will be advised whether or not they have been shortlisted no later than **Monday 17 April**.

Shortlisted candidates will be expected to attend a pre-selection Skype interview with the BABSEACLE team in the **week starting Monday 24 April**. Final offers will be made to the successful candidates in that same week.

### Clinic Costs

The cost for the 2017 International Legal Studies Externship Clinic is **\$1,500 USD** (internal transportation, work permit and accommodation costs). **This cost does not include flights or visas.**

**All interested students are strongly encouraged to apply for an OS-HELP Loan** with the support of UQ Abroad. **The deadline for OS-Help loans for overseas study commencing May to October is Wednesday 15 March. PLEASE NOTE: OS-Help loan applications can be withdrawn without penalty if the student's application is unsuccessful, so it is best to apply at the outset.**

UQ will arrange a full pre-departure risk assessment for selected students. As an official elective law course, UQ travel, personal accident, professional indemnity and public liability insurance will cover students on placement.

### LAWS5180 and further contacts

LAWS5180 is a highly popular elective law course that provides students with work experience in a social justice setting for academic credit: <https://law.uq.edu.au/partnerships/pro-bono/clinical-legal-education-program>

The course is not graded, it is pass/fail. Formal assessment will involve weekly reflective journals in addition to regular tasks students will undertake for BABSEACLE. Students will be expected to attend a pre-departure induction with LAWS5180 Course Coordinator in early May 2017 (date/time TBA).

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