



# FOREVER SABAH

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**UQ PRO BONO  
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**NEW COLOMBO PLAN**

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**International Environmental Law Clinic,  
Sabah, Malaysia (Borneo)**  
Week 6 – 12 Summer Semester

Applications **are now open** for interested UQ law students to participate in the International Environmental Law Clinic as part of **LAWS5180** (Clinical Legal Education). This international clinic is a partnership between the UQ Pro Bono Centre and [Forever Sabah](#).

**Four UQ law students** will be selected to participate in the program, which will commence in-country on the second Monday in January each year and will run for a period of **six weeks**. The timeframe aligns within the standard 2017/18 Summer Semester.

You can read about previous UQ students' pro bono legal work with Forever Sabah here:  
<https://www.uq.edu.au/news/article/2016/03/creating-change-through-environmental-law>

## About Forever Sabah

[Forever Sabah](#) is a 25-year programme to support Sabah's transition to a diversified, equitable, circular economy. The clinic works with Forever Sabah's Legal Innovation Team to deliver cutting-edge legal advice and support, including identifying strategic entry points in the law for a range of environmental issues. This clinic offers students a 'hands-on' opportunity to make a real contribution to environmental justice while being involved in a remarkable experience of living and working in Asia.

Some of the activities of the international environmental law clinic will include:

- Living and working in Sabah for six weeks, from January to February 2018;
- Participating in a weekly legal seminar series to build students' knowledge of the interaction between local laws and policies and broader political, economic and juridical processes and their impacts on environmental conservation in Sabah;
- Researching and developing technical papers on relevant areas of law. The specific topics will be decided with the Legal Innovation Team and will likely concern environmental courts and marine or terrestrial conservation.

The clinic will operate on a full-time basis (approx. 9am - 5 pm Mon – Fri) and students will work under the close supervision of the Legal Innovation Team lawyers, Harry Jonas and Holly Jonas. Forever Sabah will identify suitable accommodation and will provide induction, team building, reflections and other activities during the internship period.

## Application process

The application deadline for this program is **4pm, Friday in O-week, semester 2 each year.** The application process requires students to complete an online Application Form – **attached**.

Students should email their completed Application Form to [probono@law.uq.edu.au](mailto:probono@law.uq.edu.au). UQ Pro Bono Centre will share your application with Forever Sabah for selection purposes.

The UQ Pro Bono Centre and Forever Sabah will shortlist candidates on the papers. All applicants will be advised whether or not they have been shortlisted 31 **July**.

Shortlisted candidates will be expected to attend a pre-selection Skype interview early in **week 3 of semester**. Final offers will be made to the successful candidates in that same week.

### Clinic costs

All interested students are 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 **in mid- September**. **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.**

Selected students will also be supported by the UQ Law School by way of a **\$3,000 AUD** stipend thanks to mobility grant funding via the [New Colombo Plan](#). Selected students are expected to put the \$3,000 towards the costs of this academic placement.

Previous indicative costs included\*:

- Forever Sabah 2018 Programme Administration Fee – **1000 AUD**
- Return flights – approximately **2000 AUD**
- Accommodation (+ utilities) - approximately **500-600 AUD** per person per month.
- Food, internet, local transport – approximately **150-200 AUD** per month (with variations depending on personal choices such as phone plans and evenings out).
- Visas – no cost. There are no visa requirements for [Australians travelling to Malaysia](#) - students will receive a free 90 day tourist visa upon arrival in Sabah.

\*(Costs may vary each year)

Student flights to and from Kota Kinabalu must be arranged through Campus Travel. As an official elective law course, UQ travel, personal accident, professional indemnity and public liability insurance will cover students on placement. UQ will arrange a full pre-departure risk assessment for selected students.

### 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 Forever Sabah. All selected students will be required to complete a research proposal on their assigned research topic in early December, prior to their departure in January. Students will also be expected to attend a pre-departure induction with LAWS5180 Course Coordinator in early December (date/time TBA).

- Monica Taylor, Director UQ Pro Bono Centre and LAWS5180 Course Coordinator  
[m.taylor@law.uq.edu.au](mailto:m.taylor@law.uq.edu.au) - 3346 9351

- Harry Jonas, Legal Clinic Coordinator: [harry@foreversabah.org](mailto:harry@foreversabah.org)



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Name:.....

Student number: .....

Total LAWS units already completed: .....

Expected graduation date:.....

**1. What is your aim and motivation for applying for this course (200 words)**

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**2. What do you think are the most pressing environmental, development and/or social justice issues that lawyers should address in the next 10 years? (200 words)**

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**3. Do you have any prior experience studying and/or working on environmental, sustainable development and/or social justice issues? Please describe with specific examples (200 words)**

**4. Do you have any prior experience travelling/living/working overseas? Please describe, including any particular challenges you faced and how you addressed them (200 words)**

**5. Previous describe your legal research and writing skills, providing examples of research topics or assignments: (200 words)**

***Please attach a sample of your writing with this application.*** Please send this application with two writing samples to [probono@law.uq.edu.au](mailto:probono@law.uq.edu.au) by **4pm, Friday in O-week, semester 2 each year..** UQ Pro Bono Centre will share your application with Forever Sabah for selection purposes.