



2020 International Legal Studies Externship Clinic

Chiang Mai, Thailand

Monday 6 July to Friday 24 July 2020

What is the International Legal Studies Externship?

The International Legal Studies Externship Clinic in Chiang Mai is a three-week in-country student placement experience for academic credit. Students will gain international experience working alongside lawyers and law reform advocates in a social justice setting in Chiang Mai, Thailand. The UQ Law School is partnering with BABSEACLE (*Bridges Across Borders South-East Asia Clinical Legal Education*) to send students to work and study in Chiang Mai through LAWS5233 in July 2020.

Students will make a real contribution to helping people achieve access to justice whilst being involved in a remarkable experience of living and working in Asia. Students will contribute in many ways including:

- Legal research on thematic areas of law including women's rights, indigenous rights, rights of drug users, migrant worker rights, disability rights and environmental justice;
- Supporting the development of access to justice and pro bono initiatives across Asia, most notably the Asia Pro Bono Conference and the Asia Access to Justice Week;
- Access to justice roundtable support and network building.

Application process

UQ law students are invited to apply as part of LAWS5233 (Transnational Perspectives in Law).

The three-week clinic will start on Monday 6 July and will finish on Friday 24 July. The timeframe aligns with the University mid-semester recess.

The application process is as follows:

1. Complete the **attached** BABSEACLE Legal Studies International Externship Clinic Application Form. Applications close **Sunday 15 March 2020 at 5pm (BNE time)**.
2. The School of Law and BABSEACLE will shortlist candidates. All applicants will be advised whether or not they have been shortlisted by **Wed 25 March 2020**.
3. Shortlisted candidates will attend a pre-selection Zoom interview with the BABSEACLE team in the **week starting Monday 30 March 2020**. Final offers will be made to the successful candidates in that same week.

Clinic Costs

The cost per student for the 2020 International Legal Studies Externship Clinic is **\$1,950 USD** (internal transportation, work permit and accommodation costs). This cost includes:

- Volunteer visa paperwork
- Workplace permissions and approvals
- In-country transportation related to all externship activities

- BABSEACLE planned cultural & wellness activities
- All training and work-related training materials
- Legal supervision and mentorship
- Administration & coordination costs
- A local country support team
- Twin share accommodation while on placement
- Support for our Community Legal Education partner programs

It does not include flights or visas. UQ Law School has New Colombo Plan funding to support this clinic. Each successful eligible student will receive **\$3000 AUD** towards their travel and living costs.

Interested students may also wish to consider an OS-HELP Loan with the support of UQ Global Experiences.

PLEASE NOTE: UQ OS-HELP loan deadline for overseas study in this period is **15 January**. OS-Help loan applications can be withdrawn without penalty if your 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 LAWS course, UQ travel, personal accident, professional indemnity and public liability insurance will cover students on placement. Please read the insurance material carefully to ensure you are comfortable with the level of cover, some students prefer to arrange additional cover privately.

LAWS5233 and further contacts

LAWS5233 is a graded course. Formal assessment will include reflective journals, participation and a 3,000 word research essay on an area related to the clinical work engaged in with BABSEACLE.

Further contacts:

- Bruce Lasky, BABSEACLE Co-director and Co-founder: blasky@babseacle.org
- Wendy Morrish, BABSEACLE Co-director and Co-founder: wmorrish@babseacle.org
- Monica Taylor UQ Pro Bono Centre Director m.taylor@law.uq.edu.au

Further reading: about BABSEACLE's work in the Asia Region

BABSEACLE is a 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. The BABSEACLE Legal Studies Externship Clinic has worked with more than 1000 students coming from more than 20 countries worldwide.

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