



BABSEACLE Virtual International Legal Studies Externship Clinic

Summer Semester 2020-2021

What is the International Legal Studies Externship?

The BABSEACLE Virtual International Legal Studies Externship Clinic is a **six-week** virtual student experience for academic credit. Students will gain international experience working virtually with lawyers and law reform advocates focusing on access to justice and strengthening Rule of Law in the Asia region and globally. The UQ Law School is partnering with [BABSEACLE](#) to support up to **ten students** to work virtually with BABSEACLE in the 2020-2021 Summer Semester through law elective LAWS5233.

Law students will make a real contribution to helping people achieve access to justice throughout South East Asia. Students will contribute in many ways including:

- 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, elderly rights, labour and migrant worker rights, rights of drug users, disability rights, and many more.
- Supporting the development of access to justice and pro bono initiatives across Asia, most notably the Asia Pro Bono Conference & Access to Justice Exchange, 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 application process is as follows:

1. Complete the attached BABSEACLE Legal Studies International Externship Clinic Application Form. Applications close **Friday, 13 November 2020**.
2. The School of Law and BABSEACLE will shortlist candidates. All applicants will be advised whether or not they have been shortlisted **Friday, 20 November 2020**.
3. Shortlisted candidates will attend a pre-selection Zoom interview with the BABSEACLE team during the week of **Monday, 23 November 2020**. Final offers will be made to the successful candidates in the following week.
4. The ten successful students will be permission-listed to enrol in LAWS5233 on receipt of an offer.

Clinic Costs

UQ Law School has New Colombo Plan funding to support this clinic. Each successful student will receive **\$1,400 AUD** towards their costs. The BABSEACLE cost per student for the 2021 International Legal Studies Externship Clinic is **\$950 USD** and will include:

- All training and work-related training materials
- Legal supervision and mentorship

- BABSEACLE planned cultural & wellness activities
- Administration & coordination costs
- Support for BABSEACLE's Community Legal Education partner programs

Attendance and timeframes

Students will be expected to participate in the clinic 2-3 days per week over a six-week placement. There will be some days (or parts thereof) where attendance at the clinic on-campus at UQ will be compulsory.

The externship will run according to the following timetable (a significant amount of this time will include working independently on projects):

- **Week 1: 14 - 18 December, 2020** (Monday 10-4pm; Tuesday 1-4pm)
- **Week 2: 11 - 15 January, 2021** (Monday 9-4pm; Tuesday 9-4pm; Wednesday 1-4pm)
- **Week 3: 18 - 22 January, 2021** (Monday 9-4pm; Tuesday 9-4pm)
- **Week 4: 25 - 29 January, 2021** (Wednesday 9-4pm; Thursday 9-4pm)
- **Week 5: 1 - 5 February, 2021** (Wednesday 9-3pm; Thursday 9-4pm)
- **Week 6: 8 - 13 February, 2021** (Tuesday January 9-4pm; Wednesday 9-4pm; Thursday 9-4pm)

Please note that while days are fixed, hours could change slightly and some flexibility will be allowed.

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:

- Mandy Shircore, UQ Pro Bono Centre Director: m.shircore@uq.edu.au
- Hannah Fannin, UQ Pro Bono Centre Administrator: h.fannin@uq.edu.au

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

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 1500 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