



*Call for Applications
Fellowship Program at the PCA's Mauritius Office*

1. Fellowship Program

The Fellowship Program at the office of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (“PCA”) in Mauritius offers nationals of African countries who are recent law graduates and young legal professionals the opportunity to work at an international arbitration institution for up to twelve months. The Fellow will gain experience in the operations of the PCA’s Mauritius Office, with an emphasis on both the practical and legal aspects of international arbitration. The Fellow will hold the title of Assistant Legal Counsel during the Fellowship.

2. Qualifications

- A law degree that qualifies the applicant to apply for bar admission in their home jurisdiction (through examination, traineeship, or otherwise) is a minimum requirement. The program is open to applicants whose qualifications exceed this minimum requirement (e.g., advanced law degree candidates and holders, practicing lawyers, and other legal professionals).
- Fluency in English and French are required. Additional language skills are a strong advantage, especially Arabic, Chinese, Spanish and Portuguese.
- Knowledge of the Mauritius International Arbitration Act 2008 and Mauritian jurisprudence in arbitration is desirable.
- Specialization in international dispute resolution or public international law is an asset.
- IT literacy is required (in particular regarding MS Word, MS PowerPoint, MS Excel). IT literacy in supplementary software (e.g. MS Publisher) is desirable.

3. Dates

Applications must be submitted by **5 November 2021**.

The Fellowship will start on 13 December 2021.

4. How to Apply

Send an email to mauritius@pca-cpa.org attaching a single PDF comprising an application package with the following documents in English:

1. A carefully written cover letter that indicates
 - (a) how you expect to benefit from the program;
 - (b) how you can contribute to the PCA’s Mauritius Office; and
 - (c) a brief description of areas of interest and knowledge of law.
2. A *curriculum vitae*;
3. A letter of recommendation from a professor or senior professional;
4. Copies of academic transcripts (scans or photos are sufficient).

5. Further Information

Fellowships are awarded to individuals with outstanding academic and/or professional records who meet the qualifications outlined above, and who seek work experience in the field of international arbitration. Although there is no formal interview process, an official of the PCA may contact an applicant by telephone or e-mail if further information or clarification is required with regard to the application.

The Fellow at the PCA's Mauritius Office receives a monthly allowance of EUR 1,100. No other remuneration of any kind shall be paid.

The Fellow must have adequate health insurance for the period to be eligible.

If you are selected and you require a travel visa to take up the Fellowship, the PCA will provide documentation in support of your application.

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Background on the Permanent Court of Arbitration

The Permanent Court of Arbitration is an intergovernmental organization established by the 1899 Hague Convention on the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes. The PCA has 122 Contracting Parties. Headquartered at the Peace Palace in The Hague, the Netherlands, the PCA facilitates arbitration, conciliation, fact-finding, and other dispute resolution proceedings among various combinations of States, State entities, intergovernmental organizations, and private parties.

The PCA's Mauritius Office was established in September 2010 in order to assist with the discharge of the Secretary-General's functions under the Mauritian International Arbitration Act 2008, and with the promotion of Mauritius as a venue for international arbitration and PCA services throughout the African region.

More information about the PCA can be found at www.pca-cpa.org.