

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE J.S.D. PROGRAM IN INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

Applications must be postmarked by February 1.

The Admissions Committee may, at its discretion, decline to review any application that is not postmarked by February 1.

Admission Requirements for the J.S.D. program in International Human Rights Law

Each applicant for the J.S.D. program in International Human Rights must possess the appropriate academic credentials and submit the following materials in order to apply for admission:

- \$50.00 (U.S.) application fee
This fee should be paid online by credit or debit card by clicking [here](#). If you are unable to pay the application fee, please submit with your application a statement outlining your financial circumstances. There is no separate waiver request form.
- Your completed application form
- Your current C.V. or Resume
- Your official TOEFL or ILETS results (Notre Dame's ETS code is 1841.)
If your native language is English or you have already completed a degree in English, you are exempt from this requirement.
- An authenticated transcript and diploma demonstrating that you possess a J.D., LL.B. or equivalent degree from an American law school approved by the ABA Section of Legal Education or from an accredited law school in a foreign country
- An authenticated transcript and diploma demonstrating that you possess an LL.M. degree or its equivalent from an approved or accredited law school or evidence that you are in the process of satisfactorily completing the requirements for the LL.M. degree or its equivalent. Admission to the J.S.D. program in this case is contingent upon the award of that LL.M. degree or its equivalent.
- A 3-4 page personal statement that outlines your reasons for wishing to pursue the J.S.D.
There are no limitations on the font type, font size or margin spacing; however, it should be double-spaced.
- Two letters of recommendation from faculty members or others who can substantively comment on your academic performance and scholarly potential
Letters of recommendation may be sent with your application (each in a sealed, signed envelope) or directly to the Center for Civil and Human Rights *by your recommenders* by regular mail or email to the addresses listed below.
- A writing sample that shows evidence of your scholarly and analytic capacity
- A 5-10 page "Proposed Program of Study for the J.S.D. Degree," identifying the subject area in which you propose to write a dissertation along with an indicative bibliography

Send completed application and all required documents to:

Center for Civil and Human Rights
2150 Eck Hall of Law
Notre Dame, Indiana 46556
United States of America



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PERSONAL INFORMATION

LEGAL NAME AS IT APPEARS ON YOUR PASSPORT:

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Name _____
 Date of Birth: _____ day/month/year U.S. Social Security Number _____ Gender: male female
 Country of Citizenship _____ Other Country of Citizenship _____ Country of Legal Residence _____ Religion (optional) _____
 Marital Status: single married divorced Will your spouse accompany you to the U.S.? No Yes
 How many children do you have? _____ Will your children accompany you to the U.S.? No Yes
(Please note: You will need to show proof of financial responsibility for all dependents that accompany you to the U.S.)

CURRENT CONTACT INFORMATION

PERMANENT CONTACT INFORMATION

Street address _____
 City _____ State/Province _____
 Postal Code _____ Country _____
 Telephone _____
 Fax _____
 Email _____

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After what date should your permanent information be used? _____

Have you previously applied to any program at the University of Notre Dame? No Yes

Have you ever been subject to any academic or disciplinary actions at any school or college? No Yes

If yes, explain _____

To what other schools/programs are you also applying?

School	Program

Do you intend to return to your home country to practice or teach in the field of human rights law after completing your degree program at Notre Dame? No Yes

If no, why not? _____

What is your native language? _____

If English is not your native language or you have not previously completed a degree administered in English:

	TOEFL	<i>OR</i>	
Date taken or scheduled:			Date taken or scheduled:
Type:	Paper Computer Internet		
Scores:			Scores:
	Listening		Listening
	Writing		Writing
	Reading		Reading
	Speaking		Speaking
	TOTAL		TOTAL

What other languages do you read, write or speak? *(Please indicate your level of competence in each as excellent, very good, good, or fair)*

Language	Reading	Writing	Speaking

For any of the sections below, if you need more room to answer the questions, attach a separate sheet of paper. Please be sure to identify the question being answered, include all requested information and put your name on each page.

EDUCATION

List below (in order of attendance) all colleges, universities or professional schools that you have attended

Name of Institution	Subject(s) studied	Dates of Attendance (month/year)	Degree Awarded	Class Rank/ GPA/Honors

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

List below any *significant academic accomplishments* not otherwise included in this application

Accomplishment/Honor	Date

List below all *scholastic, honorary or professional societies* of which you are or have been a member

Organization	Dates of Membership	Membership type/Leadership Position(s)

List below any *volunteer service* in which you are or have been involved

Activity	Hours/Week	Dates of Participation	Membership/Leadership Position(s)

List below any other *extracurricular activities* in which you are or have been involved

Activity	Hours/Week	Dates of Participation	Membership/Leadership Position(s)

List below any *jobs* you held while attending school

Employer	Position	Hours/Week	Dates of Employment

If you are not currently working on a degree, describe the positions that you have held since your last date of attendance

Employer	Position	Hours/Week	Dates of Employment

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Your 3-4 page personal statement should discuss:

- your reasons for wishing to pursue a J.S.D. degree in international human rights law;
- your reasons for wishing to study at Notre Dame Law School;
- how completion of the J.S.D. degree would further your personal and professional goals; and
- any other information that you feel the admissions committee should know about you.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Two letters of recommendation are required. These recommendations should be from persons who know you well enough to comment substantively as to your scholastic ability and scholarly potential, your ability to express yourself orally and in writing, your initiative, perseverance and ability to work independently, your extracurricular activities, your character in the community, and your work experiences. No specific form is required. List the names of the people submitting your recommendations. Letters sent with your application should be in sealed, signed envelopes. Recommendations can also be sent directly to the Center for Civil and Human Rights *by your recommenders* by regular mail or email.

1. _____

2. _____

I waive access to review my letters of recommendation. I do **not** waive access to review my letters of recommendation

WRITING SAMPLE

You must submit a writing sample that demonstrates your scholarly and analytic capacity

PROPOSED PROGRAM OF STUDY

You must submit a 5-10 page "Proposed Program of Study for the J.S.D. Degree" identifying the subject area in which you propose to write a dissertation along with an indicative bibliography.

FINANCIAL AID

The Center for Civil and Human Rights has a limited number of scholarships for tuition and living expenses. (The tuition rate changes each year and is usually announced in March for the following academic year. Please check our website for the current cost of tuition. Living expenses (housing, food, books, etc.) are estimated to be U.S.\$12,000 for the academic year.) Each applicant will be considered for a scholarship, but not all students will receive a sufficient scholarship to cover these amounts. Therefore, please indicate the amount of personal or other funds you will be able to contribute towards your tuition and/or living expenses.

I will contribute the following amount to my tuition expenses: _____
(Please attach supporting documentation)

I will contribute the following amount to my living expenses: _____
(Please attach supporting documentation)

I have secured a scholarship from an outside source in the amount of: _____
(Please attach documentation of award)

I have no personal or outside funds to contribute towards my tuition or living expenses.

I hereby certify that the information I have provided on this application and in any attached materials is true and complete.

Applicant's Signature

Date