The International Immersion Program trips for the 2021 – 2022 school year are planned to take place in Switzerland and Denmark during the Winter Break (approximately 8\textsuperscript{th} - 22\textsuperscript{nd} December 2021) and in Mexico during the Spring Break (approximately 12\textsuperscript{th} - 20\textsuperscript{th} March 2022). The University of Chicago Law School continues to monitor and assess health and travel risks associated with the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and reserves the right to change any part of the trips or cancel the 2021-2022 IIP at any time.

The combined Switzerland/Denmark Trip will cover various topics with a focus on international law and international organizations. The Mexico Trip will mainly focus on the judiciary, but will also cover other topics of student interest.

Both trips will include substantive preparation sessions in Chicago as well as lectures and substantive academic programming in the host country. Although students should expect the program to be flexible, at this time we anticipate that the trips will include activities, such as lectures on international law and international organizations, briefings on the host country’s history, economy and legal system, meetings with legal professionals at international organizations and government agencies, and meetings with alumni.

Each student may apply for any or all of the trips offered, but may participate in no more than one IIP-funded trip during the 2021-2022 school year. Due to the entry restrictions in the host countries and host organizations, the 2021-2022 IIP is open to JD and LLM students who are fully vaccinated against Covid-19, as determined by the University of Chicago (two weeks after a vaccine authorized for use by the United States FDA or the WHO).

The IIP trip budget comes from both participant-raised funds and the Law School IIP resources, which together will cover the costs of travel, accommodation, and substantive program activities. Students will also receive the Law School’s assistance in program development and logistical arrangements.

Students will be responsible for their passports, visas, immunizations, Covid-19 pre-departure tests for both outbound and inbound flights, travel insurance with trip cancellation and interruption coverage, local travel outside the program activities, touristic activities, and their own non-business meals.

As ambassadors of the United States, the University of Chicago, and the Law School, participants on the IIP trips are expected to act at the highest level of professionalism and respect in their interactions with the host organizations and their representatives, with University and Law School alumni, with local people, as well as with each other.
**Research Paper and Trip Report Requirements**

Although students earn no course credit through this program, each IIP trip will have a substantive academic component. Prior to the trips, each participant will choose a trip specific research topic and conduct research for a paper, which they must submit by 30th April 2022.

IIP research papers should be a minimum of 15 pages, double-spaced. IIP participants are encouraged to use their papers for a writing project or a class.

Each student’s final research paper will be posted on Chicago Unbound and placed in their permanent academic file at the Law School.

In addition to the substantive research paper, IIP students will submit a five-page trip report, due 30 days after the end of the trip.

The IIP participants are expected to present their research papers at a post-trip lunch seminar to share their experiences and research findings with the Law School community.

**Fundraising Requirement**

Each IIP student is expected to raise $750 toward the program costs through individual or group fundraising. All fundraising activities must be completed consistent with the Law School and the University policies. These rules will be discussed in detail at the first group meeting.

Students are strongly encouraged to work together to raise funds and to apply for funding from the Grad Council Travel Fund. They should also plan to contribute a significant portion of the required $750 from their own funds.

**Student Selection**

Up to 10 IIP applicants will be selected for each trip through an open selection process under the advice and supervision of the International Immersion Program Committee. Priority may be given to 3Ls. Participant selection will be based on criteria set by the Committee and may include demonstrated academic interest in international law and/or the specific topics studied on the trip, diversity of all types, ability to travel as a member of a study team, and program-specific criteria, such as language skills.

Students selected for a 2021-2022 IIP trip are expected:

- to sign a University-provided travel waiver and other trip specific waivers.
to provide a proof of Covid-19 vaccination.

- to work together to raise funds for the trips. The total fundraising requirement is $750 per person.

- to participate fully in all program activities. For Law School excused absences, students should inform the International Programs Director in advance.

- to write a trip report and a research paper specific to the trip.

- to present their research findings at the post-trip seminar.

Students selected for the trips are responsible for securing a valid passport and necessary visas, securing and paying for travel insurance with trip cancelation and interruption coverage, and securing any necessary vaccinations and Covid-19 tests.

Each application must include the following documents:

1. Student Application Form/Questionnaire (attached)
2. A research proposal for a chosen trip (maximum 200 words)
3. An unofficial Law School transcript or an unofficial undergraduate transcript (1L applicants only)
4. A current resume

Please submit your application by 27th October 2021 via email to aican@uchicago.edu. Students may expect to learn whether they have been selected by 2nd November 2021.

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. Please send your questions via email to Aican Nguyen at aican@uchicago.edu.