The University of Chicago Law School  
2022-2023 International Immersion Program (IIP)

General Information

For the 2022-2023 academic year, The University of Chicago Law School offers four International Immersion Program trips, two during the Winter Break in Uzbekistan and Vietnam (approximately from 18th through 27th December 2022), and two during the Spring Break in Ireland and Taiwan (approximately from 11th through 18th March 2023). The University of Chicago Law School closely monitors and assesses health and travel risks and reserves the right to change any part of the Program or cancel the 2022-2023 IIP at any time.

The IIP trips to Uzbekistan and Vietnam will cover various topics with a focus on international rule of law and economic development. The trips to Ireland and Taiwan will mainly focus on conflicts and international law. All IIP trips will also cover other topics of interest as expressed by its participants.

A typical IIP trip will include substantive preparation sessions in Chicago and lectures and substantive programming in the host country. Although students should expect the program to be flexible, 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 2022-2023 school year. Due to entry restrictions in the host countries and host organizations, the 2022-2023 IIP is open to JD and LLM students who are fully vaccinated against Covid-19, as determined by the University of Chicago.

The Law School will be responsible for all IIP-related expenses in the host country, including accommodation, substantive activities, meals, local transportation, and limited travel insurance via the International SOS. Students will also receive the Law School’s assistance in program development and logistical arrangements.

IIP participants are responsible for their own round-trip international travel and other expenses prior to and during their trip, such as those related to their passports, visas, immunizations, Covid-19 pre-departure tests for both outbound and inbound flights, travel insurance with trip cancellation and interruption coverage, luggage, transportation outside the IIP activities, touristic activities, and alcoholic beverages.

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, and 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 one month after the end of their IIP trip.

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 Activities**

IIP students are strongly encouraged to work together to raise funds and to apply for funding from the Grad Council Travel Fund to offset the individual costs of their trip. All fundraising activities must be completed in accordance with the Law School and the University policies. The Law School will assist IIP participants in their group fundraising efforts.

**Student Selection**

Up to ten 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/comparative 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 2022-2023 IIP trip are expected:

- to sign a University-provided travel waiver and other trip specific waivers upon acceptance of IIP participation offer;
- to provide a proof of Covid-19 vaccination one month prior to their trip;
- to work together to raise funds for the trips;
- to participate fully in all program activities. For Law School excused absences, students should inform the International Programs Director one day in advance;
- to provide the Law School with a copy of their passport, visa, and round-trip airplane tickets one month prior to their trip;
• to inform the Law School of their negative Covid-19 test results one day prior to their flights, if such results are required by the US, the host countries, or the airlines;

• to submit a trip report and a research paper specific to the trip one month after the end of their trip;

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

Each application must include the following documents:

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

Please submit your application by 10th October 2022 via email to aican@uchicago.edu. Students may expect to learn whether they have been selected by 20th October 2022.

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. The 2022-2023 IIP Information Session is scheduled to take place at 12:15-1:15 pm on 3rd October 2022 in Room V. Please send your questions via email to Aican Nguyen at aican@uchicago.edu.