



**NYU Law Students Call for Applications (due 12noon on October 31, 2025)**

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## **Cutler Fellows International Law Student Papers Conference Washington DC, Feb 5-7, 2026**

NYU School of Law is accepting applications for the 2026 Salzburg Lloyd N. Cutler Fellows Program. Up to four students will be selected to participate: 2Ls, 3Ls, and LLMS.

### **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

The aim of the Salzburg Cutler Fellows Program is to bring together 56 of the nation's top law students with leading academics, judges, and practitioners from a range of national, institutional, and policy settings.

The two-day program examines the most critical issues shaping today's international law agenda and creates a network of new generation leaders interested in careers in international legal practice and public service. At the heart of the program is a conference, related to the preparation by each Fellow of an article-length paper by graduation. Two weeks before the conference a polished 5-8 page executive summary of the Fellow's draft paper will be circulated to other program participants. Each Fellow's project will receive feedback from other similarly-interested participants and law professors / practitioners.

This year's theme is "Disruption and Renewal: Charting the Future of International Rule of Law, Democracy, and Pluralism". Areas of focus include in international, transnational, or comparative law, including international human rights and humanitarian law; national security law; international environmental and climate law and policy; international courts and tribunals; international finance, investment, monetary and trade law; international technology and artificial intelligence (AI) law, or the comparative law of other legal systems. However a wide range of other topics can potentially be accommodated too.

### **WHEN IS IT?**

Prior to the conference, Cutler Fellows will join an online orientation session – date TBD.

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The conference takes place in Washington DC, **Feb 5-7, 2026**. The **draft program** there is as follows.

Thursday evening (5 Feb): program begins with a dinner for all Fellows.

Friday (6 Feb): Small group sessions, led by faculty, discuss and provide suggestions for each student paper. Short talks, panels, and networking opportunities are interspersed, featuring eminent practitioners. A dinner will be held on Friday evening.

Saturday (7 Feb): Career-related discussions, with opportunities for fellows to meet with practitioners from different fields of international law. (Ends Saturday afternoon.)

## APPLICATION DETAILS

What is the Cost? NYU will cover the (modest) cost of transportation and two nights of accommodation in Washington, D.C. Meals will be provided by the Salzburg Global Seminar.

Who Can Apply? The program accepts Fellows at the 2L, 3L, and LL.M. levels. Students with a strong desire to pursue a career related to international law are especially encouraged to apply.

How Do I Apply? Participation of NYU Law students (only) is administered by the NYU Guarini Institute for Global Legal Studies and the Institute for International Law and Justice (IILJ). To apply, please submit the following to the IILJ administrator at: [iilj@nyu.edu](mailto:iilj@nyu.edu) (via email), with **Salzburg Cutler Fellows** included in the email subject line, by **12noon on October 31, 2025**:

- A cover letter explaining your background and interest in the Salzburg Cutler Program
- An unofficial NYU Law School transcript including a list of NYU classes & professors in the current year
- Resume or CV
- A summary (at least 1-2 pages) of the paper project that you would like to present, including a working title. This summary should state your argument and include some research material. If you have a longer summary or a draft version of a paper, even if highly incomplete, you are welcome to submit that in your application along with the short summary – but this is not required. You must be confident in your research timeline as those selected as Cutler Fellows will need a strong 5-8 page executive summary to submit to the Salzburg Seminar before the conference.

If you are writing under the supervision of a faculty member, please note the name of your supervisor for your project on the paper itself or in your cover letter.

Selection is based on a combination of commitment to international law and academic promise. Students are encouraged to use for this purpose papers or articles they have in development for other purposes at NYU (e.g., seminar or course papers, law review/journal notes). Your project should be academically-oriented, and with a framing and argument you are interested in developing for publication. Selection of NYU's nominees will be made by a small committee within the Law School. All applicants will be notified of decisions no later than Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.

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