

Judicial Training

Award Autogenerated Code

10944-AL

Region

Europe and Eurasia

Country

Albania

Award Type

Fullbright Scholar Award

Number of Recipients

1

Teaching or Teaching/Research Award (Assistant Professor or Below) Monthly Stipend and Allowances

\$3,940-\$4,490

Teaching or Teaching/Research Award (Associate or Full Professor) Monthly Stipend and Allowances

\$4,160-\$4,710

Estimated Travel and Relocation Allowance

\$3,550-\$8,550 depending on number of dependents.

Estimated Book and Research Allowance

\$750 for teaching awards.

Dependent Tuition Allowance

Reimbursement for dependent education expenses may be available on a limited basis, depending on funding availability and grant duration. Grantees should confirm with IIE that proposed expenses meet eligibility criteria; however, availability of funds may not be known until the end of the academic year.

Activity Type

Professional Project

Teaching

Application Deadline

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

Award Activity

The Scholar will work with faculty members to strengthen the pedagogical component of the courses they teach to students pursuing studies in the Initial Training Program of the School of Magistrates. Through this award, the Scholar will help the next generation of Albania's judges and prosecutors acquire the knowledge, skills, and attitudes required to perform their judicial responsibilities fairly, correctly, and efficiently. The Scholar will teach components of different courses, examining real cases and using hypothetical scenarios to demonstrate ethical conduct in the courtroom. The Scholar is expected to use moot court simulations to help students develop effective oral communication skills and questioning techniques, and to practice proper judicial conduct.

The Scholar is also expected to co-teach the intellectual property course, focusing on the rules that define and protect the private intellectual rights of individuals in the fields of copyright, trademarks, industrial designs, and patents. The Albanian legal system has seen many copyright and trademarks cases, mainly related to infringement caused by copying, unauthorized use, and the violation of IP owners' rights.

Students in the initial training program usually range from 30 to 35 years old. They are selected through a competitive process that requires at least five years of education in law, 1.5 years of education in advocacy, and a minimum three years of professional experience in law. In 2019, the School of Magistrates introduced a reformed the curriculum to also include a stronger skills development component to build students' professional and practical competency.

The Scholar is also expected to co-teach the criminal law, military criminal law course in the Master's Program, at the Faculty of Law, University of Tirana. The course focuses on criminal acts involving life, property, health, safety etc., punishment and rehabilitation of the person. The Criminal code in Albania, although it entered into force in 1995, has undergone frequent changes and the Ministry of Justice has recently initiated the preparation of a new code.

Students in the Master's Program usually range from 21 to 23 years old. They are selected through a competitive process that requires at least three years of education in law.

Award Length

Four months

Award Dates

October 2022 - February 2023

or Mid-February - Mid-June 2023

Locations

School of Magistrates in Tirana

In 23 years of activity and operation, the School of Magistrates (SoM) has laid the foundations of the justice system through the preparation of judges, prosecutors, state advocates, legal assistants, legal councilors, and chancellors to embody a higher professional, ethical, and moral standard, as well as to create a new culture and physiognomy on the model new magistrate.

SoM is the only institution in Albania responsible for training judges and prosecutors. It is a fully independent institution and is home to the most prominent law professors and magistrates, who act with integrity and bring their practical experience to the classroom. SoM works to select the best teaching modules to contribute to the quality enhancement and professionalism of young magistrates. It is the direct responsibility of the School of Magistrates to increase the public trust of Albanian citizens in the training of future magistrates who will continue to guarantee the judicial independence and rule of law. Prof. Mariana Semini is the Director of the Initial Training Program and the primary point of contact for the interested applicants. She can be reached via email at msemini@gmail.com ^[1] Mr. Ador Koleka, Director of International Relations, is another point of contact. He can be reached via email at adorkoleka@yahoo.com ^[2]

Faculty of Law, University of Tirana, in Tirana

The Faculty of Law was established in 1954 and is one of the main institutions for educating lawyers. The Faculty of Law aims not only to prepare the new generations of professional lawyers, but also to contribute to the improvement of the justice system, especially since the entire system is undergoing significant reforms.

The training of professional lawyers, with integrity and high ethics, will help improve the justice system and the creation of a new culture of implementation of the rule of law.

The Faculty is home of several Fulbright and other exchange program alumni and has a tradition of hosting U.S .Fulbright Specialists and English Language Fellows. For more information, please contact Professor Sokol Mengjesi, sokol.mengjesi@fdut.edu.al ^[3] and smengjesi@yahoo.com ^[4]

Flex Option

No

Discipline Type

Only applications in the following disciplines will be considered

Disciplines

Education

Law

Areas of Interest

Judicial education based on principles of adult learning

Degree Requirements

Ph.D. (or other terminal degree) not required

Additional Qualification Information

The applicant is expected to be a professional in the field with experience in in-service judicial education.

Invitation Requirement

A letter of invitation is optional.

Additional Comments

Albania is in the process of implementing a package of reforms to its judicial system that are designed to fight corruption. This process has included vetting existing judges and prosecutors and resulted in a mass dismissal of magistrates in the Albanian judicial system. There is a pressing need to train new a new generation of ethical professionals to fill existing vacancies and to fulfill the judicial reforms the Albanian Government has initiated.

In addition to being a prestigious academic exchange program, the Fulbright Program is designed to expand and strengthen relationships between the people of the United States and citizens of other nations and to promote international understanding and cooperation. To support this mission, Fulbright Scholars will be asked to give public talks, mentor students, and otherwise engage with the host community, in addition to their primary activities.

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Multi-Country/Area Award

No

Award Length Filter

Three to five months

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Award Year

[2022-2023 Awards](https://awards.cies.org/award-years/2022-2023-awards) ^[6]

Language Proficiency Requirements

None, English is sufficient.

Recruitment Priorities (INTERNAL ONLY)

This kind of training and education is usually provided by National Judicial Colleges. Other providers include the National Center for State Courts, the American Academy of Judicial Education, and the National Association of State Judicial Educators. In addition, the state courts themselves provide judicial education programs.

Career Profile

Early Career Academics

Professionals

Senior Academics

Scholars selected for this award will be required to:

- Advise and/or mentor students
- Assist in faculty, curriculum, and/or program development
- Teach graduate and/or undergraduate courses designated by the host institution

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