



# Global Scholarships Programme

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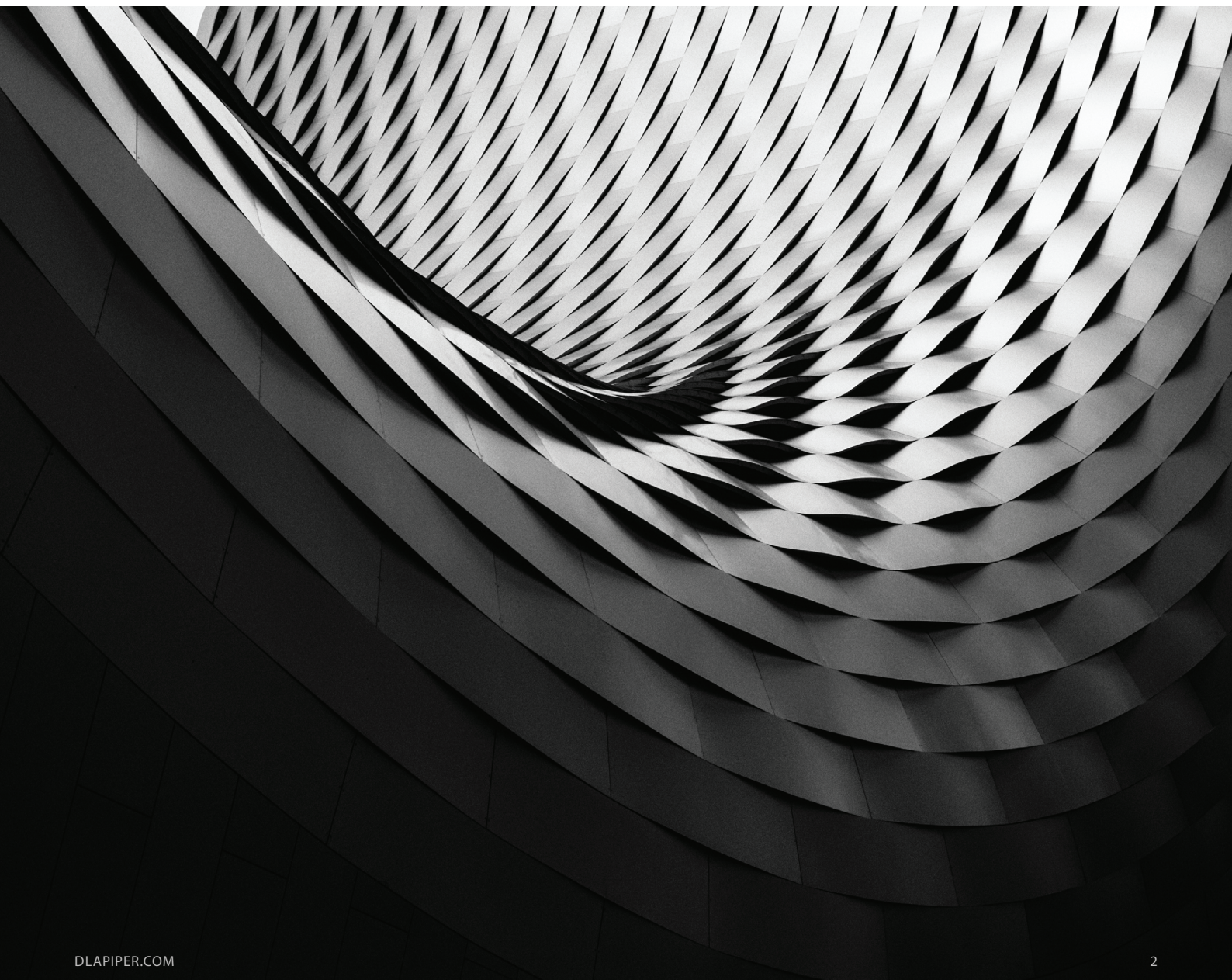


# About DLA Piper

DLA Piper is a global business law firm with lawyers in Africa, the Americas, Asia Pacific, Europe and the Middle East, positioning us to help companies with their legal needs around the world. Our strategy is simple – to support the legal needs of our clients wherever they do business.

Our clients range from multinational Global 1000 and Fortune 500 enterprises to emerging companies developing industry-leading technologies. They include more than half of the Fortune 250 and nearly half of the FTSE 350 or their subsidiaries. We also advise governments and public sector bodies.

Our values centre around our people, our clients and our communities. We believe in being supportive of our colleagues and that by working together we are a stronger firm. We are committed living by our values, to be Bold, Collaborative, Supportive and Exceptional and that the firm's continued success relies on its the genuine satisfaction and success of our people. Our culture is unpretentious and entrepreneurial, with people working together across the business. We see strength in diversity and we know that the best people come from a variety of backgrounds.



# DLA Piper's global presence:



● DLA Piper presence  
● Cooperation firm

## AMERICAS

Argentina  
Brazil\*  
Canada  
Chile  
Mexico  
Peru  
United States

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## EUROPE

Austria  
Belgium  
Czech Republic  
Denmark  
Finland  
France  
Germany  
Hungary  
Ireland  
Italy

Luxembourg  
Netherlands  
Norway  
Poland  
Portugal  
Romania  
Slovak Republic  
Spain  
Sweden  
United Kingdom

## MIDDLE EAST

Bahrain  
Oman  
Qatar  
Saudi Arabia\*  
United Arab Emirates

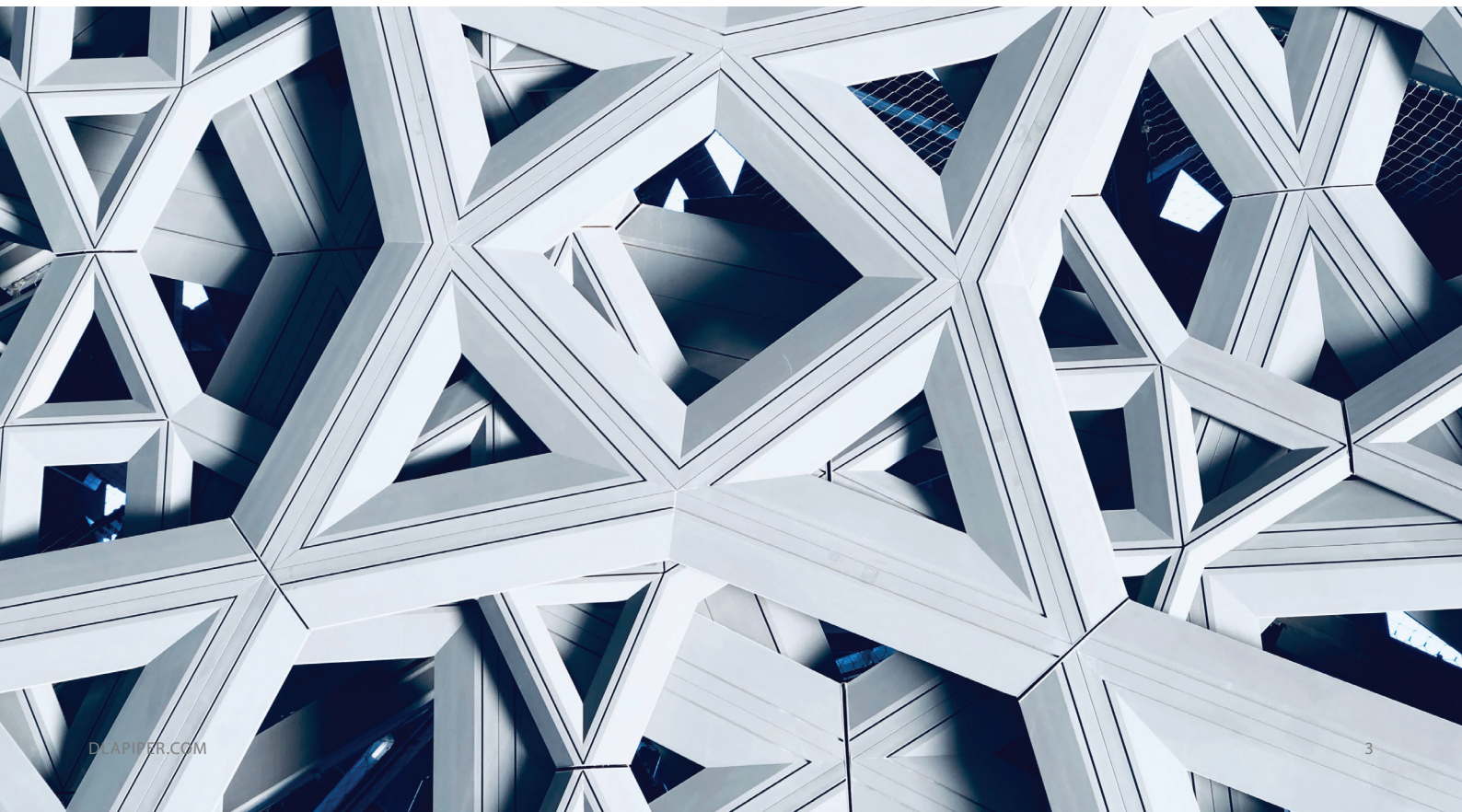
## AFRICA

Algeria  
Angola  
Botswana  
Burundi  
Ethiopia  
Ghana  
Kenya  
Mauritius  
Morocco  
Mozambique

Namibia  
Nigeria  
Rwanda  
Senegal  
South Africa  
Tanzania  
Tunisia  
Uganda  
Zambia  
Zimbabwe

## ASIA PACIFIC

Australia  
China  
Japan  
New Zealand  
Singapore  
South Korea  
Thailand



# About the DLA Piper Global Scholarships Programme

The DLA Piper Global Scholarship is a two-year programme for talented law students in less developed countries. The purpose of the Scholarship is to foster outstanding lawyers and leader by providing practical learning and development opportunities which enhance their educational experience and in the future their ability to contribute to the rule of law in their home countries and beyond.

This is not a recruitment programme: our aim is to support to develop the confidence and aspirations of Scholarship recipients to define and reach their educational and professional goals. These might lead them into a commercial environment, or to the public service. Our aim is to contribute to a strong rule of law and increase access to justice in underserved regions.

## Countries where we support students:

### Africa

Mozambique  
Rwanda  
Senegal  
The Gambia  
Uganda  
Zambia

### Asia Pacific

Fiji  
Bangladesh  
Cambodia  
Laos  
Vanuatu  
Solomon Islands

### Latin America

Guatemala  
El Salvador  
Honduras

DLA Piper invites applications from undergraduate law students in the second to last year of their degree (their penultimate year); and postgraduate law students who would like to pursue a two-year postgraduate qualification in a related field. Students must be studying in their home country and be from one of the countries listed below to be eligible for this programme.

The Scholarship has been designed to support high achieving law students who would not otherwise have access to the role models, internships, mentoring and tuition support

that this programme will provide. This Programme provides a variety of support and opportunities for participants to develop skills, confidence and build networks to succeed at university and transition into further education, training or employment.

DLA Piper encourages people from all backgrounds to apply, including, but certainly not limited to, people from a variety of cultural and ethnical backgrounds, people identifying as LGBTQ+, those living with disabilities or long-term health issues, and people from all socio-economic backgrounds.

## Our valued partners



# Programme overview

Each Scholarship is designed to support the needs of the individual student and will be reviewed regularly by the Scholarships Management team.

## Financial support

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- Full university tuition payment, for the duration of the Scholarship (two years)
- All costs relating to internships which are offered during the Scholarship period (including all transport, food, accommodation, visas, etc.)
- Payment for courses and/or events (local, national or international) that benefit professional development
- Laptop and/or phone and headphones
- High quality internet
- Financial support towards relevant study materials (including, text books, subscriptions etc.)
- Support towards business attire in preparation of internships)

## Engagement

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- Regular mentoring session with high quality mentors from DLA Piper network
- Regular meetings with the Scholarships Management team focused on personal and professional development
- Peer and professional networking opportunities
- Advice and support to access post graduate scholarships offered by third parties and continued learning opportunities

## Learning and development

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- Access to Rosetta Stone Language Learning Development
- Week long development course covering the scholarship opportunity, soft skills and the opportunity to meet lawyers and other Fellows
- Support to develop clear educational and professional goals
- Assistance to write a strong CV
- Personal branding and social media presence advice
- Professional interview preparation training
- Access to online DLA Piper training resources
- Internships in DLA Piper office, with commercial and pro bono clients
- Leadership Course, delivered in partnership with Said Business School, Oxford University in the UK

## Building networks

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- Actively participate in the GSP Alumni network community
- Develop relationships with peers in the programme locally and nationally
- Complete world-class training programmes focused on leadership development and the rule of law
- Prepare for business and community leadership
- Network with successful industry and community leaders



# Eligibility

To be eligible for the scholarship, you must:

1. Be studying law, and in your last to second last year of study in your home country, **or**
2. Have completed a Law degree and have been accepted to pursue a Master's Degree in a related field in your home country.
3. Currently be achieving, or be expected to achieve, a first-class degree, or be in the top 10% of your class, and
4. Receive a recommendation from your university
5. Be a citizen of the country you are applying from
6. Have a good level of spoken and written English as this will ensure you are able to fully participate in the programme

## **Before you submit your application, please check you have the following:**

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- A letter of recommendation from the Dean Head of your law School, or Tutor
- A supporting personal statement which describes why you chose to study law, and what you want to achieve in your career (up to 500 words)

Applications should be submitted to DLA Piper via the online application form, you will receive a link to the application form from your university.



# The application process

- 1 University advertises opportunity to eligible students and send them the application link. In some countries, Fellows from previous years help to identify potential candidates and can share the link to the application form
- 2 Candidates apply via the online portal, ensuring to add all details and supporting documents requested (candidates must include their contact details, email and phone number)
- 3 Candidates who meet the eligibility criteria will be contacted by phone for a pre-interview screening call
- 4 Candidates who eligible and pass the pre-screening assessment will be asked to attend a face to face interview, usually at their university or at a local DLA Piper office
- 5 All candidates (successful and unsuccessful) will be notified by email
- 6 Programme begins, students will become known as DLA Piper Fellows and will be invited to a Development Course with all new Fellows

# Frequently asked questions

## 1. Will Fellows get a qualification/certification after the programme?

Upon completion of the Global Scholarship Programme Fellows will receive a certificate of participation from DLA Piper.

## 2. When can students apply for this programme?

We aim to start the recruitment process in September each year, with interviews through January, February and March. Candidates are notified of the outcome in April.

## 3. What if I am currently under bursary/scholarship?

You can choose whether DLA Piper takes over your tuition payment or you continue to be supported by your original bursary/scholarship provider. With either option, you can still access the Global Scholarship Programme's core components such as mentoring, internships, networking and learning opportunities.

## 4. Can I study my master's in another country?

The Global Scholarship Programme covers the tuition for Fellows studying in their home country only. If you would like to study a Master's degree outside of your home country it would be your responsibility to cover the full tuition payment and associated costs or find a scholarship to cover this cost.

## 5. Can I apply for the Global Scholarship Programme ONLY for financial support?

Unfortunately not, all core components of the Global Scholarship Programme are important to the professional development of our Fellows, who are required to participate in all activities such as mentoring, legal training, work readiness training, and more.

## 6. Does the Global Scholarship Programme offer support for students outside of the listed countries?

The Global Scholarship Programme does not provide sponsorship or financial support to candidates who are out of the listed countries where DLA Piper recruits from.





## For more information

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To learn more about DLA Piper, visit [dlapiper.com](https://dlapiper.com) or contact:



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