

# *Visiting* **FELLOWS**



International  
Judicial Relations

The Federal Judicial Center established the Visiting Fellows Program in 1992. Under its auspices, a small number of judges, court officials, lawyers, and scholars from other countries are invited to conduct research at the Center for a period of two weeks to three months each year. The program provides an opportunity for participants to gain a deeper understanding of U.S. judicial practice.

Candidates must have excellent English language skills and secure independent funding for their travel, living, and related expenses. Fellows are responsible for making their logistical arrangements, including securing a visa, if needed.

The Center provides fellows with an office, computer access, and assistance with their research and arranges meetings with U.S. judges, court administrators, Center staff, law professors, and others in the D.C. area with relevant expertise. When appropriate, fellows are also invited to observe Center programs.

Recent fellows have studied case management, alternative dispute resolution, media relations, and judicial branch education. As of May 2020, the Center has hosted 138 fellows from 50 different countries, including Australia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Egypt, Hungary, Japan, Mexico, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, South Korea, and Uzbekistan.

## Eligibility and Requirements

The Center will consider applicants from any country with which the United States maintains diplomatic relations. Visiting fellows must have

- fluency in written and spoken English
- familiarity with the U.S. legal and court systems
- a research proposal
- a plan for completing the project on the fellow's own initiative
- a funding source

## Application

The candidate must submit

- a completed application form
- a current resume, including education and any judicial or court-related experience
- an affirmation of English language fluency
- a summary of the proposed research project
- an affirmation of funding

Applications must be submitted as far in advance of the proposed fellowship dates as possible to allow the Center to make necessary arrangements. An application form can be found online at <https://www.fjc.gov/international>. Candidates are notified of the status of their applications via email.

Completed applications should be emailed to  
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