

Bohdan Winiarski Scholarships in International Law 2026

Guidance Notes for Applicants

The Lauterpacht Centre for International Law is pleased to announce the opening of a competition for two Scholarships funded by the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The scholarships have been named after the Polish Judge and international lawyer, Bohdan Winiarski. Applications are open to PhD candidates, PhD holders and other academics who are nationals of the following countries:

- 1) Visegrad Group States and Western Balkans States (Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, as well as North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Kosovo) – one Scholarship.
- 2) Eastern Partnership States (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine) – one Scholarship.

Each Scholarship has a value of **£3,250** and is intended to offer support towards covering some of the costs of a research visit of 8 weeks to the Lauterpacht Centre in 2026 (such as travel, visa, accommodation, health and personal accident insurance, accommodation, costs of stay and the Centre Fee). If the expenses and costs incurred by the candidate exceed the amount of the scholarship, it will be the candidate's responsibility to cover the excess amount.

The selected Winiarski scholars must use their Scholarships in the 2026 calendar year.

The deadline for the applications is **Wednesday 20 August 2025**.

All application forms, CVs and references to be sent as pdfs (not password protected).

Only successful candidates will be contacted.

Detailed Guidance Notes and Terms and Conditions for Applicants

1. Eligibility

- (a) Candidates must be nationals of the following states:
 - 1) Visegrad Group States and Western Balkans States (Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, as well as North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Kosovo).
 - 2) Eastern Partnership States (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine).

Candidates must specify their nationality on the application form.

- (b) Candidates must be fluent in English.
- (c) Candidates must specify a project on some aspect of public or private international law, on which they will work during their research visit at the Lauterpacht Centre.
- (d) Preference will be given to candidates who are associated on a permanent basis with a university or another well-established institution dealing with international law in the country of their nationality.
- (e) A good standard of English-language competence is required.

2. Applications

- (a) Applications for the Winiarski Scholarship should consist of:
 - a. A completed application form (available on the Lauterpacht Centre website), including an outline of the proposed research;
 - b. A detailed curriculum vitae;
 - c. Two letters of reference sent directly by the referees to the email address specified in point (c) below. The references should be sent from the institutional e-mail address of the referee and provide the referee's contact details.
- (b) All documents must be prepared in English. All application forms, CVs and references to be sent as pdfs and not password protected.
- (c) Applications and references should be sent by e-mail to: winiarski.applications@lciil.cam.ac.uk (please specify 'Winiarski Scholarship 2026' as the subject).
- (d) All documents must be received by the application deadline. The applicant is responsible for ensuring that the application, including the letters of reference, are received by the deadline.

- (e) By submitting their applications for the Winiarski Scholarship, candidates agree that their data (in particular, name, affiliation and photograph) may be published by the Lauterpacht Centre, and that their applications will be forwarded by the Lauterpacht Centre to the Polish Embassy in London.
- (f) Only successful candidates will be contacted by the Lauterpacht Centre. Candidates should not make enquiries if not contacted.

3. **Research Project**

- (a) The Winiarski scholar must undertake a project on some aspect of public or private international law during his/her research visit at the Lauterpacht Centre. Candidates must provide an outline of the project in their application.
- (b) Upon the conclusion of the research visit, the Winiarski scholar must submit, both to the Lauterpacht Centre and to the Polish Embassy in London, a written report in English outlining the research and academic work done during the visit.
- (c) In case of subsequent publications resulting from the research visit, the Winiarski scholar shall specify that the research was done in the framework of the Winiarski Scholarship scheme and provide a copy of the publication to the Lauterpacht Centre and to the Polish Embassy in London. The support received from the Winiarski Scholarship should be acknowledged in the publication.

4. **Award**

- (a) Each Winiarski Scholarship has a value of **£3,250** per scholar. It is intended to offer support towards covering some of the costs of a research visit of 8 weeks at the Lauterpacht Centre in 2026 (such as travel, visa, accommodation, health and personal accident insurance, accommodation, costs of stay and the Centre Fee).
- (b) The method of payment of the Winiarski Scholarship shall be determined by the Lauterpacht Centre in line with local policies and regulations at the time of the visit. The Winiarski Scholarship will be paid to the Winiarski scholar after his/her arrival at the Lauterpacht Centre. Winiarski scholars should note that payment cannot be made in cash and that it may be difficult to open a bank account in the United Kingdom for the period of the visit. They should therefore consider making arrangements to have a sterling bank account before their arrival at the Lauterpacht Centre, to facilitate the transfer of the funds.
- (c) Expenses and costs incurred by the selected Winiarski scholar in excess of the amount of the Scholarship shall be the responsibility of the Winiarski scholar.

- (d) The Winiarski scholar shall be responsible for making all travel and accommodation arrangements, as well as any other arrangements relating to his/her visit at the Lauterpacht Centre, such as visa, health and personal accident insurance, and maintenance.
- (e) Candidates must use the awarded Scholarships in 2026. The start and finish dates of the research visit, and any other details, are to be agreed directly between the Winiarski scholar and the Lauterpacht Centre. The Lauterpacht Centre cannot guarantee that it will be able to accommodate the candidate at a date preferred by him or her.
- (f) After the completion of the selection process, the information on the results of the competition and on the successful candidates will be made publicly available. In particular, such information may be published by the Lauterpacht Centre and the Polish Embassy in London on their respective websites.

5. Facilities

The Lauterpacht Centre provides all visiting scholars, including the Winiarski scholars, with computer access, bench space, access to the Centre's library and an introduction to the University Library and Squire Law Library. The costs of provision of these facilities are covered by a Centre Fee, which is to be paid by the candidate. If additional (i.e. computer or secretarial) support is required, this may be subject to an additional charge.

6. Involvement in the Lauterpacht Centre's activities

- (a) The Winiarski scholar is expected to pursue his or her own research project whilst at the Lauterpacht Centre. However, Winiarski scholars may be invited to contribute to or collaborate in projects carried out at the Lauterpacht Centre at the time of their visit.
- (b) Visitors to the Centre are encouraged to attend Friday lunchtime lectures in term, as well as any of the Centre's open events that may interest them. By arrangement they may also attend lectures and talks on international law and related subjects elsewhere in the University. However, the Faculty of Law does reserve the right to levy charges for attendance at courses run by the Faculty.
- (c) The Lauterpacht Centre is not a teaching institution and does not award diplomas or certificates.

7. Other Terms and Conditions

- (a) The standard *Terms and Conditions* applicable to visiting academics and university students will apply to Winiarski scholars. The award of the Winiarski Scholarship will be conditional on accepting these conditions by the candidate and, if appropriate, agreed to by their employer.
- (b) The Winiarski scholar shall be subject to all laws, rules and requirements applicable to visiting scholars at the Lauterpacht Centre.