



Terms and conditions of scholarship participation

The International Bar Association's (IBA) Sections and Committees offer scholarships for young lawyers who wish to participate in the IBA 2026 Annual Conference in Copenhagen but who may face financial difficulties in doing so.

The IBA Annual Conference Scholarships award the following:

- waived registration fee to the Annual Conference 2026;
- a contribution towards travel costs to attend the Annual Conference 2026;*
- accommodation while attending the Annual Conference 2026;
- two years' free membership of the IBA, including membership of one committee under the awarding group and one committee under a different division; and
- waiver of the next year's Annual Conference registration fee or registration fee to the next specialist conference of a chosen committee.

* Reimbursements will be dependent on receipt of a short report on the Annual Conference.

These scholarships are open to persons who meet the following criteria:

- Employees of the IBA, officers of any IBA entity and relatives of any of the aforementioned are excluded from the competition.
- Previous winners of any LPD/SPPI Scholarships are also excluded from the competition. All other applicants may reapply.
- 'Young Lawyer' is defined as any lawyer up to and including the age of 35 at the time of the conference.
- IBA membership is not required in order to submit an application.
- Applicants must either be:
 - a) a fully qualified lawyer who is licenced / registered to practice as a lawyer with the relevant professional regulatory body;or
 - b) undertaking the qualification process (education and/or vocational) to pass the bar (or the equivalent qualification in the relevant jurisdiction) to become fully qualified, providing they hold a temporary or permanent licence to practice as a trainee, or are undertaking a training scheme that is recognised by the professional regulatory body.

Therefore, both newly qualified lawyers and trainees can apply.

- Must have sufficient proficiency in English (proof is required with application).
- The online application form and essay/project proposal/ted talk style (presentation must be completed in English).
- Must be original author of essay/project proposal/ted talk style presentation.
- Each participant may only submit one essay/project proposal/ted talk style (presentation for one scholarship in a year).

All applications must be accompanied by an essay/project proposal/ted talk style presentation in the format specified by the scholarship's directions, as well as an English language certificate. You will be prompted to upload the files when completing the application form. The deadline to submit the application is 23:59 British Summer Time (BST) on **Monday 4 May 2026**.

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1. Submissions must be original, independent, unpublished works. They will not be under consideration for any commercial contract by any publishing house. The author is warranting his or her unrestricted copyright to the essay/project proposal/ted talk style presentation submitted.
2. The Scholarship Judging Committee will consist of IBA Section/Committee Officers. They will judge the essays/project proposals/ted talk style presentations primarily on originality, style, logic, research and overall quality of content. An international, rather than a strict domestic, approach would be appreciated. Factors such as financial need and geographical diversity may also be considered.
3. Measures are taken to keep the identities of applicants anonymous from the judging committee. Any applicant who contacts an IBA Officer regarding the content of their submission will be automatically disqualified. Contact details of winners supplied as part of the application will be shared with the relevant IBA committee for administrative purposes in connection with the scholarship.
4. The decision of the judging committee is final and no correspondence will be entered into. The decision will be published on the IBA website. Winners will be contacted at the email address indicated by them on the submission. They will be requested to provide a biographical note giving details of their legal career, studies and professional appointments.
5. The IBA has the right to publish a selection of the essays/project proposals/presentations submitted, including but not limited to the winning submissions (either the full text or extracts thereof) up to 18 months after the competition has ended; this includes but is not limited to the publication in the conference documentation and/or on the IBA website and/or other IBA publications. In any such event, the name of the author will be indicated appropriately.
6. The IBA, IBA Sections, IBA Committees and organisers of the competition are not responsible for the loss, damage or non-arrival of any submission, nor for any costs or expenses incurred in the preparation or the submission of any essay/project proposals/presentations.
7. Applicants must have sufficient proficiency in English and will be required to provide an English language certificate and evidence that you are eligible to practice law.
8. Winning scholars cannot transfer scholarship benefits to another year; accommodation and travel reimbursements can be used to attend the Copenhagen 2026 Annual Conference of the IBA only.
9. Winning scholars will be requested to write a short report on their experiences at the conference. Flight reimbursements are dependent on receipt of the report.

Please click on the following **link** to complete your application form before 23:59 BST on **Monday 4 May 2026**.