



Expressions of Interest are now open for interested JCU Law students to participate in the **International Legal Studies Externship Clinic** to Chiang Mai, Thailand, in SP6 of 2019, as part of LA4041 Legal Placement. **Note:** *If you have already completed LA4041 OR LA4014 OR LA4044, you are ineligible to apply.*

JCU is proud to partner with [BABSEACLE](#) to send up to ten (10) students. Successful students will be entitled to a \$3,000 grant through the New Colombo Plan (NCP) funding which has been obtained specifically for this externship.

The [BABSEACLE](#) Legal Studies Externship Clinic has worked with more than 1000 students coming from more than 20 countries worldwide. The [BABSEACLE](#) Externship Clinic offers interns a hands-on opportunity to make a real contribution to helping people achieve access to justice while being involved in a remarkable experience of living and working in Asia.

The clinic focuses on a number of key areas related to both helping others to achieve access to justice and personal social justice development. As a [BABSEACLE](#) extern you will contribute in many ways including:

- Working directly with BABSEACLE and its access to justice partners in Chiang Mai, assisting in the development of materials and systems used to strengthen their access to justice programs.
- Supporting the development of access to justice and pro bono initiatives that BABSEACLE currently supports across the Asia region.
- Assisting in the development of materials and planning for the 8th Asia Pro Bono Conference, and the 11th Access to Justice Week.
- Supporting legal research related to access to counsel and legal service providers for vulnerable and marginalised persons and communities. Example thematic areas include; LGBTIQI rights, women's rights, indigenous rights, rights of drug users, migrant worker rights, disability rights, elderly rights, environmental justice and many more.
- Engage in cross-disciplinary learning activities with JCU Education students who will be undertaking an education placement at the same time.

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- be an Australian citizen. Applicants cannot undertake their externship in a Host Location in which they hold dual citizenship or permanent residency; or in which they have previously been a citizen or permanent resident
- be undertaking a Bachelor Degree or Bachelor Honours Degree when the externship program commences
- not be a previous recipient of a New Colombo Plan Scholarship

Successful applicants are not allowed to commence another Australian Government funded off-shore Scholarship Program or mobility grant (including a New Colombo Plan Mobility Program grant) while undertaking their New Colombo Plan externship program.

Application Process

The application process requires students to complete the attached Expression of Interest (EOI) form and submit as per instructions provided at the bottom of the form. Application deadline is **Friday, 15th March. No late applications will be accepted.**

All applicants will receive an email confirmation of receipt (of EOI) from the WIL Student Placement Advisor. All applicants will be advised whether or not they have been shortlisted, no later than Friday, 22nd March.

The WIL Coordinator and BABSEACLE will shortlist candidates based upon the EOI. Shortlisted candidates will be expected to attend a pre-selection Skype interview with the BABSEACLE team in the week commencing Monday, 25th March. Final offers will be made to the successful candidates in that same week.

Clinic Costs

Approximate cost for this Clinic will be \$2,400 **USD** (supervision, materials, internal transportation, work permit and accommodation costs). **This cost does not include other expenses including LA4041 Legal Placement subject fee, flights or visa.**

Students may be eligible to apply for an OS-HELP Loan to assist with the cost of flights and other living expenses. Details regarding OS-HELP loan applications: <https://www.jcu.edu.au/students/fees-and-financial-support/os-help-loan>

Other

JCU will arrange a full pre-departure risk assessment for selected students. As an official elective law course, JCU travel, personal accident, professional indemnity and public liability insurance will cover students on placement.

Formal assessment forms part of LA4041 and involves reflective journals, assignments and regular tasks students will undertake for BABSEACLE. Reflective tasks and assignments may be undertaken with JCU Education students who will be undertaking a teaching practicum in Chiang Mai at the same time.

Students will be expected to attend a pre-departure induction with LA4041 Subject Coordinator in early May 2019 (date/time TBA).

All initial enquiries regarding this externship opportunity should be directed to:

- Associate Professor Mandy Shircore, Subject Coordinator, mandy.shircore@jcu.edu.au, 423 21353
- Mandy Brock, WIL Student Placement Advisor, legal.wil@jcu.edu.au (please ensure you monitor all emails from this email address), 423 21066



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

BABSEACLE 2019 **International Legal Studies Externship Clinic** **Chiang Mai, Thailand** **July - dates to be confirmed (SP6)**

Contact Details

Title: _____ Name: _____
Student Number: _____ Phone: _____
Email address: _____
Campus: _____ Date: _____

A quota applies to this subject. This information combined with prior academic performance may be taken into account in determining student placement.

An Interview may also take place to determine final student list.

1. A focus of this externship placement is promotion of Sustainable Development Goal 16. Please explain your understanding of and interest in social justice and access to justice.

2. After reading about BABSEACLE on their website, what attracts you to understanding this externship placement?

3. Developing cross-cultural (or intercultural) competencies will be another focus of the externship placement. What is your understanding of "cross-cultural competencies"?

Submission Instructions:
Email EOI along with a copy of your Unofficial Academic Transcript to:
legal.wil@jcu.edu.au