

# AFRICAN LEGAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM IN TOBACCO CONTROL LAW AND POLICY



O'NEILL INSTITUTE  
FOR NATIONAL & GLOBAL HEALTH LAW  
GEORGETOWN LAW



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## INVITATION TO APPLY

The [International Legal Consortium \(ILC\)](#) at the [Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids](#) seeks six early- or mid-career lawyers based in sub-Saharan Africa to participate in the [African Legal Fellowship Program](#).

The Fellowship Program is developed and provided in association with:

- The [O'Neill Institute for Global Health Law](#) at Georgetown University, Washington DC
- [Kenyatta University School of Law](#), Nairobi
- [ERSUMA](#), Higher Regional School of Magistracy, Porto-Novo

The Fellowship Program is designed to create a cohort of lawyers to join the international effort to combat the tobacco epidemic that kills up to eight million people each year globally. It will provide a unique opportunity to become experienced in law and public policy on tobacco control through a specially developed curriculum that will include:

- In-depth legal training through interactive online content, live webinars with global experts, tutorials and group work.
- Structured professional development through mentorship and observing work practices of ILC and O'Neill Institute Lawyers.
- In-country training based at academic institutions within Africa.
- Research projects.
- Assisting in drafting international tobacco control laws and contributing to technical assistance in defensive and proactive tobacco control litigation.



**START DATE:**  
SEPTEMBER 2021

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**  
JULY 23, 2021

**PROGRAM TERM:**  
18 MONTHS WITH 4-6 HOURS PER WEEK COMMITMENT

**A STIPEND WILL BE PROVIDED.**

**NUMBER OF POSITIONS: 6**

**THE PROGRAM WILL BE RUN IN ENGLISH**

**FELLOWS MUST BE PRACTICING LAWYERS BASED IN A COUNTRY WITHIN THE WHO AFRO REGION**

**TO APPLY**

Please send all required application documents to the ILC at [AfricanFellowship@tobaccofreekids.org](mailto:AfricanFellowship@tobaccofreekids.org) by July 23, 2021. A list of required documents can be found on page 3.

COVID-19 ACCOMMODATIONS: All program content will be initially provided online/virtually in the light of the COVID-19 pandemic, with a specially developed curriculum. If and when international travel becomes appropriate and safe, Fellows will be provided with opportunities to travel to the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids offices in Washington DC, USA for in-person training, mentorship and shadowing.

<https://www.tobaccofreekids.org/what-we-do/global/legal/legal-fellowship>

## **CURRICULUM**

The African Legal Fellowship Program's curriculum will cover:

- Evidence-based tobacco control policies;
- Legislative drafting and policy development;
- The World Health Organization Framework Convention on Tobacco Control and implementing guidelines;
- The tobacco industry's role in creating a global tobacco epidemic and its continued efforts to create new generations of tobacco and nicotine users;
- Litigation to defend against industry challenges and to enforce existing tobacco control laws;
- How tobacco control integrates with the wider UN treaty system, global NCD objectives and the human rights agenda;
- The roles of the WHO, government and civil society in advancing policy change;
- Communications training for lawyers; and
- Translating research and analysis into effective policy and regulatory proposals.

## **TIME COMMITMENT**

The African Legal Fellowship Program will commence in September 2021. Fellows will be expected to commit to an 18-month program. The first 11 months will consist of weekly training sessions requiring a commitment of approximately 4-6 hours per week. This is followed with opportunities for research projects, mentoring, and observing and working alongside ILC and O'Neill Institute lawyers. If travel restrictions allow, there will be opportunities for in-person training at the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids' offices in Washington, DC during 2022.

## **STIPEND AND BENEFITS**

The ILC will provide a stipend for the 18-month program, paid in installments. Fellows must be employed at a civil society organization, government office, academic institution or law firm, undertaking legal or public policy work, and must submit a letter of consent from their employer.

Each Fellow will also receive an additional stipend for the purchase of a laptop and other technology necessary to participate in the program.

If in-person training and mentorship occurs in Washington, D.C. during the Fellowship Program, the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids will cover transportation, hotel, and any other associated costs.

## **ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS AND ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES**

- A law degree.
- Approximately three years or more post-qualification experience preferred, although relevant pre-qualification experience will also be considered.
- Currently employed in a civil society organization, government office, academic institution or law firm undertaking legal or public policy work.
- Experience working with or for government or civil society organizations in matters that further the public interest.
- Experience in public health policy and law preferred, or a demonstrated interest in public health law and related issues.
- Experience in domestic or international public law preferred.
- Citizen and/or permanent resident of a country within the WHO AFRO region (for a list of countries, see: <https://www.who.int/about/regions/afro/en/>).
- Strong interpersonal skills.
- Strong written and oral English language skills

## POLICIES AND PROCESS

- Applications should be received by July 23, 2021 and applicants should be available for an interview beginning the week of August 2nd, 2021.
- The Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids is an Equal Opportunity Employer and welcomes applications from individuals who will contribute to its diversity.
- No Tobacco Industry Relationships. Fellows will be required to warrant that they do not knowingly represent or receive payment from the tobacco industry or its representatives.
- Work Product Owned by the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids. Fellows will be required to contract that all work of any kind created during the Fellowship Program shall be owned exclusively by the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids.

## REQUIRED APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

Please submit all of the following documents to the ILC at [AfricanFellowship@tobaccofreekids.org](mailto:AfricanFellowship@tobaccofreekids.org) by July 23, 2021.

1. Current resume or curriculum vitae (CV).
2. A letter from your employer consenting to your participation in the African Legal Fellowship Program.
3. A signed statement making the following attestation:  
*"I warrant that I do not knowingly represent or receive payment from any tobacco product manufacturer or wholesaler, or person or organization that represents the interests of the tobacco industry, I have not done so in the past five years, and that I will not enter into any such relationship during the period of the African Legal Fellowship Program."*
4. Written responses to the following questions:
  - What are your goals and expectations for participating in and completing the African Legal Fellowship Program?
  - Please explain your professional experience working in public interest law or policy.
  - How do you plan to carry out the requirements of the African Legal Fellowship Program alongside your current employment commitments? What arrangements would you plan to make with your employer?
  - Give a specific example of a public interest law or policy project you have worked on and describe the outcome of that project.

## **The Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids**

The Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, headquartered in Washington D.C., is a leading non-profit organization in the fight to reduce tobacco use and its deadly toll on consumers in the United States and worldwide. Globally, the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids supports governments and non-governmental organizations in lower- and middle-income countries in promoting and implementing policies called for in the WHO FCTC. The Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids is a partner in the Bloomberg Initiative to Reduce Tobacco Use.

The ILC is a team of lawyers at the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids with extensive public health and international law experience, with regional specializations and in-depth knowledge of tobacco control law and policy. The ILC provides legal assistance on tobacco control legislation and litigation to governments and civil society organizations worldwide to promote robust and evidence-based tobacco control policies in line with the WHO FCTC. Since it was established in 2007, the ILC has provided legal technical assistance in over 90 countries.

## **The O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law at Georgetown University**

The O'Neill Institute was established in 2007 through the generous philanthropy of Linda and Timothy O'Neill to respond to the need for innovative solutions to the most pressing national and international health concerns. Housed at Georgetown University Law Center in Washington D.C., the O'Neill Institute reflects the importance of public and private law in health policy analysis.

The essential vision for the O'Neill Institute rests upon the proposition that the law has been, and will remain, a fundamental tool for solving critical health problems in our local, national, and global communities. By contributing to a more powerful and deeper understanding of the multiple ways in which law can be used to improve health, the O'Neill Institute hopes to encourage key decision-makers in the public, private, and civil society sectors to employ the law as a positive tool to enable individuals and populations in the United States and throughout the world to lead healthier lives.

## **Kenyatta University School of Law**

Kenyatta University School of Law (KUSOL) was established in 2008 and is located in the Parklands Campus of Kenyatta University in Nairobi, Kenya. KUSOL delivers innovative legal education which is student-focused and research-led. KUSOL embraces an integrated philosophy of teaching, research and community service. KUSOL's undergraduate programme is a pioneer in experiential legal education in which students undertake clinical work and placement as a central component of the law degree. KUSOL also runs the Kenyatta University Legal Aid Clinic which offers pro- bono legal aid services to ordinary citizens and provides students with clinical experience in case preparation, client interviewing, research and writing skills and networking. There is also a clinic specializing in the international economic law, a member of the global TradeLab network.

KUSOL has since 2012 produced over 1,000 lawyers from its undergraduate programme who are currently engaged as bar practitioners, judicial officers, corporate lawyers, in-house counsel and as post-graduate students in renown law schools globally.

## **ERSUMA**

The Higher Regional School of Magistracy (ERSUMA) is an Institution of the Organization for the Harmonization of Business Law in Africa (OHADA). ERSUMA has the personality and legal capacity as well as an administrative and financial autonomy. It enjoys international status.

The purpose of ERSUMA is to work towards improving the legal and judicial environment in all Member States. In particular, ERSUMA is charged with the capacity-building and training of judges, court officials of Member States and economic agents on harmonized laws and business law. It is also a center of documentation and research on legal and judicial issues. ERSUMA has state-of-the-art technology especially in terms of computer facilities, network infrastructure, video conferencing, virtual documentation and language laboratory with translation and interpretation services.