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Call for Applicants - European Lawyers Programme 2016 - Edinburgh

The European Lawyers' Association (**ELA**)¹ is calling for applicants to apply for the European Lawyers' Programme 2016 (hereafter **ELP** or **Programme**) consisting of a three months' legal placement including a 2 week induction course in Scots law in Edinburgh, Scotland commencing on **29 March 2016**. The Programme is an (adapted) continuation of the British Council's 'European Young Lawyers Scheme' which ran successfully for over 30 years.

The course will consist of a 7-day introductory course on Scots law covering a wide range of legal subjects, followed by an 11 week practical placement with Scottish Advocates, Queen's Counsel and members of the Scottish judiciary (Judges of the Court of Session/High Court).

The ELA is looking for lawyers who are currently practising either in-house or in private practice and have been for at least two years and who are interested in gaining a practical legal experience in Scotland. The chosen candidates would be expected to take approximately 3 months leave from their current employment in order to attend the Programme in Edinburgh. The Programme enjoys the support and participation of the **Faculty of Advocates**, i.e. the Bar in Scotland, who (together with the ELA) will provide administrative & logistical support and organise the Programme placements with the Advocates and Queen's Counsel. **Vialegis**² is the Programme's main financial sponsor and their support will enable the ELA to cover certain expenses³. The Programme provides

¹ The ELA was founded in 1985 by alumni of the British Council's European Lawyers' Scheme the predecessor of the ELP. Further details on the ELA can be found at www.european-lawyers.org.

² Vialegis is a Belgium based international legal recruitment firm, further details on Vialegis can be found at www.vialegis.be.

³ It should be noted that the Programme is for the remainder unfunded and applicants are therefore expected to cover their own living expenses during their 3 month stay in Edinburgh.





a unique opportunity to gain hands-on legal experience in Scotland, expand your legal knowledge, build up relationships with other European lawyers and make long lasting contacts in the legal profession across Europe.

Twelve lawyers from different European countries will be selected to attend the Programme. Should you wish to apply for a place on the Programme, please submit an application form, your CV and a motivation letter to **internacional@icam.es** by no later than **20 October 2015**.

If your application is admitted, the selection process will take place in **Madrid** during the week commencing **29 October 2015** (you will be notified of the exact date/time). The selection process will include an interview which will be conducted in English.

For further details/information and to receive the application form please contact the **Department of International Relations** at **internacional@icam.es** or alternatively by phone on **917 889 380 ext. 1853**.

The selected candidate will be informed at the latest on 15 November 2015.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

European Lawyers Association
Selection Committee

