International law is not one field and there are many international paths to follow. The following information is intended to acquaint you with the major types of international practice areas and provide you a few resources to get you started.

A. Private Sector

1. U.S. Law Firms

   In the past several decades many large U.S. law firms opened overseas branches. Many have departments that specialize in international trade or international finance. Lawyers who specialize in international law at private law firms typically represent U.S. clients or assist foreign clients with various aspects of U.S. law. In the past several years international arbitration has emerged as a growing area of international law firm practice. Some of the more established practice areas include: project finance, M&A, debt/equities and derivatives, international tax, and cross-border IP disputes. In addition, boutique law firms specialize in maritime law, customs and international trade disputes, and foreign corrupt practices investigations.

   Although there are some opportunities for law students to work at U.S. law firms overseas, these opportunities are generally limited and occur outside the typical summer associate hiring. One notable exception is the practice by many major law firms to allow summer associates to split time between the firm’s domestic and overseas offices. Students interested in doing this split are generally expected to have strong command of the language spoken in the overseas office and experience living overseas.

   Because opportunities to work at branch offices of U.S. law firms are rarely advertised and tend to be disseminated through word-of-mouth, students are typically selected through active networking and outreach to the target law firms. The selection process is lengthy and decisions are often not made until well into the spring. Students should also know that compensation for such positions varies widely and is not always pegged to the firm’s domestic summer program.

2. Foreign Law Firms

   The largest non-U.S. law firms that would be interested in American law students tend to be firms in the United Kingdom, particularly those in London’s prestigious “Magic Circle.” These firms tend to have more international presence than U.S. law firms and often advertise positions in their international offices under the headings “internships” and
“traineeships” on their websites. As with their U.S. counterparts, law firms tend to hire students fluent or highly proficient in the language of their branch office and often require prior overseas experience.

A few European and Asian law firms hire U.S. law students to work in their offices during the summer. Even more than U.S. law firms, however, these positions tend to be very limited and take place mostly through personal connections, networking, and outreach. Students interested in these positions are encouraged to contact Oleg Kobelev, kobelev@law.duke.edu, for additional information.

Resources:
- Chambers and Partners Guides (http://www.chambersandpartners.com)
- ABA List of Internships with international law firms (http://www.americanbar.org/groups/international_law/about_us/internships/law_firm_internships.html)
- The Hieros Gamos Worldwide Law Firms Directory (www.hg.org/lawfirms.html)
- Legal 500 Guide (http://www.legal500.com/)

B. Public Sector

1. International Courts and Tribunals
Among the most rewarding and challenging opportunities for students interested in working overseas are internships or “stages” with international tribunals, arbitral bodies, and other judicial organizations designed to arbitrate disputes between international actors. Some of these tribunals are created by U.N. and E.U. treaties, while others function as ad-hoc dispute resolution bodies. The internship positions at these organizations are often unpaid and will require a significant commitment and dedication on the part of the student. Most judicial and quasi-judicial bodies have structured programs and provide clear instructions on how to apply. Even organizations that do not have formal programs are frequently open to taking interested students, provided they are willing to work without compensation.

Resources:
- Unjobs.org (www.unjobs.org) click under “Organizations” and search for “Court” or “Tribunal.”
- Project on International Courts and Tribunals (www.pict-pcti.org)

2. United States Government
Numerous U.S. agencies are heavily involved in international work. In addition to specialized agencies that focus on international development, commerce, and national security, many of the largest executive agencies such as the State Department and the Department of Justice are deeply enmeshed in various aspects of international law from diplomacy and treaty negotiations to criminal law, environmental and anti-dumping enforcement.

Resources:
• Arizona Public Policy Handbook is another excellent sources of internship ideas, [http://www.law.arizona.edu/publicpolicyhandbook/contentssubscribers.cfm](http://www.law.arizona.edu/publicpolicyhandbook/contentssubscribers.cfm) (L: world; P: peace)
• For guidance on which U.S. agencies have high concentration of international trade work, please see this list: [www.law.duke.edu/career/pdf/USGovernment_%20InternationalTrade.pdf](http://www.law.duke.edu/career/pdf/USGovernment_%20InternationalTrade.pdf)

3. “Supranational” Institutions and Organizations

There are many organizations such as the U.N., the International Organization for Migration, the World Trade Organization, the World Health Organization, the Asian Development Bank, and many others that occasionally hire law students for internships within their legal departments. Most of these have formal internship programs that are accessible through their websites. For more information on these organizations and how to find them, please contact Oleg Kobelev at [kobelev@law.duke.edu](mailto:kobelev@law.duke.edu)

Resources:
• Eurobrussels (a comprehensive website listing vacancies within EU institutions and international organizations, as well as some EU law firms) [http://eurobrussels.com/jobs/internship](http://eurobrussels.com/jobs/internship)
• PSJD Guide to Finding International Public Service Opportunities: [http://www.psjd.org/International_Resources](http://www.psjd.org/International_Resources)
• World Trade Organization Internship Program [www.wto.org/english/thewto_e/vacan_e/intern_e.htm](http://www.wto.org/english/thewto_e/vacan_e/intern_e.htm)

4. International Public Interest Organizations

There is a tremendous diversity in the types of organizations available to students who wish to pursue opportunities in international public law. There are thousands of public interest organizations around the world that focus on international issues, including but not limited to, development, human rights, environmental issues, energy, trade, arms control, and transitional justice and the rights of stateless persons.

Because of the tremendous variety in the types of organizations, students are encouraged to speak with Oleg Kobelev, [kobelev@law.duke.edu](mailto:kobelev@law.duke.edu), for additional guidance with respect to particular geographic and practice area in which to pursue their interests.

Resources:
• Idealist ([www.idealist.org](http://www.idealist.org)): click “advanced” and pick internships and a country of interest.
• PSLawnet.org ([http://www.pslawnet.org](http://www.pslawnet.org))
• List of International Legal Internships complied by Internships USA [login: black; password: acre]: [http://www.pslawnet.org/internationalresources](http://www.pslawnet.org/internationalresources)
• Eldis ([http://www.eldis.org/go/jobs](http://www.eldis.org/go/jobs)) Contains a wide selection of public interest jobs and opportunities with various organizations.
Duke Specific Research Tools

1. Duke Law’s Searchable Database of International Opportunities

Duke Law School maintains a comprehensive list of 300+ international organizations which offer internships, fellowships, and permanent jobs opportunities to U.S. law students. The database is key-word searchable and sortable, allowing students to search by geographic region, substantive legal field, presence of Duke alumni, and other criteria. The database is available at: [https://law.duke.edu/career/students/llm/internships/](https://law.duke.edu/career/students/llm/internships/) and requires the input of NetID and password.

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2. International Opportunities Listserv

To receive the latest updates about current international opportunities, please subscribe to the International Opportunities Listserv by clicking: [https://lists.law.duke.edu/sympa/info/international_opportunities_law](https://lists.law.duke.edu/sympa/info/international_opportunities_law) The website will ask you to enter your NetID and password. Once you log in, on the left pane, please click "subscribe" and enter your email address to be added to the listserv.
Selected Public Interest Opportunities

International Finance Corporation – Hong Kong, Beijing, PRC, Istanbul, Turkey or Mumbai, India

The International Finance Corporation (IFC) is an international financial institution owned by 186 member countries and is part of the World Bank Group. Our mission is to seek to decrease poverty in the developing world. IFC’s 186 shareholder nations are each nations committed to development through investing in the private sector. In the IFC Istanbul, Hong Kong, Mumbai or Beijing offices, the intern’s work would focus primarily on investments and projects by IFC (mainly loans and equity investments by IFC) to private companies located in countries in the specific region.

How to apply: Please submit your cover letter and resume, the desired location and possible sources of funding (please consult with Dean Bart if unsure) to the attention of Katie Meighan, Head, Knowledge Management at International Finance Corporation (kmeighan@ifc.org) NO LATER THAN November 30, 2012. Please send copies of your materials to Kobelev@law.duke.edu and bart@law.duke.edu.

Development Law Service of the Food and Agriculture Organization, Rome, Italy

The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) is the U.N. agency with common action on food and agriculture. Within FAO, the Development Law Service (LEGN) is responsible for advising member governments on legal aspects of development and for providing legal research and documentation relating to subjects such as land, water, fisheries, plants, animals, food, forestry, wildlife, and national parks, and biodiversity. The advice usually takes the form of multi-disciplinary assessments of national laws and policies, including analyzing a country's needs in particular sub-sector (eg forestry or plant protection) to drafting new legislation.

How to apply: Duke Law School has been invited by the FAO to recommend up to two students to work 10 -12 weeks as summer interns in 2012. Please submit a cover letter addressed to the organization (to the attention of Jane O’Farrel), together with a one-page statement of interest and a resume to Kobelev@law.duke.edu and bart@law.duke.edu NO LATER THAN December 14, 2012. Selected students' application and materials will be referred to our contacts at FAO with Duke Law's recommendation for an offer of summer internship. Although FAO will give special consideration to the pre-selected candidates, the final selection will remain its prerogative.

Special Tribunal for Lebanon, The Hague, Netherlands

Special Tribunal for Lebanon (“STL”) is a tribunal chartered in March of 2009 to hold trials for the people accused of carrying out the attack of 14 February 2005 which killed 23 people, including the former minister of Lebanon, Rafiq Hariri, and injured many others. The tribunal is located in Leidschendam, Netherlands, and is composed of four divisions: Chambers, the Office of Prosecutor, the Defense Office and Registry. STL offers internship to highly motivated law students and recent graduates in all of its four divisions (called “Organs”). Internships are offered for a period between three and six months and are generally unpaid.

How to apply: Duke Law School has been invited by the STL to recommend up to two students. Please submit a cover letter addressed to the organization (to the attention of Christopher Rassi), together with a one-page statement of interest and a resume to Kobelev@law.duke.edu and bart@law.duke.edu NO LATER THAN January 1, 2013. Selected students' application and materials will be referred to our contacts at STL with Duke Law's recommendation for an offer of summer internship. Although STL will give special consideration to the pre-selected candidates, the final selection will remain its prerogative.
Irish Centre for Human Rights (ICHR), Galway, Ireland
The Irish Centre for Human Rights is one of the world’s premier university-based institutions for the study and promotion of human rights and humanitarian law. Created in 2000, the Centre has developed a global reputation for excellence in human rights teaching, research, and advocacy. The Centre is looking for motivated Duke Law interns to assist its members. Please note that this is academic research-oriented internship. In the past, student interns have assisted Centre staff members with research on projects that include human rights in China, post-conflict criminal justice, the death penalty, and human rights violations in Burma/Myanmar.

How to apply: Duke Law School has been invited by ICHR to recommend up to two students to work 6-10 weeks as summer interns in 2012. Please submit a cover letter addressed to the organization (to the attention of Katherine Cavanaugh), together with a one-page statement of interest and a resume to Kobelev@law.duke.edu and bart@law.duke.edu NO LATER THAN February 8, 2013. Selected students' application and materials will be referred to our contacts at ICHR with Duke Law's recommendation for an offer of summer internship. Although ICHR will give special consideration to the pre-selected candidates, the final selection will remain its prerogative.

Centre for Applied Legal Studies, Johannesburg, South Africa
The Centre for Applied Legal Studies (CALS) is a leading human rights centre based at the University of the Witwatersrand’s School of Law in Johannesburg, South Africa. CALS was a pioneer in the advancement of human rights in South Africa during the apartheid years. During the era of political negotiations, CALS entered a new phase in which its members a central role in the writing of the new constitution. During this time, the work of CALS is divided into several research programmes focusing on key areas of human rights and issues of implementation and enforcement of those rights. CALS has five programmes operating - Basic Services, Education, Environment, Gender and the Rule of Law. In each of these programmes it engages in a combination of research, advocacy activities and strategic litigation where necessary, in order to ensure sustainable justice for all those who live in South Africa. The internship runs from mid-May to mid-August and is typically between 6 and 10 weeks.

How to apply: Please send an email and your resume and cover letter to Lisa Chamberlain at lisa.chamberlain@wits.ac.za. Deadline to apply is February 15, 2013. See http://www.wits.ac.za/academic/clm/law/cals/11181/aboutcals.html for more information.

International Fund for Agricultural Development, Rome, Italy
The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), a specialized agency of the United Nations, was established as an international financial institution in 1977 as one of the major outcomes of the 1974 World Food Conference. IFAD is dedicated to eradicating rural poverty in developing countries. IFAD accepts 25 interns each year. Law students will be accepted depending on the needs of the departments. Internship assignments will be limited to a period of 6 months. IFAD provides interns without other funding $600 per month for living expenses.

How to apply: Duke Law School has been invited by the IFAD to recommend up to two students to work 6-to-10 weeks as summer interns in 2012. Please submit a cover letter addressed to the organization (to the attention of Ana Fernandez-Rodriguez), together with a one-page statement of interest and a resume to Kobelev@law.duke.edu and bart@law.duke.edu NO LATER THAN February 28, 2013. Selected students' application and materials will be referred to our contacts at FAO with Duke Law's recommendation for an offer of summer internship. Although IFAD will give special consideration to the pre-selected candidates, the final selection will remain its prerogative.