

**SOHMEN VISITING SCHOLARS
PROGRAMME
2009-2010**

**THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
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In August 2005, Dr. Helmut Sohmen made a substantial donation to the Faculty of Law enabling us to appoint visiting scholar(s) to conduct research on international human rights law and assist with our teaching. The programme is designed to strengthen the University of Hong Kong's focus on areas of international human rights law particularly relevant to Asia, provide our students with access to more human rights specialists, and encourage development of a community of human rights academics and practitioners within Asia and beyond.

The Visiting Scholars are appointed for a three month period, during our academic term from January through April 2010.

Applicants should design a research proposal which should be primarily legal and grounded in international human rights law. The Committee also welcomes multi-disciplinary approaches.

Teaching is an essential component of the Sohmen Visiting Scholars Programme, and the Visiting Scholar is expected to be able to contribute towards our teaching on the Master of Laws Programme in Human Rights. Visiting Scholars who are able to teach on the topic that they wish to research are especially welcome.

Successful applicants will work under the supervision of the Sir Y. K. Pao Professor of Public Law and the Director of the LL.M Programme in Human Rights.

DETAILS OF THE SOHMEN VISITING SCHOLARS PROGRAMME

Sohmen Visiting Scholars are based at the University of Hong Kong and will normally be expected to:

1. conduct research on the subject described in the application and prepare a substantial paper for publication and/or presentation at a conference;
2. teach or co-teach on a human rights topic to be chosen in consultation with the Selection Committee;
3. deliver at least one public lecture;
4. participate actively in the academic community within the Department and Faculty of Law and be available to students and staff for consultations and discussions.

Sohmen Visiting Scholars will receive:

1. return economy airfare from their home to Hong Kong;
2. HK\$100,000 for the period of the appointment;
3. full access to the facilities of the University of Hong Kong, e.g., libraries and sports facilities.

The Law Faculty will provide assistance in obtaining accommodation.

Sohmen Visiting Scholars should have the following qualifications:

1. strong academic background and a proven record of commitment to research, writing or direct work on human rights;
2. interest in teaching and imparting skills and knowledge to students;
3. fluent written and spoken English;
4. cultural flexibility (i.e., the ability to adapt to life in an international city and work with students and colleagues from all over the world); and
5. ability to conduct self-motivated research.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications are welcomed from all over the world. We particularly encourage applications from underrepresented minority groups, including women, and those from developing countries in Asia. Applicants should submit their applications by 15 September 2009. Decisions will be taken soon thereafter.

There is no application form, but all applications should contain the following :

1. detailed CV, including a description of the applicant's background and professional interests;

2. description of the proposed research topic;
3. copies of no more than three relevant published academic works;
4. copies of all relevant academic qualifications; and
5. contact information of three referees, at one of whom should be an academic referee.

Please send applications by post to :

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