

EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS 2025

Max Planck Law maintains exchange programmes with six leading law faculties, at the [European University Institute in Florence](#), the [University of Cambridge](#), the [University of Melbourne](#), the [University of Oxford](#), [University College London](#), and [The National University of Singapore](#). These programmes provide a unique opportunity for Max Planck Law researchers to expand their horizons and networks and pursue their research at institutions which are amongst the most respected for the study of law.

The exchange takes place every academic year. A maximum of two PhD students or postdocs from the participating Institutes of Max Planck Law will be in residence in each of our six partner universities. In return, up to two researchers from the partner universities will be hosted by the Institutes in the Max Planck Law network.

Max Planck Law is inviting applications to visit our partner institutions during the following times:

- EUI Florence: normally during term time (ie excluding July and August);
- Cambridge in either the Michaelmas Term (October to December 2025) or Lent Term (January to March 2026);
- UCL: visits during the first (Autumn) and second (Spring) terms are strongly preferred;
- Melbourne in semester 2 (July to October 2025) or semester 1 (March to May 2026);
- Oxford: Max Planck Law researchers will endeavour to visit during term time, and only one visitor can be hosted at any one time;
- Singapore in the Autumn (August to November 2025) or Spring (January to April 2026) terms.

Except in Cambridge, successful applicants will have to find their own accommodation. Your travel expenses and reasonable accommodation costs will be covered.

Successful applicants are expected to submit a brief report on their experience and activities after their return.

To apply, please send the following documents to petersson@law.mpg.de by Friday 7 March 2025:

- a CV
- a letter of motivation demonstrating the rigour, significance, and originality of the applicant's research project and providing a rationale for pursuing the project at the host university. Please also indicate when you would like your visit to take place;
- a statement from your Director authorizing your participation in the Exchange should your application be successful (a formal reference / letter of support is not required).

See below for a detailed description of the application criteria.

Please note that personal information transmitted as part of the application will be disclosed to the host institution for purposes related to the exchange programme.

If you have any questions, please contact the research coordinator, Dr Niels P Petersson, at petersson@law.mpg.de.

Application criteria

All researchers who will be employed at one of the nine Institutes in the Max Planck Law network at the time and for the duration of their proposed visit are eligible to apply, subject to the following provisions:

1. researchers whose main professional activity takes place outside the Max Planck Society are **not** eligible to apply;
2. researchers who have already participated in an Exchange with one of our partner institutions, either through Max Planck Law or supported by their Institute, are eligible to apply but must be aware that well-qualified candidates who have not previously participated in an Exchange will be prioritised;
3. researchers may apply for more than one partner institution. In this case, they should clearly state their order of preference.
4. researchers from the MPI for Comparative and International Private Law in Hamburg are **not** eligible to apply for the Oxford exchange and are asked to apply for their MPI's separate exchange scheme with Oxford instead.

Max Planck Law seeks to promote diversity and equality of opportunities and welcomes applications from researchers with backgrounds that have so far been underrepresented with regard to gender, age, professional and cultural background, family situation, sexual orientation, and nationality.

Researchers pursuing interdisciplinary projects are encouraged to apply.