



PEKING UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF TRANSNATIONAL LAW

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To Members of the Bar

The Bar Council is pleased to announce that as part of the collaboration with Peking University School of Transnational Law ("PKUSTL"), Members of the Bar may now apply for one scholarship for PKUSTL's Master of Laws ("LLM") programme, which will commence in the next academic year in August 2018.

Peking University is a highly-ranked university in China. PKUSTL is Peking University's innovative law school located in Shenzhen, which is also known as the "Silicon Valley of China". PKUSTL is the only law school in China that provides a US-style Juris Doctor degree taught in English, and a Chinese Juris Masters degree taught in Mandarin. Students may take courses taught in English or Mandarin, and specialise in different areas such as international law, transnational commercial law, intellectual property, arbitration and dispute resolution, etc. PKUSTL's LLM is a valuable preparatory step towards working in the international area and with China. It is a two-year programme, but all coursework may be completed within one year at the student's discretion.

The Bar Council is collaborating with various established academic institutions around the world — such as PKUSTL — to offer scholarships or other benefits to Members of the Bar to further their legal education. PKUSTL also organises public lectures annually, which have included "Investing in China from a Legal Perspective," which was offered by Professor Thomas Mann, "The Impact of Technological Innovation on Law" by Professor Ray Campbell, and most recently, "Mega-Regional Free Trade Agreements: Asia as 21st Century Rule-Maker" by Professor Mark Feldman.

For more information about the PKUSTL's LLM programme or the scholarship available for Members of the Bar, please contact John Aycock, Director of Graduate and International Programs, by email at aycockjh@stl.pku.edu.cn.

Thank you.

Ravi Nekoo and Richard Wee Thiam Seng
Chairpersons
Bar Council Professional Standards and Development Committee

10% scholarship offered to Members of the Bar who apply by 31 Jan 2018 (Wednesday) to the Master of Laws programme at PKUSTL in Shenzhen, China

The Peking University School of Transnational Law ("PKUSTL"), in collaboration with the Bar Council, will provide a 10% scholarship (CNY18,000) for Members of the Bar who apply by 31 Jan 2018 (Wednesday) for the Master of Laws ("LLM") programme, and are accepted and enrolled for the next academic year starting in August 2018.

History

PKUSTL is a relatively new and very innovative law school in Shenzhen, China. The Shenzhen Municipal Government targeted Peking University — consistently regarded as one of the established universities in China — to open a graduate school campus consisting of eight schools in Shenzhen. Shenzhen contributed the land and buildings because the city leaders wanted top intellectual capital, including rule of law, to build a world-class city. Shenzhen is now the fastest-growing, and is widely-regarded as the most innovative, city in China. In 2008, the first class of graduate students matriculated at PKUSTL. In 2015, PKUSTL added an international LLM programme (in English). PKUSTL's goal is to attract some of the best and brightest students from a wide variety of countries, including Malaysia.

Opportunity to Study a LLM Degree at China's Leading Law School

Understand China better by studying in English at PKUSTL, China's most innovative law school in China's most innovative city. China is not just an economic powerhouse — it is a vastly different culture that cannot be understood without first-hand experience. If you enrol at PKUSTL, you will develop a real-life understanding of China's culture, and its rapidly changing legal and business environment.

The fortuitous location in the modern innovative city of Shenzhen (population of over 15 million) — which is next to Hong Kong — benefits from a subtropical climate, lower pollution levels than other major cities in China, and a safer environment than most foreign cities. Shenzhen is renowned as China's "Silicon Valley," the engine of China's economic growth, and home to global innovation in advanced technologies and social media. Together, Shenzhen and Hong Kong form the core of the world's largest single metropolitan area, China's Pearl River Delta, where Chinese and Western legal and commercial traditions meet and merge in ways likely to preview future legal developments throughout China and the rest of the world.

The benefit of top-ranked Peking University ("PKU") means instant respect and access to a loyal alumni network. The *Times Higher Education* 2018 ranking places PKU as #1 in China and #27 in the world. PKUSTL's graduates hold positions of influence in Chinese and multinational legal, business, and governmental circles, and are part of PKU's powerful alumni network of over 300,000 members in over 100 locations.

Why PKUSTL?

PKUSTL's LLM programme prepares lawyers to become leaders in the world of complex global practice where

different legal traditions interact. Its courses emphasise transnational law and practice; Chinese and Western law (especially US Common Law) and legal traditions. Staffed with top legal scholars, PKUSTL focuses on immersive, interactive classroom instruction and critical thinking skills. The flexible LLM curriculum allows students to take classes they choose, and concentrate as they wish. In addition, LLM law students may also take a few business electives for credit at Peking University's PHBS School of Business on the same campus.

Quality is Emphasised Over Quantity

PKUSTL is a relatively small school with a strong, supportive environment. As a result, students receive more individualised attention from involved faculty and staff. The faculty are truly multinational, and come from top schools such as Harvard, Yale, and Chicago in the United States of America ("USA"); and from countries such as China, Germany, Israel, Philippines, South Korea, United Kingdom and the USA, among others. Every international student is assigned a Chinese mentor to help him/her adjust to life in China.

Improve English and Chinese Skills

If English is not your native language, you can employ and develop your English language skills in classes with distinguished multinational faculty and with other students. Chinese language and culture classes as well as language exchange partners are offered at your choice for free.

Cost is Relatively Low Compared to Top Programmes in the USA

The tuition cost for the one- to two-year programme is CNY176,000. The estimated cost of living — including administrative fees, and room and board — ranges widely from CNY24,000 to CNY50,000, depending on each student's lifestyle choices such as whether to share a dormitory room with a private bathroom and small balcony, and whether the student chooses to eat on campus or to dine outside at restaurants that serve international food.

Scholarships

We recommend that qualified students apply for the Chinese Government Scholarship (click [here](#) to visit the website), which should open for applications in January, and any scholarships available from their home countries. There are also a few partial scholarships from PKUSTL for deserving students.

Deadline

The application deadline for the LLM programme is 31 Mar 2018 (Saturday) for the academic year starting in August 2018. For Members of the Malaysian Bar ("MB") who wish to receive the PKUSTL Scholarship, they must state in their applications that they are a MB member, and must apply by **31 Jan 2018 (Wednesday)**.

If you have any questions about the application process, please contact John Aycock, Director of Graduate and International Programs, by email at aycockjh@stl.pku.edu.cn.

Click [here](#) to apply to PKUSTL for the LLM programme!